

FISHERY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

**MEXICO GULF OF CALIFORNIA
BROWN SHRIMP - TRAWL**

ACTION 5

COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT AWARENESS.

ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

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Action 5. Compliance and enforcement awareness.

This activity consists of two tasks, both of which have made significant progress, especially the gear inspection component. This is largely due to the approval of the fishing gear and turtle excluder devices by U.S. governmental authorities, ensuring the continuation of the Mexican Shrimp Export Certification.

Task 1. Gear Inspections.

The FIP has a fishing gear inspection program coordinated by the Fleet Manager, who ensures that all vessels use authorized fishing gear. On-board observers also verify that the approved gear is both present and used during shrimp fishing. If any discrepancies are found, they can be documented in the observer program logs. To date, no reports of unauthorized gear use have been recorded.

Additionally, both national and international authorities conduct inspections. For example, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, through the National Commission of Aquaculture and Fisheries (Conapesca), reported that the Mexican offshore shrimp fishery achieved a 97 percent compliance rate in the proper use of Sea Turtle Excluder Devices (TEDs). This result, from the U.S. government's 2024 annual verification, ensures the continuation of the Export Certification for the U.S. market in 2025.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, through the National Commission of Aquaculture and Fisheries (Conapesca), reports that the Mexican offshore shrimp fishery obtained 97 percent approval in the proper use of Sea Turtle Excluder Devices (TEDs), as a result of the annual verification 2024 by the U.S. government and, thus, will sustain the Export Certification to the neighboring country's market in 2025.

Official Reports:

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Task 2. Compliance data collection.

As part of this task, we obtained the fisheries authority's inspection and surveillance database (2019-2023) to generate an annual report on compliance and enforcement. This database will be uploaded to the platform as an attachment, serving as both documentation and evidence of this activity.

Using this official database, a final report will be prepared detailing all surveillance and compliance actions undertaken. If any sanctions have been issued against the shrimp fleet, they will be included in the report. To date, no administrative actions have been taken by the authorities for non-compliance with regulations and standards.