

Mexico Western Baja California Sur swimming crab - pot/trap

Overview

FIP Description

In Mexico, one of the most important fisheries for the small-scale fleet is swimming crab. The fishery started during the 1980s and was fully developed by the early 1990s. By 2013, the swimming crab fishery was the 8th highest in production in the Mexican Pacific with ~17,000 t and was the 12th most important in terms of value.

Baja California Sur is the third largest producer, after Sonora and Sinaloa, with an average of 400 t per year. Crab fishing mainly occurs the coastal lagoons of the western coast of the state. The Magdalena-Almejas lagoon complex is the most important fishing region, contributing to ~76% of the state's production, followed by Ojo de Liebre lagoon (14%) and San Ignacio lagoon (10%)

The federal regulations for the fishery are listed on the Swimming Crab of the Pacific, the National Fisheries Charter and the Official Mexican Standard for the crab fishery NOM-039-PESC-2003. The standard establishes traps as the only fishing gear allowed in Baja California Sur. Traps specifications, as well as minimum crab size limits, are contained within the regulations. Finally, managers state that the fishery may reach its maximum level and recommends to keep the current level of fishing effort in place.

How is this FIP Doing?

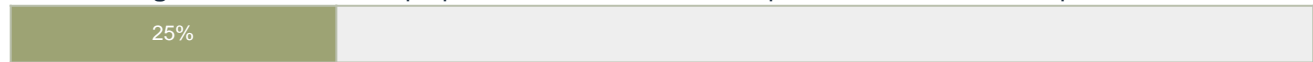
Current Status:



% 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.



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%	75%	25%	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%	100%	0%	0%

FIP Progress Rating



FIP Objective(s)

The overall goal of this project is to improve the fishery management performance in accordance with the MSC Standard for sustainable fisheries by the end of 2022. To achieve this, the FIP will work on the following:

- To establish a system that allows a continuous monitoring and assessment of the fishery stock status and environmental impacts.
- Evaluating and fishery environmental impacts
- Put in place a system that improves compliance with the swimming crab supply chain with fishery regulations.

FIP Type

Basic

FIP Stage

Stage 3: FIP Implementation

Start and Projected End Dates

January, 2018 -
December, 2022

Species

Common Name

Brown Crab

Scientific Name

Callinectes bellicosus

Gear Type

[Pot/Trap](#)

Location

FAO Major Fishing Area

[Area 77 \(Pacific, Eastern Central\)](#)

Exclusive Economic Zones**Country**

Mexico

Geographic Scope

West Coast of Baja California Sur

FIP Volume

850 metric tons

FIP Leads

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