



QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE PROGRESS OF GLOBAL MARINE COMMODITIES (GMC) PROJECT 96079

Quarter: April – June 2019

Date of report: 14th of June 2019

LIST OF ACRONYMS¹

AA	Artisanal-advance vessel in Costa Rica
AIDCP	Agreement on the International Dolphin Conservation Program
AM	Artisanal-medium vessel in Costa Rica
APR	Annual Project Review
ASOEXPEBLA	Association of Whitefish Exporters of Ecuador
ATUNEC	Association of Tuna Boat Owners of Ecuador
AWP	Annual Work Plan
BET	Bigeye Tuna
BFAR	Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of Philippines
BSC	Blue Swimming Crab
BSCMP	Philippine Blue Swimming Crab Management Plan
BTOR	Back to Office Report
CCA	Common Country Assessment
CEIPA	Chamber of Tuna Processors of Ecuador
CMMs	Conservation and Management Measures
CNP	National Chamber of Fisheries of Ecuador
CO	UNDP Country Office
CPD	Country Programme Document
CRI	Costa Rica
DPS	Direct Project Services
ECU	Ecuador
EEZ	Exclusive Economic Zone
ENSO	El Niño Southern Oscillation
EPO	Eastern Pacific Ocean
ERC	UNDP Evaluation Office Evaluation Resource Centre
EU	European Union
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
FACE	Funding Authorization and Certificate of Expenditures
FECOP	Costa Rican Fisheries Federation
FIP	Fishery Improvement Project
GCP	UNDP's Green Commodities Programme
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GEF	Global Environment Facility

¹ This is the complete list of acronyms from the ProDoc with some additional acronyms. Not all acronyms appear in this report.



GEF-ID	Project Identification Number of the GEF Secretary
GNI	Gross National Income per capita
HDI	Human Development Index
IA	GEF Implementing Agency
IATTC	Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission
IND	Indonesia
INCOPESCA	Costa Rican Institute for Fisheries and Aquaculture
INP	National Fisheries Institute of Ecuador
IP	Implementing Partner of the project
IPC	International Project Coordinator
IPCU	International Project Coordination Unit
IPNLF	International Pole & Line Foundation
ITF	Industrial Tuna Fisheries
IUU	Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported Fishing
IW	GEF International Waters focal area
IW:LEARN	Global Environment Facility's International Waters Learning Exchange and Resource Network
IWC	International Waters Conference
LGUs	Local Government Units of Philippines
LME	Large Marine Ecosystem
LOA	Letter of Agreement
LPF	Large Pelagic Fish ²
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
M&E-O	Monitoring and Evaluation Officer
MAE	Ministry of Environment of Ecuador
MAG	Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock of Costa Rica
MAGAP	Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Aquaculture and Fisheries of Ecuador
MBAq	Monterey Bay Aquarium
MDG	Millennium Development Goals
MINAE	Ministry of Environment and Energy of Costa Rica
MMAF	Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries of Indonesia
MPA	Marine Protected Area
MSC	Marine Stewardship Council
MTE	Mid-Term Evaluation
NA	Not available
NFA	National Fisheries Authority
NFI-CC	National Fisheries Institute Crab Council
NFRDI	National Fisheries Research and Development Institute of Philippines
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
NIM	National Implementation Modality
NM	Nautical mile

² Excludes tuna. Includes mahi mahi, wahoo, swordfish, marlins.



NPC	National Platform Coordinator
NSC	National Steering Committee
PACPI	Philippine Association of Crabs Processors
PAN-Dorado	National Action Plan for the conservation and management of Dorado in Ecuador
PAT-EC	National Action Plan for the conservation and management of sharks in Ecuador
PHI	Philippines
PIMS	UNDP-GEF Project Information Management System
PIR	Project Implementation Report
PIW	Project Inception Workshop
PSC	Project Steering Committee
PST	Purse Seine Tuna Fishery
RBM	Rights-Based Management
RCU	Regional Coordinating Unit
RFMO	Regional Fisheries Management Organisation
RSC-LAC	UNDP Regional Centre in Panama
SBAAs	Standard Basic Assistance Agreement
SC	Supply Chain Roundtable
SEA	Best Practice Code for Ecuadorian Tuna Sustainability
SFAP	Sustainable Fisheries Action Plan
SFP	Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Foundation
SGMC	Undersecretary of Marine and Coastal Management of Ecuador
SINAC	National System of Conservation Areas of Costa Rica
SMCP	Sustainable Marine Commodities Platform
SNAP	National System of Protected Areas of Ecuador
SOFIA	State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture
SR	Supply Chain Roundtable
T75	Target 75 Initiative
TAG	Technical Advisory Group
TOR	Terms of Reference
TWG	Technical Working Group
UNDAF	United Nations Development Assistance Framework
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNFSA	United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement
US	United States of America
VAP	Viceministry of Aquaculture and Fisheries of Ecuador
WCPFC	Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission
WHO	World Health Organization
WWF	World Wide Fund for Nature



