

# Japan Tomamae giant Pacific octopus - barrel flowing

## Overview

### FIP Description

In Tomamae-cho, Hokkaido, about 10% of the population of 3,200 are employed in the fishing industry (2010 census). As with the trends for Japan as a whole, the fishing industry in Tomamae is in decline, experiencing a reduction in catches, an aging of the workforce, and a lack of new interest in the industry. The Tomamae Giant Pacific Octopus FIP aims to revitalize the region's fisheries by improving the sustainability of fishing practices through the establishment of a science-based management plan for the octopus fishery, which is managed by the Kita-Rumoi Fisheries Cooperative. In addition to the environmental work, the group of barrel drift fishermen involved in the FIP want to use the project as a vehicle to generate further interest and investment in the region's fisheries.

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## How is this FIP Doing?

### Current Status:



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



**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%	50%	50%	0%

**FIP Progress Rating**

A - Advanced Progress

**FIP Objective(s)**

The objectives to be achieved by March 2023 are:

- To have a harvest strategy that is robust and responsive to target stock abundance.
- To have adequate information to support the harvest strategy and the assessment of the stock.
- To have robust stock assessments that clearly show stock status.
- To have information on fishery impacts on key ecosystem elements.
- To have precautionary long-term objectives and fishery specific objectives that are consistent with principles 1 and 2 of the MSC standard.
- To have appropriate decision-making processes in place.

**FIP Type**

Comprehensive

**FIP Stage**

Stage 4: Improvements in Fishing Practices or Fishery Management

**Start and Projected End Dates**

April, 2019 -

March, 2023

**Species****Common Name**

Giant Pacific Octopus

**Scientific Name**

Enteroctopus dofleini

**Gear Type**[Barrel Flowing](#)**Location**— **FAO Major Fishing Area** \_\_\_\_\_

[Area 61 \(Pacific, Northwest\)](#)

**Exclusive Economic Zones**

**Country**

Japan

**Geographic Scope**

Hokkaido prefecture, Japan Sea coast

**Estimated Total FIP Landings**

51 metric tons

**FIP Leads**

**Organization Name**

UMITO Partners Inc.

**Organization Type**

Consultant

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