

Biological Monitoring Program presentation and analysis

August - September 2023



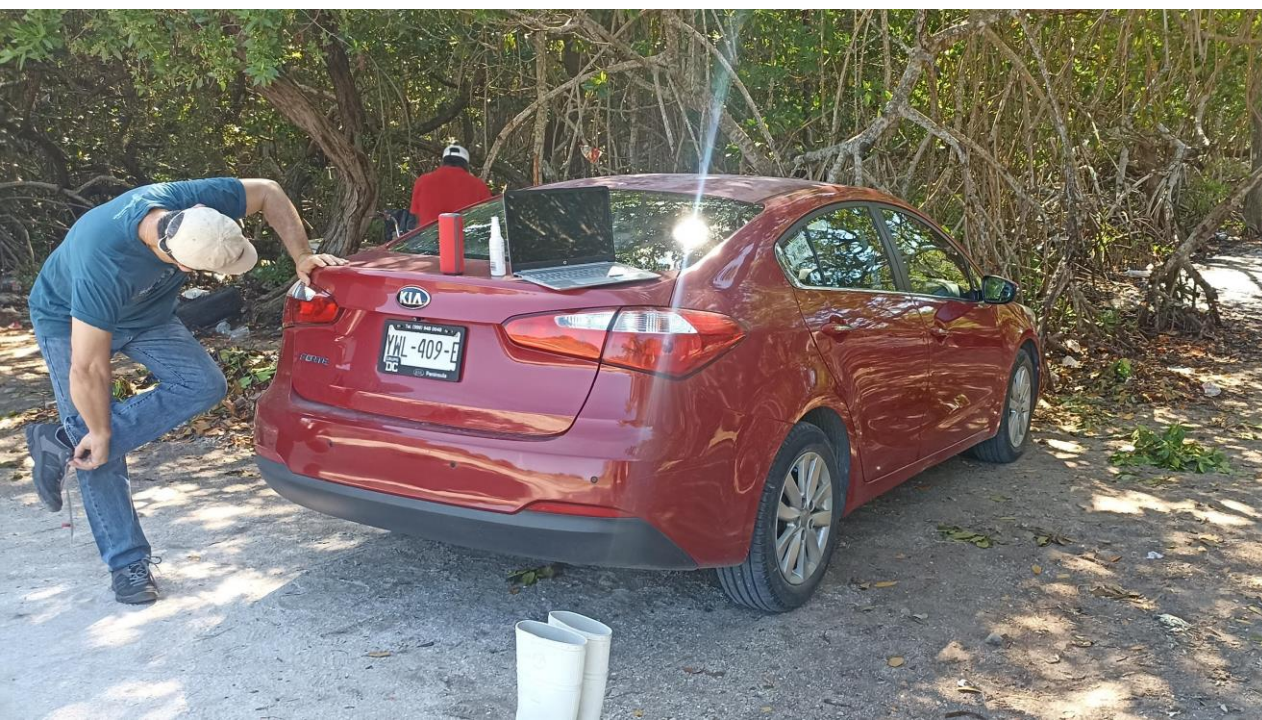


Presentations to fishermen
Biological Monitoring results available to all suppliers.

- “They presented the results of the Biological Monitoring Program, the need to respect the minimum legal size. I did not know which were the juvenile females”

August 29th , 30th 31st , September 19th , 20th , 2023





Palo Alto,
September 19th , 20th , 2023

- After presentation, a discussion took place about the convenience of selling soft blue crab.
- After analysis, fisher's determined they needed to discuss within the cooperative – groups, in order to commit of non selling young female soft shell blue crab.

Sabancuy, September 19th 2023



Commitments established and implemented by Fisher's

- To respect the minimum legal size
- To release ovigerous females
- To release by catch at the same fishing ground
- Keep the receiving area clean
- Deliver small blue crab to the lagoon
- At least one day a week don't go fishing





Reflections on commitments made

Palo Alto and Sabancuy

- The delivery area is a mangrove located by the lagoon. They periodically clean the space of the garbage that the water brings or that some people leave behind.
- The FIP only buys legal size blue crab. A buyer of soft blue crab arrives to the fishing ground too. This soft blue crab do not comply with legal size. The price at which they sell the soft crab is very high compared to the common blue crab, so given the precarious situation in which fisher's live, in the actual conditions, it is not feasible to prevent them from selling the soft crab.
- As a strategy to promote sustainability a video with information about Blue Crab Louisiana regulations was presented. The video shows it is illegal to catch immature female blue crabs and the sanctions of catching undersized blue crab. This issue was the center of discussion and analysis with them. After discussion, they agree to analyze the viability of not selling juvenile female soft blue crab and to sell only male soft blue crab, in order to return females to the fishing ground. This commitment is still to be taken
- Isla Aguada

"Another organization came to promote fishing closure. We believe something is needed to improve the fishery, but what will we eat if a six month closure is implemented" "We can commit in complying with the legal size, or even no females in our catch, that would be feasible"