FINANCIAL PROGRESS

To date, and over the life of the project, the International Component of the Global Marine Commodities (GMC) project has a total of \$970,250.51 in expenditures, or approximately 32% of the total International Project Coordination Unit (IPCU) budget. In 2019, the International Component reports expenditures of approximately 26% of the total annual budget (see figure 1). This amount does not include reimbursements of SFP for the second quarter of 2019, which total \$176,609.00, as the IPCU only received the Funding Authorization and Certificate of Expenditures (FACE) report on June 14, 2019, and is still processing the reimbursement request.

Financial Summary up to June 13, 2019

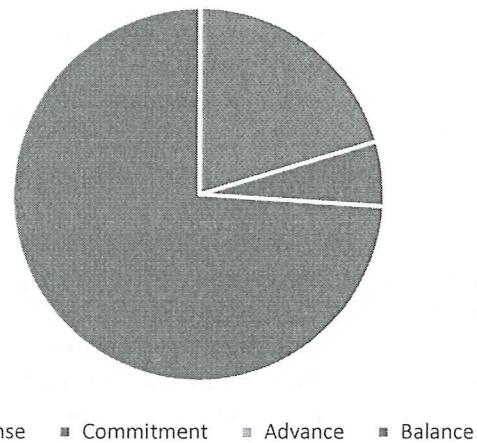


Figure 1: Financial summary up to June 13, 2019 of the total allocated budget for 2019.

The IPCU oversees 4 project components:

1. Increase market demand for sustainable products
2. Sustainable marine platforms
3. Fisheries Improvement Projects (FIPs)
4. Documentation and dissemination of best practices

In addition, funds for Project Management can be considered a fifth “component,” and Direct Project Costs are considered as separate built-in funding for UNDP CO cost recovery.

The International Component of the GMC Project monitors the advances of its Annual Work Plan (AWP) activities on a quarterly basis. Each activity is assigned a percentage of completion based upon activity-specific conditions and the distinct phases of activity implementation (See Annex 1 for a complete report on the implementation progress of each activity). Figure 2 represents the implementation progress of each activity included in the 2019 AWP, as well as progress by project component.



Percent completion of planned 2019 component activities as of Quarter 2

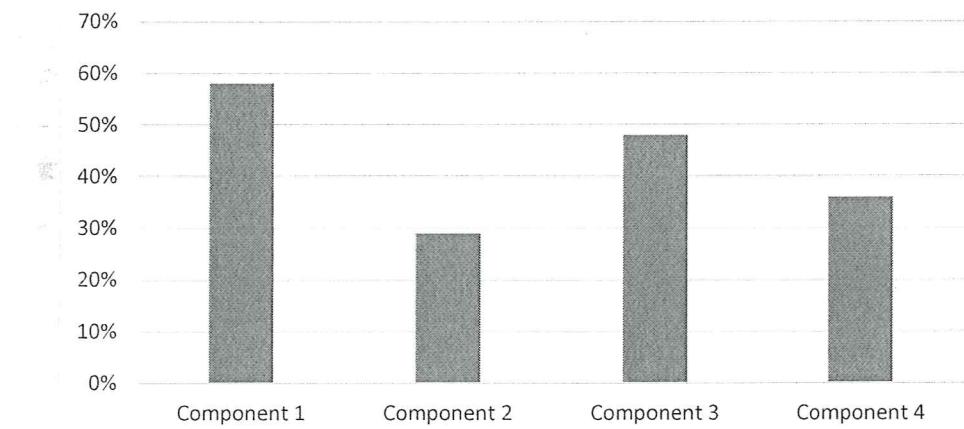


Figure 2: Percent completion of 2019 activities by project component

All expenses that the International Project Coordination Unit has incurred to date in 2019 are described in Table 1 and Figure 2. Furthermore, detailed project implementation by components and implementing partners is included in Table 1. The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and facilitating partner Sustainable Fisheries Partnership (SFP) have implemented approximately 34% and 14% of their corresponding assigned annual budgets, respectively (Table 1).

