



Eastern Pacific large pelagics - longline (Martec) – INCOPECSA Meeting

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The Eastern Pacific Longline Large Pelagics FIP (Martec) fishery targets yellowfin tuna (*Thunnus albacares*) and mahi mahi (*Coryphaena hippurus*). The 150 longline vessels are flagged to Costa Rica and fish on the high seas and within the Costa Rica EEZ. The fishery is managed by the Costa Rican Institute of Fisheries and Aquaculture (INCOPECSA) and regionally the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC).

Attendees

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Planned Outcomes

- Confirm attendance and attendees to the 2021 stakeholder meeting
- Confirmation of human observer data being released to the FIP
- Increasing human observer coverage on FIP vessels
- Have a plan of action to address P3 shortcomings
- Align agency aims and needs at a RFMO level



Agenda and Meeting Resume

Topics
<p style="text-align: center;">Introductions and Welcomes</p> <p>Introduce everyone, the fact we are meeting to keep everyone in the loop and open platform.</p> <p><u>Objectives</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure all know the purpose of the meeting <p>Temas conversados: los funcionarios de INCOPESCA mencionan su interés en conocer en mayor detalle el alcance, visión y metodología del FIP Martec. Se accede a que sería un plan acertado la coordinación de una reunión con el FIP Multisectorial para determinar puntos en común y objetivos.</p> <p>Martec enviará un correo posterior a la reunión para coordinar esta reunión.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Martec/FIP Update <i>Stakeholder Meeting - September 2021</i></p> <p>A requirement of a FIP is to be transparent and host an in person annual stakeholder meeting when possible. This involves inviting all interested stakeholders to a discussion on the update of the FIP and next steps. Our FIP is intending to host ours this coming September in Costa Rica and would love INCOPESCA to attend. Who would come?</p> <p>Temas conversados: INCOPESCA recomienda priorizar la reunión con el FIP Multisectorial antes de comprometerse a participar. Queda abierta la invitación para la primera semana de octubre 2021 (por confirmarse)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Martec Sourcing Policy 2021</i></p> <p>Martec are introducing a new sourcing policy to take into account current, up to date science and labour practices. This details that no shark finning can take place, no landing of etp species etc. This will be launched with the recognition of having TNC, the US largest NGO, involved in the project.</p> <p>Temas conversados: MARTEC informa que a inicios del 2do semestre 2021 estará haciendo publica su política de abastecimiento "Sourcing Policy". MARTEC proveerá esta información al INCOPESCA.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>FisheryProgress Social Requirements</i></p> <p>FisheryProgress has developed new social requirements to address concerns regarding social and labour issues in seafood supply chains. All fisheries must have a grievance mechanism in place and display that they are making all fishers aware of their rights. Martec is working with Key Traceability on these points but wanted to check if INCOPESCA is working on these topics too?</p> <p>Temas Conversados: INCOPESCA menciona los avances que ha tenido el país en temas sociales. Entre los principales: el requisito de que los pescadores estén inscritos a la CCSS, el uso de carnet, etc.</p> <p>Se accede a que Key Traceability brinde una charla explicando las implicaciones de los nuevos requerimientos sociales de Fishery Progress. Esto está por coordinarse. Tom enviará fechas tentativas.</p> <p><u>Objectives</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understand the stakeholder process and invite to stakeholders



- Explain the new Martec Sourcing Policy
- Explain the new FisheryProgress Social Requirements and understand any overlaps

Observer Data

Historic human observer data

It is extremely important we get an independent understanding of the impact the fishery has. To do this, we need to obtain historic human observer data. Is it possible to receive this? We are happy to have this in any format. It is vital to understand the ETP impacts especially.

Temas Conversados: INCOPESCA menciona que los pilotajes hechos con observadores (2005-2013) a bordo han sido en colaboración con ONGs, y que estos datos están en artículos científicos y publicaciones de Sandra A. Recomiendan conversar con Sandra para consultar por esta data. Mencionan la presentación de una “Hoja de Ruta” a la Dirección E y que posteriormente a su aprobación pueden darnos mayores detalles del programa que planean ejecutar. Se menciona el interés que tiene el FIP Martec en conseguir los datos históricos y colaborar en el programa de observadores humanos, que cumpla con lineamientos CIAT / INCOPESCA. No se definen siguientes pasos además de esperar a la aprobación de la “Hoja de Ruta”.

Getting observers on vessels

We would love to be able to work with you to increase human observer coverage on vessels. Is there a way we can increase the number of human observers on FIP vessels?

Electronic Monitoring

Along with global leaders TNC, we are exploring rolling out a phased approach of an EM pilot. This will likely be 2 cameras on a selection of vessels recording 24/7. A statistically significant number of sets will then be analysed as if a human observer was on board.

Objectives

- Understand current observer programmes in Costa Rica
- Obtain approval of historic human observer data
- Explain the FIPs EM plans and understand INCOPESCA's interests

Principle 3 Management

Fishery-specific objectives, failed within the preassessment and Decision-making processes, Compliance and enforcement and Monitoring and management performance evaluation all received conditional passes when assessed. This preassessment was conducted remotely, in English so naturalists could have missed points which would have scored these a pass.

We would love to be able to share with you the evidence required to make these passes, if you could then fill in with anything you have. If you are lacking the evidence, we would love to be able to work with you to address these gaps to improve Costa Rican fisheries.

Temas Conversados: INCOPESCA menciona que ellos están avanzando varios temas relacionados con principio 3, tanto internamente como en convenciones del CIAT.

INCOPESCA, nos pueden dar un poco más de detalle de los principales avances por favor?

Mencionaron los avances en temas de trazabilidad y en tiburón (CITES y Plan Nacional del Tiburón).

Objectives

- Explain the shortcomings observed in the preassessment



- Receive any information that addresses these shortcomings that was not found during the initial work.
- Explain the benefits of collaboration and how to improve P3

IATTC Meeting

Advocacy / Principle 1 asks

Ahead of the IATTC meeting we, as a FIP, will create advocacy letters to be sent to INCOPECSA and IATTC detailing what our asks and requirements are that need to be addressed in the meeting.

This includes developing HCRs and harvest strategies for mahi and tuna species, improving observer coverage and management of ETP species. Does this align with INCOPESCAs views?

Temas Conversados: INCOPESCA menciona que la fecha de esta reunión es incierta por varios motivos, pero que ellos si planean asistir.

Pregunta para INCOPESCA: quienes usualmente asisten a esta reunión? En caso hubiera espacio en la delegación, sería ideal que Tom pudiera asistir también.

Objectives

- Explain the FIPs advocacy plans
- Understand INCOPESCAs asks and make sure they align with the FIPs
- Attendance

Any Other Business

Objectives

- Ensure any other required topics are discussed

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