COMPLETED Sri Lanka blue swimming crab - bottom gillnet

Overview

FIP Description
The Sri Lanka blue swimming crab fisheries improvement project (FIP) is a tripartite initiative that brings together small scale fishermen from four districts (Jaffna, Kilinochchi, Mannar and Puttalam), seafood companies (Taprobane Seafood Group Pvt Ltd) and government agencies (Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources and the National Aquatic Resources Agency). The FIP is designed, coordinated, implemented, monitored, and internally evaluated by pelagikos pvt ltd.

The target stocks are blue swimming crab (*Portunus pelagicus*) populations in the Palk Bay (northern Sri Lanka) and the Gulf of Mannar (northwestern Sri Lanka). The fishing method is bottom-set crab nets (approximately 1 kilometer long and 50 cm high). The fleet of vessels pursuing the stock comprises in the region of 4,500 fibre-reinforced plastic boats with outboard engines, operating from 76 landing centres in the two fisheries. All the vessels are registered and the fishermen have operating licences.

How is this FIP Doing?

Current Status:

| 29% | 71% |

% of Indicators Tracked Basic FIPs may focus their workplans on a subset of the indicators. This shows the proportion of total indicators the FIP is working on.

| 96% |

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

| 0% |
**Actions Overview** This shows the proportion of actions that are behind schedule, on track, completed, or not yet started.

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**FIP Objective(s)**
The FIP's objective is to achieve and maintain the 'good alternative' eco-recommendation by the Monterey Bay Aquarium's Seafood Watch program.

**FIP Type**
Basic

**FIP Stage**
Stage 5: Improvements on the Water

**Start and Projected End Dates**
November, 2013 - December, 2021

**Species**

- **Common Name**
  Blue Swimming Crab
- **Scientific Name**
  Portunus pelagicus

**Gear Type**
Bottom Gillnet

**Location**

- **FAO Major Fishing Area**
  Area 51 (Indian Ocean, Western)
- **Exclusive Economic Zones**
  Country
Sri Lanka

**Geographic Scope**
Palk Bay and Gulf of Mannar

**Country Flag of Vessel**
Sri Lanka

### Estimated Total FIP Landings
10000 metric tons

### FIP Leads

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