Table 1: Financial summary broken down by component and by implementing partner

Activities	Approved Budget	SFP	PNUD	SFP Expenditures	PNUD Expenditures	Commitment	Advance	Total	Balance	Implemented percentage
Component 1	\$ 160,556.66	\$ 138,257.00	\$ 22,299.66	\$ 35,392.34	\$ 12,313.15	\$ -	\$ 47,705.49	\$ 112,851.17	29.71%	
Component 2	\$ 131,161.09	\$ 131,161.09	\$ -	\$ 30,500.85	\$ 48,310.00	\$ -	\$ 78,810.85	\$ 52,350.24	60.09%	
Component 3	\$ 274,962.66	\$ 252,663.00	\$ 22,299.66	\$ 26,998.61	\$ 8,384.25	\$ -	\$ 35,382.86	\$ 239,579.80	12.87%	
Component 4	\$ 320,611.54	\$ 231,738.00	\$ 88,873.54	\$ 24,165.93	\$ 33,191.26	\$ -	\$ 57,357.19	\$ 263,254.35	17.89%	
Project Management	\$ 35,864.43	\$ -	\$ 35,864.43	\$ -	\$ 14,663.82	\$ 3,978.00	\$ -	\$ 18,641.82	\$ 17,222.61	51.98%
Direct Project Cost	\$ 6,034.35	\$ -	\$ 6,034.35	\$ -	\$ 3,989.97	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,989.97	\$ 2,044.38	66.12%
Total Output	\$ 929,190.73	\$ 622,658.00	\$ 306,532.73	\$ 86,556.88	\$ 103,043.30	\$ 52,288.00	\$ -	\$ 241,888.18	\$ 687,302.55	26.03%

The IPCU has \$48,310 in commitments to pay for the consultancies of the Asia and Latin America regional advisors, as well as the consultant developing the Gender Strategy 2019. While the Asia Regional Advisor has been hired and is currently working on a contract that will expire in December of 2019, the Latin America Regional Advisor's contract will expire in mid-2019, with the possibility for renewal for an additional 12 months depending on an internal review and evaluation of the quality of support provided by the Regional Advisor. By project component/activity, percentage of expenditure of total annual budget appears low, however, it is important to keep in mind that these numbers do



not include expenditures incurred by SFP during the second trimester, as the FACE report was submitted on June 14, 2019.

