

## COMPLETED Bahamas spiny lobster - trap/casita

## Overview

## FIP Description

The Bahamas spiny lobster fishery exports the majority of its product to the United States and Europe for an estimated \$80 million dollars. Thousands of Bahamians earn a livelihood fishing for lobster on a full or part-time basis. Critical issues challenging this fishery include the following: government capacity to address illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing; adopting a harvest strategy; reviewing management performance; and collecting reliable spatial catch data. The active involvement of FIP stakeholders, including the Bahamas Marine Exporters Association (BMEA), the Department of Marine Resources (DMR) and The Nature Conservancy (TNC), as well as other FIP Participants, drives improvements against the Marine Stewardship Council 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 |
|--------|----------|----------|--------|
| 50%    | 0%       | 50%      | 0%     |

## FIP Objective(s)

The objective of the Bahamas spiny lobster FIP is to move the fishery in a step-wise approach towards Marine

Stewardship Council (MSC) certification by 2016. This FIP entered MSC full assessment in January 2017. See the fishery's [MSC site](#) for additional information.

**FIP Type**

Comprehensive

**FIP Stage**

Stage 5: Improvements on the Water

**Start and Projected End Dates**

January, 2010 -

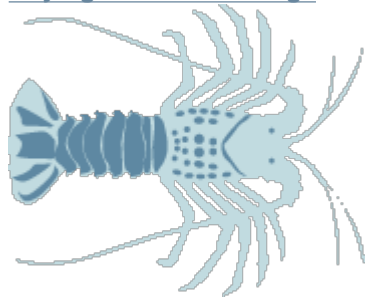
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**Species****Common Name**

Spiny Lobster (Caribbean)

**Scientific Name**

*Panulirus argus*

**[Buying Guide Link Image](#)**

[Spiny Lobster \(Caribbean\)](#)

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**Gear Type**

[Casita/Condominium](#)

[Pot/Trap](#)

**Location****FAO Major Fishing Area**

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

**Exclusive Economic Zones**

**Country**

Bahamas (the)

**Estimated Total FIP Landings**

2835 metric tons

**FIP Leads****Organization Name**

World Wildlife Fund

**Organization Type**

NGO

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