

Argentina flathead - bottom trawl

Overview

FIP Description

Simplot Australia and Pacific West have decided to partner with CeDePesca to implement a FIP, with the ultimate goal of achieving a certifiable status for the Argentina flathead bottom trawl fishery.

Flathead (*Percophis brasiliensis*) has a wide latitudinal distribution from 23° S in Brazil to 47° S in Argentina. This species constitutes the most abundant component of the total landings of demersal coastal fish assemblage in Argentina. The highest concentrations off the Argentinean coast occur in spring, between 39° and 41° S.

The maximum size observed is about 70 cm in total length, but the most frequent sizes in the catches are in the range of 25 to 60 cm.

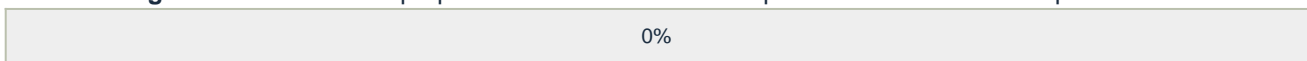
Flathead is caught by three fleets (inshore, coastal, and deep-sea), using bottom trawls. It is used as skinless and boneless fillet, frozen for the external market and fresh for the domestic market.

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%

FIP Progress Rating

C - Some Recent Progress

FIP Objective(s)

The ultimate objective of this FIP is to achieve the fishery's certifiable status against the MSC standard by the end of October 2028. To this purpose, the FIP has set the following specific objectives:

1. Promote the adoption of an explicit catch control rule and the adoption of target and limit reference points specific for the stock.
2. Compile information that allows the understanding of the impacts of the fishery on other components of the ecosystem.
3. Ensure that the fishery obtains explicit management objectives both in relation to the target species and other components of the ecosystem.
4. Promote the creation of a Stakeholder Commission for the fishery in the context of the Joint Technical Commission for the Maritime Front (CTMFM) with the participation of stakeholders
5. Promoting improvements in fishing practices and in the management of fishery impacts on other ecosystem components.

FIP Type

Comprehensive

FIP Stage

Stage 3: FIP Implementation

Start and Projected End Dates

November, 2023 -
October, 2028

Species**Common Name**

Brazilian Flathead

Scientific Name

Percophis brasiliensis

Gear Type[Bottom Trawl](#)

Location

FAO Major Fishing Area

[Area 41 \(Atlantic, Southwest\)](#)

Exclusive Economic Zones

Country

Argentina

Geographic Scope

North of 39°S Within the Argentina-Uruguay Common Fishing Zone (ZCPAU) and in Argentina waters under the jurisdiction of the province of Buenos Aires.

Country

Uruguay

Country Flag of Vessel

Argentina

Regional Fisheries Management Organization (RFMO)

CTMFM

Estimated Total FIP Landings

5990 metric tons

FIP Leads

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Organization Type

NGO

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