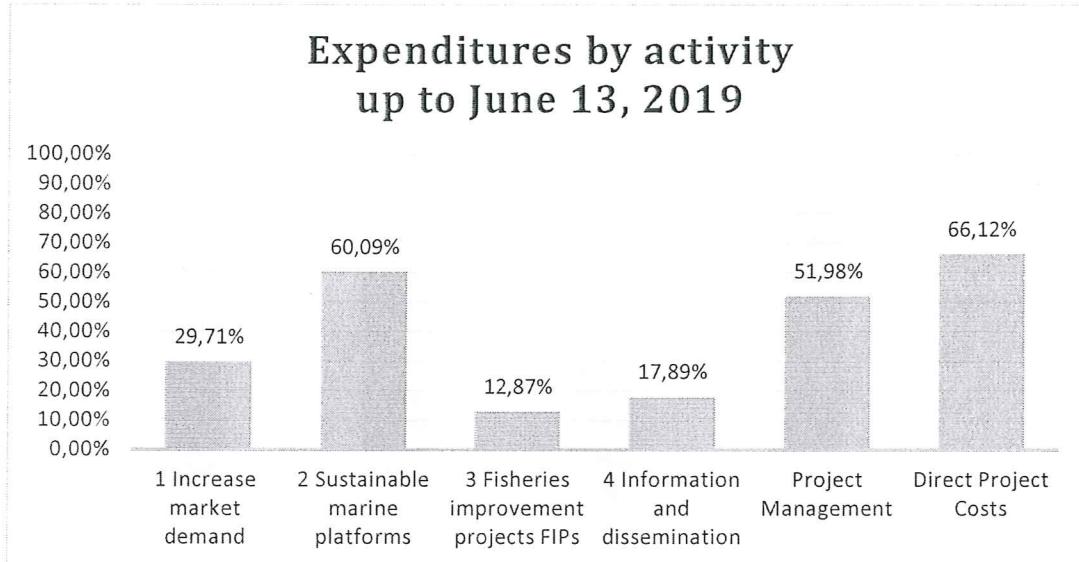


Figure 3: Current expenditures of the project per component

In terms of GMC project country implementation, please find below detailed information in Table 2 and Figure 4.

Table 2: Budget, expenditure and balance by GMC country.

Country	Budget	Delivery	Balance	Delivery Rate
Costa Rica	\$ 2,600.00	\$ -	\$ 2,600.00	0.00%
Ecuador	\$204,556.37	\$ 46,862.58	\$ 157,693.79	22.91%
Indonesia	\$308,107.00	\$ 67,106.00	\$ 241,001.00	21.78%
Philippines	\$234,862.39	\$ 62,140.37	\$ 172,722.02	26.46%

- **Costa Rica:** Implementation of Costa Rica GMC activities has ended. In March 2019, the IPCU sent authorization to the Costa Rica country office to utilize \$2,600.00 in project funds to carry out an exercise to collect and document lessons learned and best practices generated from project implementation. To date, these funds have not been utilized, but the lessons learned workshop is scheduled for early July. The IPCU will monitor the lessons learned activity and use of funds in the assigned account.
- **Ecuador:** Of a total 2019 budget of \$204,556.37, Ecuador GMC project counterparts report total expenditure of \$46,862.58 through the first two quarters.
- **Indonesia:** Of a total 2019 budget of \$308,107.00, Indonesia GMC project counterparts report total expenditure of \$67,106.00 through the first two quarters.
- **Philippines:** Of a total 2019 budget of \$234,862.39, Philippines GMC project counterparts report total expenditure of \$62,140.37 through the first two quarters.



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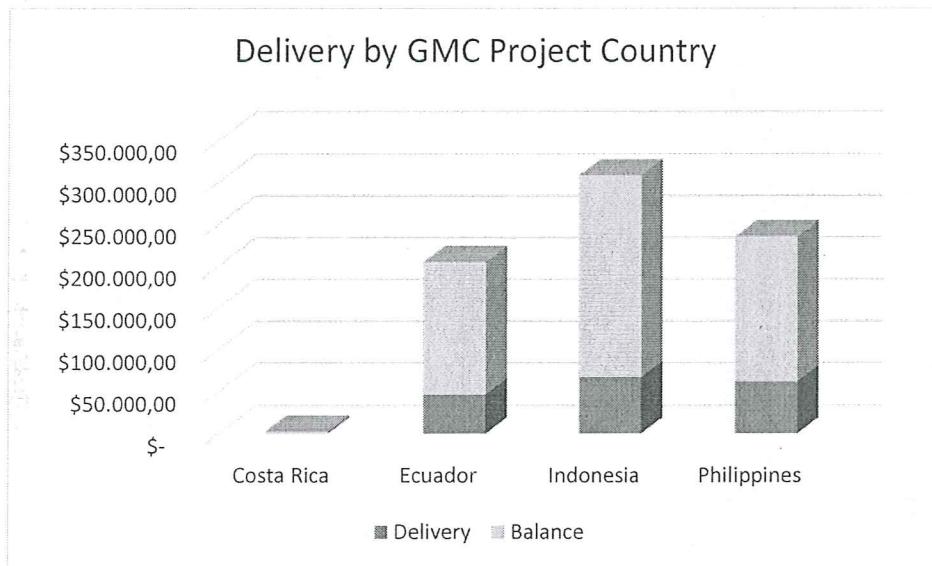


Figure 4: Implementation of annual budget by CO

1. MAIN RESULTS

This section describes the advances/progress that has been made during the previous quarter towards the accomplishment of the GMC Project indicator targets. Advances are described, and evidence is presented in the form of hyperlinks to documents stored in the GMC Project Dropbox account.

