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INACTIVE 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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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

Location

Exclusive Economic Zones

Country

Japan

Geographic Scope

Hokkaido prefecture, Japan Sea coast

Estimated Total FIP Landings

51 metric tons

FIP Leads

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