

PROSPECTIVE Malaysia Semporna yellowfin tuna - handline

Overview

FIP Description

Sabah state is a major producer for yellowfin tuna in Malaysia, followed by Penang state. There are several districts in Sabah recording yellowfin tuna landings, including Mabul Island, Semporna. Mabul Island is one of the main producers for yellowfin tuna and holds 45 % of yellowfin tuna production in Sabah state. Mabul Island's tuna fishery started in the 1980s and the fishermen are the villagers living on the island. Tuna fishermen from Mabul Island only use handlines to catch yellowfin tuna. The main issues for this fishery are the poor handling of the catch during post-harvest, inadequate data on marine ecosystem impacts, and insufficient management of certain ecosystem components ? all of which will be addressed by this FIP. This project also aims to increase social and economic opportunities for the tuna fishing community and to make improvements to the supply chain in the area.

How is this FIP Doing?

Current Status:

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

0%

FIP Type

Prospective

FIP Stage

Stage 1: FIP Development

Start and Projected End Dates**Species****Common Name**

Yellowfin Tuna

Scientific Name

Thunnus albacares

Gear Type

Handline

Location**Exclusive Economic Zones****Country**

Malaysia

Geographic Scope

Semporna, Sabah

Regional Fisheries Management Organization (RFMO)

WCPFC

FIP Leads**Organization Name**

WWF-Malaysia

Organization Type

NGO

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