It is important to note that the GMC Project Steering Committee approved a series of indicator revisions and clarifications in the Project Steering Committee Meeting held on February 19, 2019. The revised Indicator Framework has now been uploaded to the UNDP system, and the indicator revisions memo is saved on file for justification of these changes. The GMC Project received official notification of these changes to the Indicator Framework via email from the acting Latin America Regional Technical Advisor on May 31, 2019.

Table 3: GMC Project Indicator Framework and Quarterly Advances Report

RESULTS	Project main objective				
	To mainstream sustainability into seafood supply chains through market and policy mechanisms and partnerships with the overarching goal of rebuilding and protecting fish stocks and livelihoods				
PRODOC INDICADOR	Mid-term target	End-of-project target	Progress (color)	QUARTERLY ADVANCE (narrative in a concrete way that demonstrate progress based on results)	LINKS (links to documents/finished products or publications that support the fulfillment of result)
Landings from fisheries either certified sustainable or making	n/a	>15.4 million tonnes		Global landings from key seafood sectors that are either certified sustainable or making regular verifiable improvements was reported at 15.9 million Mt as of December 2018.	

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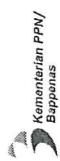
Baseline: 14.9
million tonnes

This data is collected annually as part of the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Target 75 (T75) initiative. SFP is currently establishing an automated data collection and reporting Tableau system for their T75 initiative, which is expected to be completed before the end of 2019. The idea is that the Tableau system will facilitate the creation of publicly available reports with T75 sector updates.

The following table presents the current FIP Stage and total landings in metrics tons of each project-supported FIP as listed on FisheryProgress.org, which demonstrates the GMC project contribution to the T75 qualifying landings.

FIP Name	Country	FIP Stage (Nov. 2017)	FIP Stage (Dec. 2018)	FIP Stage (June 2019)	Landings (Mt) 2018	FIP Launch date
Mahi-Mahi Longline	ECU	5	5	Completed (entered full MSC assessment)	9,672	Jan 2010
Eastern Pacific Ocean Tropical Tuna (TUNACONS) Purse Seine	ECU	4	4	4	113,568	July 2016
Yellowfin Tuna Pole and Line	ECU	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Not yet listed
Small Pelagic Fish Purse Seine	ECU	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Not yet listed
Blue Swimming Crab	PHL	4	4	4	13,000	May 2015

See evidence of GMC Project contribution to FIP implementation and stage progression in Indicator 4a Number of FIPs uploaded to FisheryProgress.org, have progressed by at least one grade, or have maintained an A' grade.



Bottom-set gillnet and box trap						
Octopus	PHL	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Not yet listed
Yellowfin Tuna Pole and Line	IND	4	4	4	28,000	Nov. 2017
Skipjack Tuna Pole & Line	IND	4	4	4	28,000	Nov. 2017
Blue Swimming Crab Gillnet/trap	IND	4	5	5	78,200	Oct. 2016
Large Pelagic Fish Longline	CR	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Not yet listed
Estimated Total Landings of Project-Supported FIPs/Certified Fisheries				270,440³		

RESULTS

Outcome 1

Increased global market demand for sustainable certified marine commodities and associated reduction of IUU fisheries

<i>PRODOC INDICADOR</i>	<i>Mid-term target</i>	<i>End-of-project target</i>	<i>Progress (color)</i>	<i>QUARTERLY ADVANCE (narrative in a concrete way that demonstrate progress based on results)</i>	<i>LINKS (Links to documents/finished products or publications that support the fulfillment of result)</i>
a) Number of fisheries for	Year 2: >10%	Year 4: >20%		There has been a 35% increase since the project baseline (from 65 total fisheries at baseline to 88 in 2018).	

³ Total reported landings supported by the project (see table below) reduced since the previous quarter, as the estimates for total landings for the fisheries that have not yet been registered as FIPs on the FisheryProgress.org platform were discounted from the total. Once data for these FIPs are validated and uploaded to FisheryProgress, their total capture will be summed to the total landings supported by the GMC project.

