

Panama site-visit

Meeting with ARAP – August, 2022

Attendees

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Key Traceability	Marpesca	ARAP
Emily Wardrop	Roger Gonzalez	TBC
Tom Evans	Pablo Guaraca	TBC

Aims and objectives

The meeting with ARAP will be essential in initiating a relationship between the governing body and the FIP. Currently, the FIP is lacking significant information regarding the effective management of, not only the FIP itself, but also the wider Panamanian tuna fisheries. By collaborating with ARAP, the FIP will be able to discuss the current management measures and learn about their effectiveness across other fisheries. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, international travel bans made it difficult to conduct a full and robust assessment about new FIPs when they were first developing, which means that most of the information from the pre-assessment was collected from online sources. We believe that by organising an in-person meeting with ARAP and the FIP participant, the FIP will benefit by gaining clarity on the real management measures implemented across Panama.

The meeting has a few main objectives:

1. To initiate a relationship and collaborative effort with ARAP;
2. Discuss the current management measures (Principle 3 in place for fisheries operating within the Panamanian EEZ; and
3. To become acquainted with other fisheries ministerial bodies that will help develop the FIPs and progress them towards full MSC Certification.

Agenda

ARAP Meeting
Greetings and welcome
Introduction to Marpesca and Key Traceability
FIP summaries (purse seine, longline, and bottom trawl)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scope • Objectives • Current progress • Next steps
Principle 3 – Effective Management for each FIP

1. Legal and customary framework;
2. Harvest strategy
3. Harvest control rules;
4. Fishery-specific objectives;
5. Decision-making processes;
6. Compliance and enforcement; and
7. Monitoring and management evaluation.

Next steps

- Arrange for regular, annual meetings to discuss the progress of the FIP during the year
- Collaborate with other fisheries bodies that will be helpful in understanding more about the FIPs.

Final comments and any other business