

INACTIVE Mexico Gulf of California Cortez geoduck - hookah

Overview

FIP Description

The Gulf of California Cortez Geoduck (*Panopea globosa*) semi-autonomous diving “hookah” type fishery is located on the east and west coast of Baja California State in Mexico and it’s relatively new. It started in 2004 as a commercial fishery with 5 fishing permits and has grown to 194 fishing permits (CNP, 2018). It is a fishing resource that is becoming increasingly important for small scale fishermen due to its high commercial value and high demand in Asian countries (Sagarpa, 2012). This fishery is currently exploited to its maximum sustainable yield (CNP, 2018). It is based on two species *Panopea globosa* and *Panopea generosa*, although only *P. globosa* lives in the fishing grounds in San Felipe area and is the scope of this project.

The species' biological characteristics of low growth rates, relatively low recruitment, and low natural mortality rates make it vulnerable to over-exploitation (Sagarpa, 2012). Currently, the fishery is managed by legal minimum size, quotes, and limited effort (CNP, 2018).

How is this FIP Doing?

Current Status:



% of Indicators Tracked Basic FIPs may focus their workplans on a subset of the indicators. This shows the proportion of total indicators the FIP is working on.



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
100%	0%	0%	0%

Red Indicator Progress This shows the proportion of actions specifically addressing red indicators that are behind schedule, on track, completed, or not yet started. This helps users understand the progress the FIP is making on the biggest challenges in the fishery.

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

FIP Objective(s)

The objective of this FIP is to improve the geoduck fishery performance towards sustainability by February 2024. Specific objectives:

1. Improve & strengthen the Biological Monitoring Program by the end of 2023.
2. Strengthen the legal and customary framework by the end of 2024.

FIP Type

Basic

FIP Stage

Stage 4: Improvements in Fishing Practices or Fishery Management

Start and Projected End Dates

February, 2020 -
January, 2024

Species

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Common Name

Pacific Geoduck Clams

Scientific Name

Panopea globosa

Gear Type

[Stinger](#)

Location**FAO Major Fishing Area**

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

Exclusive Economic Zones**Country**

Mexico

Geographic Scope

Gulf of California

Country Flag of Vessel

Mexico

Estimated Total FIP Landings

200 metric tons

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