

Mexico Quintana Roo spiny lobster - casitas

Overview

FIP Description

The actors involved in the spiny lobster fishery in southern Quintana Roo, especially the fishers, have worked hard to improve and maintain responsible fishing practices in the pursuit of sustainability. In 2012, the spiny lobster fishery became MSC-certified. However, due to the lack of resources needed to maintain it, the fishery lost certification in 2016.

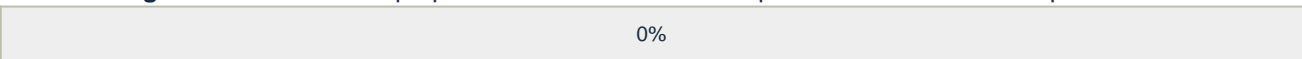
Though the certification was lost, interest in continuing to work towards the sustainability of the fishery was still strong. It was decided that a fishery improvement project based on the MSC criteria was the best solution to further pursue sustainability. This would make it possible to improve the vulnerable areas of the fishery, and to maintain what had been achieved previously. This FIP's scheme would also let the actors show the work that has been done with the intention of increasing the possibilities to access into new and preferential markets, in addition to becoming a model of sustainability for other artisanal fisheries.

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
33%	67%	0%	0%

FIP Progress Rating

C - Some Recent Progress

FIP Objective(s)

The main objective of this FIP is to transform the management of the artisanal spiny lobster fishery in Quintana Roo, Mexico through the implementation of international sustainable fishing standards with a participatory approach by 2020.

The specific objectives the FIP hopes to achieve are as follows:

1. Maintain the continuous generation of information on the state of the lobster population.
2. Generate scientific information on the effect of the fishery on the ecosystem and document this information.
3. Improve the cost-benefit of stakeholders and access to markets with sustainability criteria.
4. Encourage improved enforcement and monitoring.
5. To make the fishery known as a sustainable fishing model

FIP Type

Comprehensive

FIP Stage

Stage 4: Improvements in Fishing Practices or Fishery Management

Start and Projected End Dates

March, 2017 -
March, 2020

Species**Common Name**

Spiny Lobster (Caribbean)

Scientific Name*Panulirus argus***Additional Names**

Caribbean lobster

Gear TypeCasita/Condominium

Location

FAO Major Fishing Area

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

Exclusive Economic Zones

Country

Mexico

Geographic Scope

Mesoamerican Reef System

FIP Volume

210 metric tons

FIP Leads

Organization Name

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Organization Type

NGO

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