

Mexico Yucatan Peninsula blue crab - dipnet/pot/trap

Overview

FIP Description

The blue crab fishery in the Yucatan is an artisanal fishery where blue crab is caught by ring net/pot traps and sometimes with dipnets. It includes areas from the Mexican states of Campeche, Tabasco & Yucatan. Catches from these states represent 14% of swimming crab catches in Mexico. 70% of the suppliers catches are from Sabancuy and Isla Aguada, Campeche where *Callinectes sapidus* predominates.

Pontchartrain Blue Crab (based in Louisiana, USA), and PESMAR, its Yucatan suppliers, launched a fishery improvement project in April 2013. A preliminary assessment against the Marine Stewardship Council Standard (July 2013) suggested the fishery would score in the 60-80 range. The two lowest scores were for bycatch monitoring and information (PI 2.2.3) and for monitoring the performance of the management system (PI 3.2.5). Mayaland Seafood LLC integrated to the project in this period. A preliminary assessment against the Monterey Bay Aquarium Seafood Watch criteria in 2015 found more information was needed on bycatch. Leadership was handed to CeDePesca starting on 2019, workplan was updated and activities were re-established.

FIP is engaged with industry, fishermen, government entities and academic institutions looking forward to strength this collaborations.

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
0%	100%	0%	0%

FIP Progress Rating

B - Good Progress

FIP Objective(s)

The project will improve the fishery towards global standard for sustainable fisheries of the Marine Stewardship Council program by the end of april 2025. Specific objectives are:

- By 2021, to improve knowledge of the fishery through a biological monitoring program. This action is extended until 2023, some results were presented in 2021 [Modified]
- By April 2025, to contribute to the strengthening of the fishery management system and its compliance.
- By March 2025, to generate information regarding other components of the Ecosystem in which the fleet that supplies Pesmar operates.
- By 2023, Understand and improve the human rights and social responsibility performance.

FIP Type

Basic

FIP Stage

Stage 5: Improvements on the Water

Start and Projected End Dates

March, 2013 -
April, 2025

Species

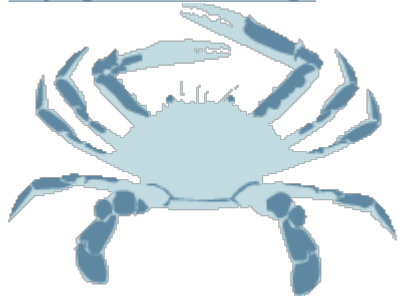
Common Name

Blue Crab

Scientific Name

Callinectes sapidus

Buying Guide Link Image



[Blue Crab](#)
[Buying Guide](#)

Gear Type

[Dipnet](#)

[Pot/Trap](#)

[Ring Net](#)

Location

FAO Major Fishing Area

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

Exclusive Economic Zones

Country

Mexico

Geographic Scope

Campeche, Yucatan & Tabasco

Estimated Total FIP Landings

451 metric tons

FIP Leads

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