# Vietnam blue swimming crab - bottom gillnet/pot/trap

# **Overview**

#### **FIP Description**

The Kien Giang blue swimming crab (BSC) fishery catches BSC off the coast of Kien Giang Province using bottom gillnets and traps. The fishery supports the livelihoods of an estimated 20,000 fishers and their families. The blue swimming crab is also an important export product for Vietnam. Yet there are critical issues facing this fishery, including the harvest of undersized crab and gravid females, a lack of sound knowledge of the health of the stock, and lack of enforcement capacity. Through the active involvement of FIP stakeholders, such as the Department of Agriculture and Resource Development (DARD), Research Institute Fisheries Management and Provincial Peoples Committee, and FIP participants, the sustainability challenges facing this fishery are being addressed.

## How is this FIP Doing?

#### **Current Status:**

32% 11% 57%

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

12%

**Actions Overview** This shows the proportion of actions that are behind schedule, on track, completed, or not yet started.

Behind	On Track	Complete	Future
32%	56%	12%	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
35%	55%	10%	0%

#### FIP Objective(s)

The FIP is working towards a fishery performance level that can achieve passing scores against the Marine Stewardship Council Fisheries Standard by December 2028 by addressing a number of environmental challenges. These include: development and implementation of a sustainable harvest strategy that includes appropriate harvest controls, regular stock assessment, improved monitoring of the stock, minimizing catches of ETP species such as vulnerable shark species, implementation of a Kien Giang crab management plan, maintaining an operational Crab Council, responsive decision making, promulgation of effective fisheries laws, review of management performance, and improved compliance and enforcement.

## **FIP Type**

Comprehensive

#### **FIP Stage**

Stage 3: FIP Implementation

#### **Start and Projected End Dates**

September, 2010 -

December, 2028

## **Species**

#### **Common Name**

Blue Swimming Crab

**Scientific Name** 

Portunus pelagicus

#### **Gear Type**

**Bottom Gillnet** 

Pot/Trap

#### Location

**FAO Major Fishing Area** 

Area 71 (Pacific, Western Central)

**Exclusive Economic Zones** 

Country

Viet Nam

**Geographic Scope** 

Kien Giang Province

**Country Flag of Vessel** 

Viet Nam

## **Estimated Total FIP Landings**

3100 metric tons

## **FIP Leads**

## **Organization Name**

Vietnam Association of Seafood Exporters & Producers (VASEP)

**Organization Type** 

Industry

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