

PROSPECTIVE Northern Peru octopus - diving

Overview

FIP Description

The octopus fishery of northern Peru, is an artisanal fishery aimed at the extraction of *Octopus mimus* on the coast and islands of the Lambayeque, Piura and Tumbes regions. The rest of the country is managed as an independent unit, this fishing was legally closed between 2009 and 2023.

As a result of a joint work between fishing associations, NGOs and government agencies, in September 2023 the fishery was reopened and the degree of exploitation was updated. Currently, the main management measures are: seasonal capture limit, minimum extraction weight and prohibition of extraction of incubation stadium females. The extraction is done by diving in two modalities: Hookah diving and Apnea diving. The divers can be embarked and not embarked.

In 2023, ten associations of dedicated artisanal divers from northern Peru, formed a regional octopus extractors. Together with NGO REDES-SP they identified the main challenges of the fishery and the main issues of collaborative work with the authorities of the fishing sector to ensure the sustainability of the octopus fishery.

According to the data published in the reports of the Institute of the Sea of Peru (IMARPE) the octopus fishery of northern Peru captures more than 30% of the national octopus capture.

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****Common Name**

Common Octopus

Scientific Name

Octopus mimus

Gear Type

[Diver-Caught](#)

Location**FAO Major Fishing Area**

[Area 87 \(Pacific, Southeast\)](#)

Exclusive Economic Zones**Country**

Peru

Geographic Scope

Northern Peru (Lambayeque, Piura and Tumbes)

Country Flag of Vessel

Peru

FIP Leads**Organization Name**

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Organization Type

NGO

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