

Argentina onshore red shrimp - bottom trawl

Overview

FIP Description

The Argentina onshore red shrimp - bottom trawl FIP is being implemented by **Achernar, Cabo Vírgenes, Conarpesa, Food Partners Patagonia, Iberpesca, Grupo San Isidro, Consermar** and **Pesquera Veraz** as FIP Partners, and **Direct Source Seafood** and **Krustagroup – Patagonia Shrimp** as FIP Supporters, with the technical support from CeDePesca. The FIP aims to attain a certifiable status for the fishery against the MSC standard.

The Argentina red shrimp (*Pleoticus muelleri*) fishery is the main crustacean fishery in Argentina and one of the most important marine resources in the Southwest Atlantic. In accordance with the Fisheries Law, Argentinean provinces have jurisdiction over the exploitation of living resources populating their interior waters and the Argentine sea adjacent to their coasts up to 12 nautical miles (measured from baseline), which allows for the characterization of provincial fisheries.

The fleet operates in the fishery addressed by this FIP, use bottom-trawling nets along the coastal waters of the province of Chubut, mainly in the Restricted Fishing Effort Zone between Punta León and Cabo Dos Bahías. The Rawson Port as its landing point, and it conducts daily fishing trips from November to April (some years October-March). This coastal fleet conducts daily fishing trips from November to April (some years October-March), and as opposed to the larger fleet, its catches are almost monospecific.

During 2021 the onshore red shrimp fishery recorded catches of around 60,000 tonnes; total shrimp catches, both onshore and offshore, for that year were just over 200,000 tonnes (Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, 2021).

The Argentine red shrimp onshore fishery's current obstacles to becoming more sustainable are mainly related to MSC Principles 2 and 3. This FIP will work to address Principle 2 by characterizing the interaction between the coastal fleet and bycatch species in Chubut's provincial waters and to support efforts aimed at better understanding the interaction between the fishery and the sea bottom, along with its potential impacts on the ecosystem. With regard to Principle 3, further coordination among the different jurisdictions that define the management of this fishery resource will be achieved, and a formal and regular mechanism for the assessment of the efficacy of the fishery's management system will be available to stakeholders.

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%	67%	33%	0%

FIP Objective(s)

The main goal of this FIP is to attain an MSC-certifiable status for the Argentine red shrimp onshore fishery by May 2025. The specific objectives for the period June 2024- May 2025 are as follows:

1. The adoption of the Contingency Plan by the Federal Fisheries Council.
2. The development of a reference point for the fishery closure due to abundance reaching a critical limit.
3. Ensuring that INIDEP makes systematic (annual) retrospective evaluations of the stock status.
4. Get the Chubut Secretariat of Fisheries to issue technical reports per season of the Observer Programme, including CPUE evolution, bycatch, interactions with protected species and with thesea bottoms, and evidence of sharks non-finning (already requested to the Secretary).
5. Continue the private On-Board Observer Program while the provincial programme performs in accordance with the certification requirements.
6. Ensure that the technical basis that supports the criteria used for opening and closure of the fishery becomes available.
7. To satisfy the requirements of social indicators in Fishery Progress.

FIP Type

Comprehensive

FIP Stage

Stage 5: Improvements on the Water

Start and Projected End Dates

July, 2015 -

May, 2025

Species

Common Name

Argentine Red Shrimp

Scientific Name

Pleoticus muelleri

Gear Type

Bottom Trawl

Location

FAO Major Fishing Area

Area 41 (Atlantic, Southwest)

Exclusive Economic Zones

Country

Argentina

Geographic Scope

Province of Chubut

Regional Fisheries Management Organization (RFMO)

High Seas Name

Atlantic Ocean

Estimated Total FIP Landings

72000 metric tons

FIP Leads

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