

Thailand blue swimming crab - bottom gillnet/trap

Overview

FIP Description

The Surat Thani blue swimming crab fishery is an important export product for Thailand with an export value of \$60-80 million USD. The unit of assessment is located in the Gulf of Thailand (between 6° and 13.5° North and 99° and 104.5° East). There are a number of critical issues facing this fishery, including the overexploitation of populations in heavily fished inshore areas, harvest of undersized crab and gravid females, lack of management plans or harvest strategies, and lack of enforcement capacity. Through the active involvement of FIP stakeholders - including the Department of Fisheries (DoF), Department of Marine and Coastal Resources (DMCR), Thai Frozen Food Association (TFFA), Thai Crab Product Group (TCPG) - and FIP participants, the sustainability challenges facing this fishery are being addressed.

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
25%	0%	75%	0%

FIP Progress Rating

A - Advanced Progress

FIP Objective(s)

The objective of this FIP is to achieve a standard necessary for MSC certification by the end of 2025.

FIP Type

Comprehensive

FIP Stage

Stage 5: Improvements on the Water

Start and Projected End Dates

February, 2017 -
December, 2025

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**

Thailand

Geographic Scope

Surat Thani Province

Estimated Total FIP Landings

4450 metric tons

FIP Leads

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Thai Frozen Foods Association

Organization Type

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