

# Nicaragua Caribbean spiny lobster - trap

## Overview

### FIP Description

Nicaragua is the largest Caribbean spiny lobster fishery that supplies the United States. Thousands of Nicaraguans earn a livelihood through the fishery, from vessel owners and fishermen to packing plant employees. A critical issue challenging this fishery is the likelihood of illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing (IUU) that weakens management of the resource and equitable access for local livelihoods. Concurrent issues are a lack of new or improved data from the artisanal sector to inform the stock status, bycatch, and habitat impacts from lobster traps. There are still some uncertainties relating to the structure of the stock population that need to be taken into account - even though Nicaraguan stock assessment methods are appropriate for the spiny lobster resource and for the implementation of harvest control rules, issues can arise due to the fact that this lobster fishery is also shared with Honduras. The evaluation needs to consider both countries in order to achieve an unconditional pass under the MSC standard.

## 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
0%	27%	73%	0%

**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.

Behind	On Track	Complete	Future
0%	0%	0%	0%

### FIP Progress Rating

B - Good Progress

### FIP Objective(s)

The objective of this FIP is to enter MSC full assessment by December 2019.

### FIP Type

Comprehensive

### FIP Stage

Stage 5: Improvements on the Water

### Start and Projected End Dates

January, 2012 -  
December, 2019

### Species

#### Common Name

Spiny Lobster (Caribbean)

#### Scientific Name

*Panulirus argus*

#### Additional Names

Langosta espinosa del Caribe

### Gear Type

[Pot/Trap](#)

### Location

#### FAO Major Fishing Area

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

#### Exclusive Economic Zones

**Country**  
Nicaragua

**FIP Volume**  
3347 metric tons

## FIP Leads

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NGO

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