

## Mexico Yucatan octopus - drift rod and line (Alianza Por El Pulpo En Yucatan)

### Overview

#### FIP Description

Target Species (1) Red Octopus (*Octopus maya*), in Spanish Pulpo maya o rojo and (2) Common Octopus (*O. vulgaris*), in Spanish Pulpo patón o común. Geographical Area - Province of Yucatan

Method of Capture : Red Octopus: Fishing drifting rod with lines containing bait, no hook, this method is known locally as gareteo, Common Octopus: Also employs a fishing rod with lines and bait, in this fishery a hook is used at the line and in Yucatan peninsula the pole and line fishing gear is also used.

Stock(s) - The Red Octopus is an endemic species from Mexico and is a member of the family Octopodidae. Its known distribution is from the waters adjacent to Isla del Carmen in Campeche to Isla Mujeres in Quintana Roo. One single stock is exploited based on genetic studies. The Common Octopus has a wide distribution in tropical and subtropical regions in the world. In particular, in Mexico, it is distributed throughout the Gulf of Mexico, it is found from the coastline up to 400 m deep, but it is more abundant below 100 m and its abundance decreases as depth increases. It is exploited in the Yucatan Peninsula and Veracruz. No genetic studies are available that could be used to establish a stock structure.

Fleet(s) Red Octopus: Small-scale and medium-scale fleets with octopus permits fishing and landing in the State of Yucatan, Mexico. Common Octopus: medium-scale fleets with octopus permits fishing and landing in the State of Yucatan, Mexico.

### How is this FIP Doing?

#### Current Status:



**Actions Progress** This shows the proportion of actions in the workplan that the FIP has completed.

0%

**Actions Overview** This shows the proportion of actions that are behind schedule, on track, completed, or not yet started.

Behind	On Track	Complete	Future
0%	100%	0%	0%

**FIP Progress Rating**

A - Advanced Progress

**FIP Objective(s)**

Enter MSC full assessment in April 2025.

**FIP Type**

Comprehensive

**FIP Stage**

Stage 5: Improvements on the Water

**Start and Projected End Dates**

January, 2019 -  
April, 2025

**Species**

**Common Name**

Red Octopus

**Scientific Name**

Octopus maya

**Common Name**

Common Octopus

**Scientific Name**

Octopus vulgaris

## Gear Type

[Handline](#)

[Jig](#)

## Location

### FAO Major Fishing Area

[Area 31 \(Atlantic, Western Central\)](#)

### Exclusive Economic Zones

#### Country

Mexico

#### Geographic Scope

Yucatan

#### Country Flag of Vessel

Mexico

## Estimated Total FIP Landings

3335 metric tons

## FIP Leads

### Organization Name

Alianza por el pulpo en Yucatán

### Organization Type

Other

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