

Swordfish

Fishery Improvement Projects

FIP Project Hosts:

Fong Hsiang Enterprise of 1 Fishery Port Rd, Singapore 619729

Chun Cheng Fishery Enterprise, 1 Fishery Port Rd, Singapore 619729

SYM-PAC International of 1600 Potrero Grande Dr # 7, Rosemead, CA 91770

Harvest Meat Company, Inc. and Sprouts Farmers Market are FIP Members. Science and Secretariat are provided by the Sustainability Incubator, Inc.

FIP goals

- The purpose of the projects is to improve the longline fisheries for swordfish with progress towards meeting the global standard for sustainable fisheries of the Marine Stewardship Council program.
- The Indian Ocean Swordfish FIP is for your product caught by vessels flagged to Malaysia in a fishery managed by the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC).
- The Eastern Pacific Ocean Swordfish FIP is for your product caught by vessels flagged to Vanuatu and Panama in a fishery managed by the InterAmerican Tropical Tuna Commission in association to the Secretariat of the Pacific Community and Western and Central Pacific Tuna Commission. Science and management involve more parties here because the Pacific swordfish stocks are designated North / South instead of East / West.

FIP Accomplishments in 2022

- Priority was on improvements for Endangered, Threatened and Protected Species
- Big accomplishment: Two scores out of three have increased for the fishery's effects on ETP species and are out of the red!
- **FIP vessels contributed in 3 ways:** catch data, safe handling training materials, plastics assessment & plan

VESSEL PLAN TO RE-USE & REDUCE PLASTIC WASTE TO THE SEA

Prepared for the Indian Ocean Swordfish Fishery Improvement Project and the Eastern Pacific Ocean Swordfish Fishery Improvement Project by the Sustainability Incubator, November 2022

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This is a plan for re-using and reducing the flow of plastic waste to the sea.

The plan is based on a Material Flow Analysis of plastics that was prepared for longline vessels participating in the Indian Ocean Swordfish Fishery Improvement Project (FIP) and the Eastern Pacific Ocean Swordfish FIP. Swordfish fished by these vessels is available to American families at Sprouts Farmers Market. Sprouts Farmers Market is committed to ocean sustainability and is a member of the Fishery Improvement Project. The project includes all actors in the two supply chains, including vessel companies Kha Yang and Asia Tank for the Indian Ocean and Star Trading for the Eastern Pacific, as well distributors Fong Hsiang Enterprises, Chun Success International, SYMPAC Inc..

The longline vessel companies completed a gear disposal survey and provided key information about how they manage end-of-life microfilament longline gear including how they dispose of it. The results allowed for a material flow analysis and the preparation of this vessel plan.

Signatures okay?

FIP Tasks in 2023

1. Priority is for project to achieve consistently great grades on FisheryProgress.org in 2023.
2. The project will improve knowledge of swordfish's role in the ecosystem.
to meet 80 on MSC indicator 2.5.1 for ecosystem outcome, currently scoring 60-79
3. The project will support an Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management
to meet 80 on MSC indicator 2.5.2 for ecosystem management, currently scoring 60-79