

INACTIVE Mexico Isla Natividad ocean whitefish - trap/handline

Overview

FIP Description

December 2024: For commercial and market interests, as well as to make their efforts more efficient, fishing cooperative SCPP Buzos y Pescadores de la Baja California SCL has joined the [Mexico Baja California Peninsula finfish - trap/handline FIP](#).

Mexico is the world's leading producer of Ocean whitefish (*Caulolatilus princeps*) with 94% of national landings coming from the state of Baja California Sur. However, there are no species-specific management measures for this fishery. The only current management tool is finfish fishing permits that specify the number of boats and gear that can be used per permit holder.

The Buzos y Pescadores de la Baja California SCL fishing cooperative located on Isla Natividad, Baja California Sur has demonstrated its commitment to sustainability through the establishment of marine reserves in collaboration with Comunidad y Biodiversidad, A. C. (COBI), MSC certification of its fishery for lobster, and a restoration program for abalone in collaboration with state government and academia. In recent years, they have shown increased interest in developing fisheries for more sustainable fish, such as ocean whitefish.

A relatively new fishery, the ocean whitefish target fishery began in 2011 as an economical alternative to high-value benthic fisheries that have declined in recent years. The cooperatives' initial production of 3.7 T in 2011 increased to 13.4 T in 2016 and is expected to increase further as demand grows. As a result, the cooperative approached SmartFish in 2017 and expressed interest in undertaking a fishery improvement project. The FIP is exclusive to vessels belonging to the Buzos y Pescadores cooperative that fish with hand lines and traps.

En el invierno de 2017, Pronatura Noreste realizó una evaluación previa del Marine Stewardship Council de la pesquería de pescado blanco oceánico de Isla Natividad. Las principales preocupaciones identificadas por la evaluación preliminar fueron la falta de una evaluación formal del stock y una estrategia de gestión de la captura incidental. El estado del hábitat y los impactos en el ecosistema se identificaron como preocupaciones menores; sin embargo, es necesario evaluar el impacto potencial de las artes de pesca.

Además, SmartFish AC está trabajando para mejorar el acceso a mercados que valoran la sostenibilidad e implementan la trazabilidad digital.

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
56%	33%	11%	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
57%	29%	14%	0%

FIP Objective(s)

- Generar información básica de pesca e implementar un programa de monitoreo en el periodo de agosto 2021 a agosto 2025
- Investigar los posibles impactos en el ecosistema y las interacciones con otras pesquerías para 2022
- Desarrollar e implementar una gestión específica de especies para el pescado blanco oceánico para 2025
- Diseñar un proceso de toma de decisiones en la pesquería al 2025
- Aumentar la oferta de pescados y mariscos sostenibles que la cooperativa puede ofrecer a los mercados interesados ??en la sostenibilidad para 2025
- Promover pesquerías sostenibles de peces en México para 2025

FIP Type

Basic

FIP Stage

Stage 4: Improvements in Fishing Practices or Fishery Management

Start and Projected End Dates

June, 2018 -
August, 2025

Species**Common Name**

Ocean Whitefish

Scientific Name

Caulolatilus princeps

Gear Type

[Handline](#)

[Pot/Trap](#)

Location**FAO Major Fishing Area**

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

Exclusive Economic Zones**Country**

Mexico

Geographic Scope

Isla Natividad, Baja California Sur

Estimated Total FIP Landings

34 metric tons

FIP Leads

Organization Name

SCPP Buzos y Pescadores de la Baja California SCL

Organization Type

Other

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