

Indian Ocean swordfish - longline

Overview

FIP Description

The Malaysian Swordfish fishery is governed by the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC), with actions implemented by the Government of Malaysia. The FIP for this fishery began in 2018 and has made significant governance improvements since. Efforts between 2018 and 2020 were focused on electronic reporting and monitoring for better control of the fishery's catch; for example, FIP participants took part in the Regional Observer Program for carrier vessels and fishing vessels to monitor transshipment at sea, and the Department of Fisheries in Malaysia has installed CCTV on every vessel including IBU WIRA 1, IBU WIRA 2 & IBU WIRA 3. These are major achievements that increase oversight of the fishery tremendously and represent a considerable score increase on Principle 3 (Governance) of the Marine Stewardship Council standard, compliance and enforcement (3.2.3).

In 2023 the major FIP action, in addition to regular catch reporting, will be to review vessel practices against the requirements in the applicable IOTC resolutions for mitigating risks to ETP species.

How is this FIP Doing?

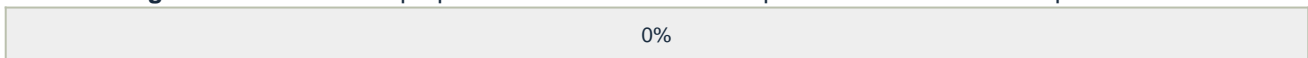
Current Status:



% 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
75%	25%	0%	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
50%	50%	0%	0%

FIP Progress Rating

D - Some Past Progress

FIP Objective(s)

By December 2026, the FIP aims to:

1. Reduce the mortality of sea birds, sea turtles and sharks feeding on the baited hooks of longline gear through improved education for avoidance, safe handling and release.
2. Reduce and eliminate the release of plastic to the sea by marking longlines and monitoring the fate of spent gear to prevent disposal at sea.
3. Contribute to sustainable fishing on swordfish in the Pacific Ocean.

FIP Type

Basic

FIP Stage

Stage 4: Improvements in Fishing Practices or Fishery Management

Start and Projected End Dates

August, 2018 -
December, 2026

Species

Common Name

Swordfish

Scientific Name

Xiphias gladius

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Gear Type

[Longline](#)

Location

FAO Major Fishing Area

[Area 51 \(Indian Ocean, Western\)](#)

Exclusive Economic Zones

Country Flag of Vessel

Malaysia

Country Flag of Vessel

Taiwan

Regional Fisheries Management Organization (RFMO)

IOTC

High Seas Name

Indian Ocean

Estimated Total FIP Landings

3000 metric tons

FIP Leads

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