

PROSPECTIVE Mauritania octopus - bottom trawl, jig & pot/trap

Overview

FIP Description

The **Global Octopus Supply chain roundtable (GO SR)** and the **Association Mauritanienne the Producteurs et Exportateurs de Poulpe (AMPEP)** are developing a Fishery Improvement Project for the octopus fishery operating with pots and traps within Mauritanian waters. During the development stage, the consultants will conduct an MSC pre-assessment, provide improvement recommendations, and develop a FIP workplan to address key issues.

Octopus is a widely distributed species, mainly exploited at depths of up to 150 meters. It is one of the most important harvested cephalopods around the world which corresponds with several small-scale fisheries that have an enormous social and economic impact. *Octopus vulgaris* is the most abundant and ubiquitous cephalopod species occurring on the Saharan Bank (northwest Africa, from 21°N to 26°N).

Besides, in Mauritania waters there is also an important industrial fishery targeting this species. Upwelling conditions are related to the strong recruitment of *Octopus vulgaris* in Mauritanian, Moroccan, and Galician (northwest Spain) waters. The Mauritanian octopus fishery operates through three distinguished types of segments:

- the pirogues (small open boats) and boats of less than 14 meters in the artisanal fishing segment artisanal, fishing mainly with pots and jigs
- inshore fishing boats ranging from 15 to 26 meters, mainly using traps and
- deep-sea fishing vessels that use bottom trawls to target cephalopods, which differ mainly in the way they preserve their products (freezing or ice).

How is this FIP Doing?

Current Status:

Actions Progress This shows the proportion of actions in the workplan that the FIP has completed.

0%

FIP Type

Prospective

FIP Stage

Stage 1: FIP Development

Start and Projected End Dates

Species

Scientific Name

Octopus vulgaris

Gear Type

[Bottom Trawl](#)

[Jig](#)

[Pot/Trap](#)

Location

FAO Major Fishing Area

[Area 34 \(Atlantic, Eastern Central\)](#)

Exclusive Economic Zones

Country

Mauritania

Geographic Scope

West Africa

Country Flag of Vessel

Mauritania

FIP Leads

Organization Name

AMPEP/SMCP

Organization Type

Industry

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