**Overview**

**FIP Description**
The Marshall Islands longline tuna FIP was launched in 2011. The Republic of the Marshall Islands' domestic pelagic longline fishery, which targets bigeye and yellowfin tunas and incidentally catches various additional market species, has about 38 active vessels participating in the fishery. The fishery operates entirely within the Marshall Islands EEZ. The project, designed to meet all elements of a comprehensive FIP as defined by the Conservation Alliance for Seafood Solutions, has an overarching aim of addressing all deficiencies identified in an MSC pre-assessment so that the fishery will pass an assessment against the MSC fisheries standard. The fishery will enter MSC full assessment in late 2018.

**How is this FIP Doing?**

**Current Status:**
- 7%
- 32%
- 61%

**Actions Progress** This shows the proportion of actions in the workplan that the FIP has completed.
- 20%

**Actions Overview** This shows the proportion of actions that are behind schedule, on track, completed, or not yet started.

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**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.

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**FIP Objective(s)**
By January 2020, this FIP aims to improve fisheries management and practices to a point where the fishery is able to pass an assessment against the MSC fishery standard.

This FIP entered MSC full assessment in December 2018. See the fishery’s [MSC site](https://www.msc.org) for additional information.

**FIP Type**
Comprehensive

**FIP Stage**
Stage 5: Improvements on the Water

**Start and Projected End Dates**
May, 2011 - January, 2020

**Species**

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**Gear Type**
[Longline](#)
### Location

**FAO Major Fishing Area**

*Area 71 (Pacific, Western Central)*

**Exclusive Economic Zones**

**Country**

Marshall Islands (the)

**Regional Fisheries Management Organization (RFMO)**

WCPFC

### FIP Volume

5100 metric tons

### FIP Leads

**Organization Name**

Co-Lead: Norpac Fisheries Export

**Organization Type**

Industry

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**Organization Name**

Co-Lead: Luen Thai Fishing Venture

**Organization Type**

Industry

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Organization Name
Marshall Islands Marine Resources Authority

Organization Type
Other

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