

PROSPECTIVE Suriname southern red snapper, vermilion snapper, kingfish and grouper - handline & longline

Overview

FIP Description

The Suriname snapper, kingfish and grouper hook & line fishery uses demersal longlines and handlines to target Southern red snapper (*Lutjanus purpureus*), Vermillion snapper (*Rhomboplites aurorubens*), Kingfish (*Scomberomorus cavalla*) and Grouper (*Epinephelus spp*). The fleet consists of wooden, decked vessels that make trips of 2 to 3 weeks, storing the catch on ice.

This fishery has traditionally been carried out by fishing vessels from Venezuela. With the establishment of an EEZ by Suriname in 1978, the waters where Venezuelan vessels fished for snapper came under Surinamese jurisdiction. In order to regulate this fishery, a treaty was concluded with Venezuela in 1986, specifying the conditions under which the Venezuelan vessels can operate. In 2023, Suriname licensed 131 Venezuelan hook & line vessels to fish within the Suriname EEZ.

The registered catches of this fishery approximated 3,300 tons in 2023 and serve both the export and local markets.

Caribbean Sea Foods NV and Deep Sea Atlantic NV have decided to partner with CeDePesca to develop the prospective stages for a FIP. The MSC pre-assessment will be conducted by the CeDePesca team during the next few months.

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

Red Snapper

Scientific Name

Lutjanus purpureus

Common Name

Vermillion Snapper

Scientific Name

Rhomboplites aurorubens

Common Name

King Mackerel

Scientific Name

Scomberomorus cavalla

Common Name

Yellowedge Grouper

Scientific Name

Epinephelus spp.

Gear Type

Handline

Location

FAO Major Fishing Area

[Area 31 \(Atlantic, Western Central\)](#)

Exclusive Economic Zones

Country

Suriname

Geographic Scope

Surinamese waters (EEZ)

FIP Leads

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