Mexico North Pacific barred sand bass - pot/trap

Overview

FIP Description

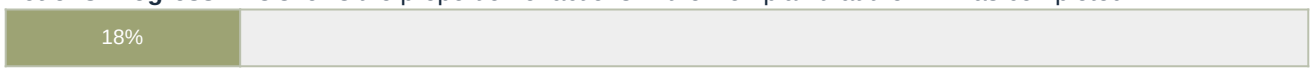
A barred sand bass FIP is being implemented in the Mexican North Pacific with the main objective of achieving a sustainable fishery. This fishery covers around 150 km of western coastline on the central Baja California peninsula and a portion of the fishing zone is inside of the Reserva de la Biósfera El Vizcaíno Natural Protected Area. The barred sand bass fishery is the third most important fishery in Baja California Sur State and in 2016, the total catch was worth approximately USD $1.2 million.

The main needs of this fishery involve the development of an adequate harvest strategy and the design of harvest control tools that respond to the state of the resource, in addition to formalizing the decision-making processes; the stakeholders of this FIP are actively working towards the fulfillment of these objectives, so in 2023 this FIP changed from basic to comprehensive.

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
9%	73%	18%	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

C - Some Recent Progress

FIP Objective(s)

The general objective of this FIP is to improve aspects of the fishery in order to initiate the full MSC evaluation process in 2026 to obtain certification.

By the project's target end date, the FIP hopes to achieve the following:

- To improve the performance of the barred sand bass fishery moving towards sustainability, that means to have all PIs above or equal to SG60 and an Overall BMT Index at least 0.8 by December 2026
- To protect biomass and recruitment while optimizing yield at sustainable levels, having a Harvest Strategy in place with HCR, Information and Monitoring efficient system and periodically Assessment of stock status by December 2025
- To improve the regulatory framework and its application for a better fishery management, through the publication and implementation of the Barred Sand Bass fishery management plan by December 2026
- To promote capacity building through the organization, training and linkage between cooperatives, organizations and institutions, through the establishment of a consultative committee for the Barred Sand Bass fishery by December 2025
- To strengthen good fish processing practices within the productive chain, seeking market tools and incentives such as certification of vessels for good practices, fair trade business model, buyers committed to sustainable fishing by December 2026

FIP Type

Comprehensive

FIP Stage

Stage 4: Improvements in Fishing Practices or Fishery Management

Start and Projected End Dates

January, 2018 -
December, 2027

Species

Common Name
Barred Sand Bass
Scientific Name
Paralabrax nebulifer

Location

Exclusive Economic Zones

Country
Mexico

Geographic Scope
Baja California Sur, Mexican North Pacific

Estimated Total FIP Landings
865 metric tons

FIP Leads

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