

Eastern Pacific large pelagics - longline (Martec) 28-29 July 2022

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The Eastern Pacific Longline Large Pelagics FIP (Martec) fishery targets yellowfin tuna (Thunnus albacares) and mahi mahi (Coryphaena hippurus) both in Costa Rica, Ecuador and Panama as well as swordfish (Xiphias gladius) exclusively in Costa Rica. The 250 longline vessels are flagged to Costa Rica and Panama and fish on the high seas and within both countries' EEZs. The fishery is locally managed by the Costa Rican Institute of Fisheries and Aquaculture (INCOPESCA) and the Panama Aquatic Resources Authority (ARAP) and regionally by the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC).

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Topics

FIP Steering Group Meeting

Introductions and Welcomes
Martec/FIP Update
Principle 1 – Stock updates, mahi mahi
Observer data – Human and Electronic
ETP Species
Principle 3
FisheryProgress Social Requirements
Forward planning/Next steps
AOB

Outcomes

- Provide all with an update on the FIP so far
- Update on recent stock status and mahi work
- Plan next steps regarding ETP species
- Plan to address P3 shortcomings
- Confirm FP Social next steps
- Ensure all understand next steps

Vessel Site Visits

Electronic Monitoring Review onboard FIP Vessel Audit Checklists:

- Logbook
- Policies
- ETP Handling tools

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Vessel Owner/Skipper Training

Introduction to the FIP Process
Introduction to the MSC Certification
Species ID
Best Practices and Mitigation
Reporting and Observers (Human and Electronic)
FP Social Policy
AOB

Outcomes

- Ensure vessel owners and skippers understand the sustainability process
- Educate the group of species ID and Best Practices
- Educate all on observer requirements
- Ensure all are aware of social requirements

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