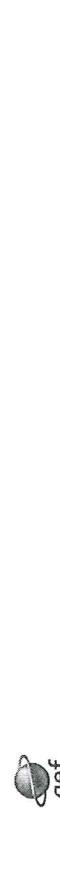


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the targeted commodities (tuna, large pelagics, blue swimming crab and octopus) that are sourced by SFP partners and their suppliers and that are either in a FIP or MSC certified.	increase	increase	Tuna - 63 (37 FIP, 26 MSC) LPF - 15 (10 FIP, 5 MSC) BSC - 8 (8 FIP) Octopus - 0
			<p>The reported percent increase has reduced since the previous quarterly report because the baseline levels have now been updated in the UNDP PIR system to reflect the number of SFP partners sourcing from certified and FIP fisheries in the year 2017. Moving forward, data for this indicator will be shared with the IPCU on an annual basis, and will reflect the total number of SFP partners who have sourced from FIPs or MSC fisheries in the previous calendar year. The next update to the indicator status will be provided in December 2019.</p> <p>By recruiting new suppliers to a Supply Chain Roundtable (SR), SFP increases the chances that the supplier will begin sourcing from FIPs or MSC certified fisheries. A supply chain roundtable is essentially a forum for processors, importers, and others that buy directly from a specific seafood sector to work together in a pre-competitive environment to achieve improvements in fisheries or aquaculture and to receive updates and information regarding which FIPs or certified fisheries suppliers should seek to purchase from.</p> <p>Baseline: 65 total - Tuna: 36 (20 FIP, 16 MSC) LPF: 20 (13 FIP, 7 MSC) Crab: 9 (All FIP) and Octopus: 0</p>

Boston SENA attendance snapshot

The following table provides an update regarding new partners who have joined an SFP-Supply Chain Roundtable (SR) during this reporting period. Over the course of the project, SFP has engaged a total of 31 new supplier companies in the four relevant SRs. SFP invited several new supplier



companies to join the SRs during the Boston Seafood Expo in April, and reports **6 new SR members in this reporting period.**

Roundtable name	Joining partners this quarter	Total partners joined to date (during GMC project)	Comment
Mahi-mahi SR ⁴	0	5	Follow-up emails have been sent to Ethan Lucas, project director of Fish Wise, who showed interest to help to recruit their partners' suppliers to the Global Mahi SR. To achieve this outcome, SFP provided information on the scope of the work and the objectives of the Global Mahi SR information
Global Fresh and Frozen Tuna Supply Chain Roundtable	4	9	This quarter, Royal Hawaiian Seafoods (March 2019), Quirch Foods, LLC (March 2019), Luen Thai Fishing Venture

Global mahi mahi SR meeting minutes

[FF Tuna SR Meeting Minutes](#)

[Octopus SR Meeting Minutes](#)

⁴ To avoid potential overlap between the fisheries covered by the EPO Large Pelagics SR and the Global Fresh and Frozen Tuna SR, SR leads and relevant staff at SFP held a series of internal discussions to better define the sectors. It was decided that the Eastern Pacific Ocean Supply Chain Roundtable will become a Mahi-Mahi Supply Chain Roundtable. A link to the new SFP webpage being developed for the Mahi Mahi SR will be provided in 2019 once the page is launched.

				(March 2019), and Organic Oceans (May 2019) joined the SR.	
Latin America Reduction Fisheries Supply Chain Roundtable	0	4		Follow up emails have been sent to Biomar in order to engage the company as a participant in the SR. A call has been set with Biomar for 10 June 2019, to present the work of the SR and explore their interest in joining the Supply Chain Roundtable.	
Global Octopus Supply Chain Roundtable	2	13		FonCasal (May 2019) and Union Martin (May 2019) joined the SR, bringing the total number of participant companies to 13.	
b) Number of international seafood buyers (‘buyers’ = SFP partners plus suppliers to SFP partners with sustainable seafood	Year 3: 9	Year 4: 15		To date, the project has directly contributed to seven (7) companies’ adoption of sustainable seafood purchasing policies, with one company adopting a sustainable seafood purchasing policy during this reporting period.	
				In March 2019, Grupo Nuevo Pescanova adopted its new sustainable purchasing policy. The release of the Pescanova policy came after several months of close coordination with and receiving technical support from SFP provided via the GMC project.	Grupo Nuevo Pescanova commitment to responsible fishing and sustainable sourcing



