

# COMPLETED US Texas shrimp - otter trawl

## Overview

### FIP Description

In 2008, a FIP was announced for the Texas shrimp fishery led by the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership (SFP).

A public work plan for the fishery was published in 2012 with the goals of 1) reducing bycatch through fine-tuning turtle excluder devices (TEDs) and bycatch reduction devices (BRDs), and 2) evaluating NOAA's observer program coverage. Both of these actions are still ongoing within the Texas Shrimp FIP. Fine-tuning of TEDs has shown substantial success in helping industry reduce sea turtle bycatch, with [NOAA reporting](#) an increase in TED effectiveness from an average of approximately 89% in 2014 to over 95% in 2016 and 2017. SFP's Shrimp Supplier Roundtable continues to engage NOAA regarding observers on a regional level.

In 2016, SFP handed over leadership of the FIP to the Audubon Nature Institute's Gulf United for Lasting Fisheries Program (G.U.L.F.), a regional group that is able to work closely with industry members in Texas to further enhance the sustainability of the fishery. Initially, the second stage of the Texas Shrimp FIP started as a Basic FIP. However, based on participant needs, it transitioned into a Comprehensive FIP as outlined by the Conservation Alliance for Seafood Solutions.

## 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.



50%

0%

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**FIP Objective(s)**

To improve the sustainability of the fishery to a level of MSC certification by end of 2022

**FIP Type**

Comprehensive

**FIP Stage**

Stage 4: Improvements in Fishing Practices or Fishery Management

**Start and Projected End Dates**

June, 2016 -

December, 2022

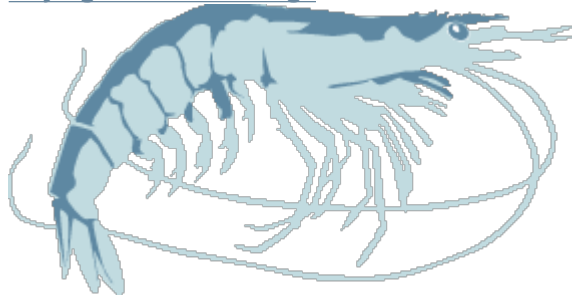
**Species****Common Name**

Brown Shrimp

**Scientific Name**

Farfantepenaeus aztecus

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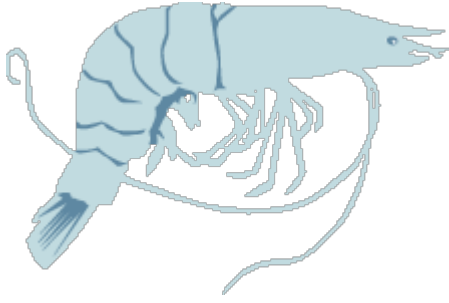
**Common Name**

White Shrimp

**Scientific Name**

Litopenaeus setiferus

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### **Gear Type**

[Otter Trawl](#)

### **Location**

#### **FAO Major Fishing Area**

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

#### **Exclusive Economic Zones**

##### **Country**

United States of America (the)

##### **Geographic Scope**

Texas state waters, federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico

### **Estimated Total FIP Landings**

25840 metric tons

## **FIP Leads**

#### **Organization Name**

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