

Mexico Baja California red rock lobster - trap

Overview

FIP Description

The Mexico Baja California red rock lobster (also known as California spiny lobster) FIP is being implemented to obtain the certification for MSC Fisheries Standard. The interest of implementing this FIP arose from the project [Fish for Good](#) of the MSC, whose results identified the potential of the red rock lobster fishery on the west coast of Baja California, Mexico to enter in a process of fishing improvement. As part of the initial stages of this FIP, the fishery is also entering the ITM (In Transition to MSC Certification) program of the MSC.

The target stock is ranging from the US-Mexico border to Cedros Island along the western coast of Baja California. The southern stock is already in an MSC certified fishery, thus there is a possibility that both stocks could be in the future the same Unit of Certification (UoC). The fleet is licensed and registered fishermen in Baja California, operating small vessels with wire traps, organized in fishing cooperatives.

The FIP stakeholders are these fishing cooperatives, federal and state governments, an independent consultant and an NGO. These stakeholders developed a work plan to meet the improvement recommendations from the MSC pre-assessment to achieve a sustainable fishery status by the end of 2024.

El FIP de langosta roja está siendo implementado para obtener la certificación para pesquerías sostenibles del MSC. El interés de implementar este FIP surgió del proyecto denominado [Fish for Good](#) del MSC, en cuyos resultados se identificó el potencial de la pesquería de langosta roja en la costa occidental de Baja California, México para entrar en un proceso de mejora pesquera. Como parte de las etapas iniciales de este FIP, la pesquería además está entrando en el programa ITM (*In Transition to MSC certification*) del MSC.

El stock objetivo va desde la frontera entre Estados Unidos y México hasta Isla de Cedros a lo largo de la costa occidental de Baja California. El stock ubicado al sur corresponde a la pesquería ya certificada con el estándar del MSC, por lo que existe la posibilidad de que ambos stocks puedan ser en el futuro la misma Unidad de Certificación (UoC). La flota cuenta con pescadores autorizados y registrados en Baja California, operando embarcaciones pequeñas con trampas de alambre, organizados en cooperativas pesqueras.

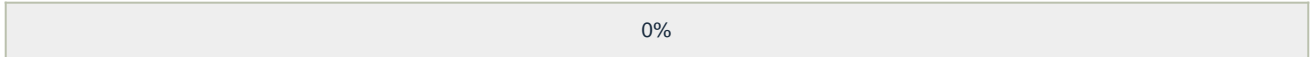
Los participantes del FIP son estas cooperativas pesqueras, gobiernos federal y estatal, un consultor independiente y OSC. Quienes desarrollaron un plan de trabajo para cumplir con las recomendaciones de mejoras como resultado de la preevaluación del MSC, para lograr un estado de pesquería sostenible para fines de 2024.

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%	67%	0%	33%

FIP Progress Rating



FIP Objective(s)

The California red rock lobster fishery in Baja California is at certifiable level based on the MSC standard by December 2024.

FIP Type

Comprehensive

FIP Stage

Stage 3: FIP Implementation

Start and Projected End Dates

January, 2020 -
December, 2024

Species

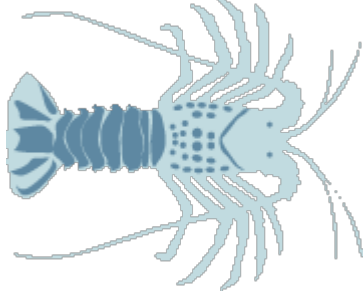
Common Name

Spiny Lobster (California)

Scientific Name

Panulirus interruptus

[Buying Guide Link Image](#)



[Spiny Lobster \(California\)](#)

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Gear Type

[Pot/Trap](#)

Location

FAO Major Fishing Area

[Area 77 \(Pacific, Eastern Central\)](#)

Exclusive Economic Zones

Country

Mexico

Geographic Scope

Baja California state west coast

Estimated Total FIP Landings

403 metric tons

FIP Leads

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