purchasing policies			During this reporting period, the SFP team further developed and strengthened the draft "sustainable seafood sourcing policy guidance toolkit," by adding real examples as a reference on different sustainable seafood sourcing policy used by retailers, wholesale buyers, and processors in different countries. The next step is to share the document with partners for consultation.
RESULTS		Outcome 2	Increased global market demand for sustainable certified marine commodities and associated reduction of IUU fisheries
<i>PRODOC INDICADOR</i>	<i>Mid-term target</i>	<i>End-of-project target</i>	<i>Progress (color)</i>
Number of buyers ('buyers' = SFP partners plus suppliers to SFP partners) with procurement policies for tuna that include support of more effective CMMs for tuna, sharks and LPF in IATTC and WCPFC	Year 2: >2 (IATTC = 1; WCPFC = 2) Year 4: >4 (IATTC = 2; WCPFC = 2)	Year 4: >4 (IATTC = 2; WCPFC = 2)	To date, 42 buyers have signed three (3) position statements requesting improved Conservation and Management Measures (CMMs) at the Inter American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) and Western and Central Pacific Fishery Commission (WCPFC) (IATTC = 1; WCPFC = 1).

Mahi mahi industry leaders' COREMAHI Group

The one new position statement submitted to the IATTC during this reporting period was developed, signed, and submitted by the regional mahi mahi trade organization COREMAHI, which was established with SFP support in early 2019. A total of 9 buyers signed this position statement.

COREMAHI held a series of coordination calls this quarter in order to review and agree on the final content of its founding MoU between partners with the mission, vision, statutes, and structure of COREMAHI, along with a protocol to approve the participation of new members in the group. It is expected

Global mahi mahi SR position statement for IATTC

COREMAHI Skype Meetings Minutes



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that COREMAHI delegates will be participating in the next RFMO Commission meeting as a group.

Finally, SFP organized a second COREMAHI workshop, which was held on 13 and 14 June in Quito. Minutes from the workshop will be presented in the next quarterly report. The specific aim of this workshop was to provide updated information to producers and processors of mahi mahi in Ecuador, Perú, and Costa Rica about:

- a. The management measures and regulations adopted by the RFMOs on Fish Aggregating Devices (FADs) in order to mitigate environmental and bycatch impacts; and
- b. The current scientific information on mahi mahi stocks and the information gaps that need to be addressed in order to achieve sustainable fisheries.

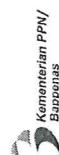
In addition, during Q2, the 2019 RFMO engagement letter template was presented to the Tuna and mahi mahi SR participants at the SR meetings in Boston in March. See [link](#) for letter template. To date, SFP has continued outreach efforts to gather adequate sign-on support. The RFMO engagement letter has also been circulated to SFP partners via the SR newsletter, SFP secured the signatures of 11 partners thus far. The first of these position statements will be sent to RFMO in the next quarter.

Global Fresh and Frozen Tuna SR Newsletter:

A summary of the relevant advances at the RFMO level have been shared with SR participants through the June 2019 newsletter. These bimonthly newsletters are generated with financial support from the GMC Project.

COREMAHI 2nd Working Meeting Quito, Ecuador

June 2019 Global Fresh and Frozen Tuna Newsletter



RESULTS

Outcome 3

Increased synergy and involvement of national and international players (i.e., retailers, traders, processors, fishermen and fisheries authorities) in sustainable seafood value chains

PRODOC INDICADOR	Mid-term target	End-of-project target	Progress (color)	QUARTERLY ADVANCE (<i>narrative in a concrete way that demonstrate progress based on results</i>)	LINKS (<i>Links to documents/finished products or publications that support the fulfillment of result</i>)
Number of Sustainable Marine Commodities Platforms	Year 2: >3	Year 4: 5		To date, the GMC Project has facilitated the official launch of four (4) Sustainable Marine Commodity Platforms.	

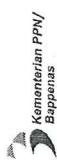
Costa Rica (1) – Large Pelagic Fish Platform
Ecuador (1) – Small Pelagic Fish Platform
Philippines (2) – Technical Working Groups for Blue Swimming Crab and Octopus
Baseline: 1

The following descriptions summarize project actions that have contributed to the launching of sustainable fishery commodity platforms, or have brought platforms closer to their official launch.

