

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 CM Blue Crab 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.

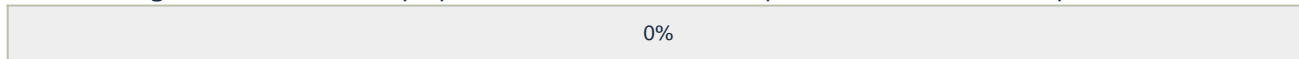
The target stocks are blue swimming crab (*Portunus pelagicus*) populations in the Palk Bay (northern Sri Lanka) and the Gulf of Mannar (northwestern Sri Lanka). The fishing method is bottom-set crab nets (approximately 1 kilometer long and 50 cm high). The fleet of vessels pursuing the stock comprises 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:



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
100%	0%	0%	0%

FIP Progress Rating

A - Advanced Progress

FIP Objective(s)

The FIP's objective is to reach a level equivalent to a pass against the MSC's Fisheries Standard by December 2021

FIP Type

Comprehensive

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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