

Panama site-visit

Meeting July, 2022

Attendees

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Key Traceability	Marpesca	TNC
Tom Evans	Roger Gonzalez	Ben Gilmer
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Aims and objectives

A site visit to Panama will be essential in the FIPs’ progression and particularly for the FIP coordinator to verify that the actions recommended have been adhered to across the fishery, including improvements across the secondary and ETP species objectives like the shark finning policy and best practice handling techniques for bycatch. Not only will the site visit be beneficial for Principle 2 action verification, but also for Principle 3, Effective Management. Where in-person stakeholder meetings with both fisheries ministries and the Aquatic Resources Authority of Panama (ARAP) have been impossible due to the restrictions imposed as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, the site visit to Panama will be able to facilitate introductions and meetings with governing bodies. The coordination of the FIP with governing fisheries bodies will be essential to learn more about the management objectives in place and enable the FIPs to pass Principle 3 indicators.

The site visit to Panama aims to:

1. Verify Principle 2 actions have been implemented across the vessels within each of the Marpesca FIPs;
2. Introduce and meet with relevant interested parties and stakeholders, including governing bodies like ARAP and the Panamanian fisheries ministry;
3. Discuss the required social responsibility expectations of the FIP for FisheryProgress;
4. Conduct necessary skipper training on best practice handling techniques for bycatch species, as well as species identification for vulnerable, ETP species.

Day 1
FIP meetings
<p><u>Shrimp bottom trawl FIP:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FIP workplan actions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Principle 1 (Sustainable Fish Stocks) ▪ Principle 2 (Minimising Environmental Impacts) ▪ Principle 3 (Effective Management) • Next steps • Social responsibility expectations
<p><u>Large pelagics longline FIP:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FIP workplan actions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Principle 1 (Sustainable Fish Stocks) ▪ Principle 2 (Minimising Environmental Impacts) ▪ Principle 3 (Effective Management) • Next steps • Social responsibility expectations
Day 2
Vessel visits
<p><u>Bottom trawl vessel:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview with Captain • Verify the shark finning policy on board the vessels • Verify the Best Practice Bycatch handling techniques on board the vessels • Social auditing of the vessels • Logbook data <p><u>Longline vessel:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview with Captain • Verify the shark finning policy on board the vessels • Verify the Best Practice Bycatch handling techniques on board the vessels • Social auditing of the vessels • Logbook data

Day 3
Meeting with relevant stakeholders about all FIPs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARAP • Fisheries ministry
Meeting about EM procurement

Day 4
FIP Meeting
<p><u>Purse seine tuna FIP:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FIP workplan actions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Principle 1 (Sustainable Fish Stocks) ▪ Principle 2 (Minimising Environmental Impacts) ▪ Principle 3 (Effective Management) • Next steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ FAD management ▪ EM systems ▪ Observer data • Social responsibility expectations • Skipper training
<p><u>Vessel visit:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview with Captain • Verify the shark finning policy on board the vessels • Verify the Best Practice Bycatch handling techniques on board the vessels • Verify FAD management policy • Social auditing of the vessels • Logbook data