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 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?

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Actions Progress: This shows the proportion of actions in the workplan that the FIP has completed.

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Actions Overview: This shows the proportion of actions that are behind schedule, on track, completed, or not yet started.

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Red Indicator Progress: This shows the proportion of actions specifically addressing red indicators that are behind schedule, on track, completed, or not yet started. This helps users understand the progress the FIP is making on the biggest challenges in the fishery.
### FIP Progress Rating

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### FIP Objective(s)

The objective of this FIP is to achieve a standard necessary for MSC certification by the end of 2023.

### FIP Type

Comprehensive

### FIP Stage

Stage 5: Improvements on the Water

### Start and Projected End Dates

February, 2017 - December, 2023

### 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**  
4500 metric tons

**FIP Leads**

**Organization Name**  
Sea Purpose Co., Ltd

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Consultant

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