

# **FISHERY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

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

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## **ACTION 5**

**COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT AWARENESS.**

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## **SIX-MONTH PROGRESS REPORT**

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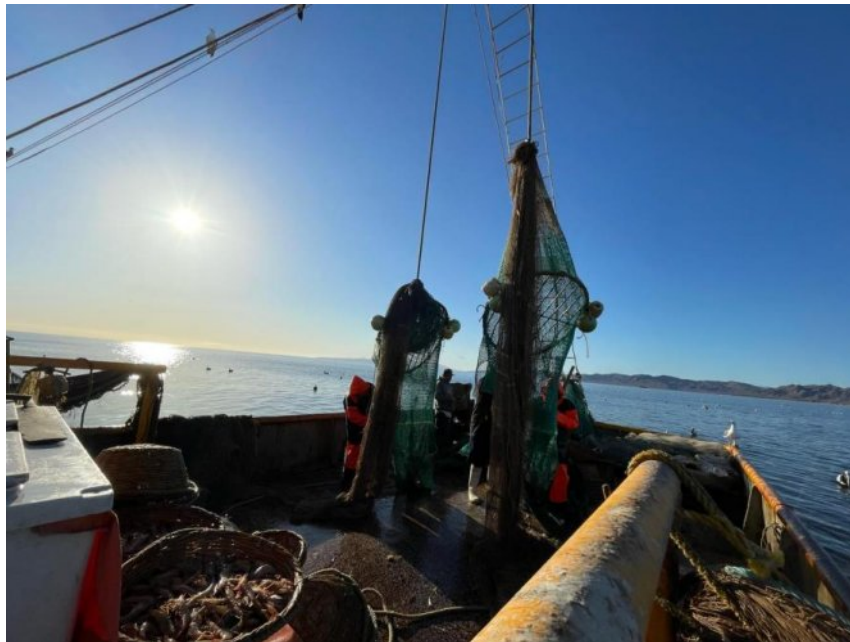
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## Action 5. Compliance and enforcement awareness.

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.

During the 2023–2024 fishing season, one of the vessels participating in the project was randomly boarded by fisheries officers for a routine inspection. The onboard observer documented the process with photographs showing the fisheries authority, through its officers, inspecting the netting, measuring dimensions, and verifying the use of the turtle excluder device (TED). This provides independent evidence confirming that the authorities are conducting gear inspections of the shrimp fleet at sea, and not only at the dock.



**Figure 1.** Routine inspection by fisheries officers during the 2023–2024 season, verifying net dimensions and the use of the turtle excluder device (TED) on a shrimp vessel at sea.

The fisheries authority in charge of inspection and surveillance not only carried out operations to reinforce the use of fishing gear and ensure proper harvesting during the fishing season but also provided training to the fishing sector on the correct use of the gear, particularly regarding the use of turtle excluder devices (TEDs). As a result, positive outcomes were achieved, with U.S. authorities maintaining the certification that allows shrimp exports to that country.



**Figure 2.** Fisheries authority infographic on inspection and surveillance of shrimp fleet gear use.

In addition, to complement this activity and its supporting evidence, various news articles and reports from the competent inspection and surveillance authority are shared.

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## **Task 2. Compliance data collection.**

For this task, the compliance database for the 2024–2025 season has already been formally requested from CONAPESCA. This database will be integrated with the previous season's dataset, which has already been analyzed and presented in the first annual FIP report.