

Panama Pacific mahi-mahi and yellowfin tuna - longline

Overview

FIP Description

Dolphinfish, also known as mahi-mahi (*Coryphaena hippurus*), is a highly migratory pelagic species that has several stocks found in extensive areas of the world's oceans. It lives in tropical and subtropical areas of the Atlantic, Indian, and Pacific Oceans and is believed to migrate seasonally to warm areas. Coastal distribution and abundance seem to be strongly related to surface temperature and distance from temperature fronts. Dolphinfish has a high growth rate and fast sexual maturity, which may be associated with physiological adaptations for a pelagic predator.

Yellowfin tuna (*Thunnus albacares*) is found in tropical and subtropical waters of the Atlantic, Indian and Pacific Oceans. It occurs approximately within thermal boundaries of 18° to 31°C. Tagging with acoustic transmitters or ultrasonic tags indicates that yellowfin spend most of their time in the upper mixed layer of the ocean (less than 100 m) and typically in temperatures above 17–18°C.

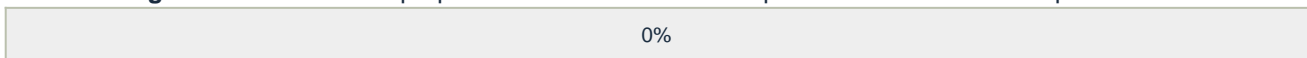
Within the Panamanian EEZ there is a longline fishery targeting both species. The fishery is conducted by approximately 70 midsize, semi-industrial vessels and several artisanal boats. Around 3,000 employments on land and at sea are depending on this fishery in Panama, with the products being exported mainly to the USA.

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%	100%	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
0%	100%	0%	0%

FIP Progress Rating

C - Some Recent Progress

FIP Objective(s)

CORPEISA (Alfagamma Group), Bajamar Seafood and Independent Seafoods have decided to partner with **CeDePesca** to implement the Panama Pacific mahi mahi and yellowfin tuna - longline FIP.

This FIP is being developed in accordance with the Conservation Alliance for Seafood Solutions' guidelines, with the ultimate goal of achieving a certifiable status against the MSC standard by December 2028. The main specific objectives for this FIP are:

- Achieve the implementation of a national/regional monitoring system in order to provide inputs for a regional stock assessment.
- Achieve the adoption of a harvest strategy and management plan based on the best scientific information available.
- Collect data about the interaction of the fishery with non-target species including protected, endangered, or threatened (ETP) species, in a systematic way.
- Participate of regional efforts to coordinate research and management.
- Implement the FIP in a socially responsible way.

FIP Type

Comprehensive

FIP Stage

Stage 3: FIP Implementation

Start and Projected End Dates

July, 2023 -

Species

Common Name

Mahi-mahi

Scientific Name

Coryphaena hippurus

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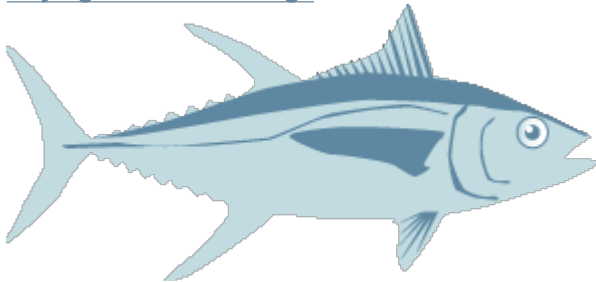
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Gear Type

[Longline](#)

Location

FAO Major Fishing Area

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

Exclusive Economic Zones

Country

Panama

Geographic Scope

Panamanian Pacific

Country Flag of Vessel

Panama

Regional Fisheries Management Organization (RFMO)

IATTC

Estimated Total FIP Landings

3000 metric tons

FIP Leads

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