Indonesia (IND): The Root Cause Analysis for both Tuna Pole and Line and Blue Swimming Crab fisheries was completed this quarter. In addition, the same consultant prepared the guiding framework document for the Multi-stakeholder fisheries platform to be established for Blue Swimming Crab and the Tuna Pole and Line fisheries in Indonesia. This document describes the structure and placement of the platform within existing management and regulatory frameworks, and discussed how the platform will interact with both national and local fisheries governance mechanisms. The Platform will be launched officially in July 2019.

[Indonesia Platform Framework Plan](#)

 AQUACULTURA Y PESCA	 Kementerian PPN/ Bappenas	 Gef	 Sustainable Fisheries Partnership	 GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY UNDP	
<p>Costa Rica (CR): No new actions to report. This quarter, the IPCU sent a formal request to the Costa Rica platform coordinator and country to office to provide information regarding the sustainable strategy of project in Costa Rica.</p> <p>Ecuador (ECU): The project completed the Root Cause Analysis for the Small Pelagic fishery and final comments from UNDP have been incorporated. An executive summary of the core Root Cause Analysis document was also prepared. In addition, the IPCU provided in-kind contribution to the Ecuador national platform in organizing a field visit with prominent chefs, restaurant owners and key supply chain actors to Manta, Ecuador to meet with government authorities to learn about the role of the fisheries regulating agencies and to meet artisanal fishery cooperatives that adhere to the Ecuadorian fisheries legal framework and can be considered as “responsible fishing cooperatives.” The purpose of the event was to generate direct linkages between seafood buyers and responsible producers and to raise the general public’s awareness about responsible seafood consumption.</p> <p>There are no advances to report during this quarter for the Ecuadorian Large Pelagic Platform.</p> <p>Philippines: In this reporting period the GMC Project team in Philippines has now established Technical Working Groups for both target commodities (BSC and Octopus) to serve as platforms for sustainability. In addition, the consultancy for the BSC has commenced. The Pre-inception technical meeting with the hired national consultant for the BSC commodity has been carried out, and the inception report was consequently</p>		<p><u>Root Cause analysis final product</u></p> <p><u>Root cause analysis executive summary</u></p>		<p><u>Field visit to Manta for responsible fishing</u></p>	



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presented to and approved by the BSC Technical Working Group (TWG).

Upon initial review in Q2 of the status of the national Octopus fisheries in terms of sustainability and related global sustainability indicators, there remains a significant gap in available data as well as FIP initiatives that would serve as the foundational basis for the NMP. With the formation of PCPEA1 and the upcoming FIP being developed by SFP under the global GMC project framework, these challenges will be approached. A consultant will be hired for the development of the Octopus National Management Plan in Q3 of this year.

Number of Sustainable Fisheries Action Plans under implementation on Baseline: 5	Year 3: >6	Year 4: 9	There are currently five (5) project-supported National Sustainable Fisheries Action Plans (SFAP)/National Action Plans (NAPs) under implementation. ⁵
			The following table summarizes the status and project contributions to target NAPs.
SFAP/ NAP	Country	Status	Comments
Mahi-Mahi	ECU	Under Implementation	No new progress to report this quarter.
Tuna	ECU	In development	No new progress to report this quarter.
Small Pelagic Fish	ECU	In development	The GMC project has put on hold the publication of terms of reference for the facilitation of the Small Pelagic platform and creation of the Small Pelagic

⁵ "Under implementation" refers to National Action Plans of National Management Plans that have been officially adopted by the host government, and receive funding for the implementation of activities described therein. As of the baseline of the GMC project, there were 5, NAPs/NMPs/SFAPs under implementation: Ecuador NAP for Shark; Ecuador NAP for Mahi-Mahi; Indonesia NAP for Tuna; Indonesia NAP for Blue Swimming Crab; and Philippines NMP for Blue Swimming Crab.

						 2 nd National Tuna and Neritic Tuna Management Plan meeting
Shark	ECU	Under Implementation				National Action Plan. These processes will be resumed when the new Platform Coordinator is hired in Q3.
Large Pelagic Fish	CRI	Launched, to begin implementation in 2019				No new progress to report this quarter.
Tuna	IND	Under Implementation				The National Action Plan (NAP) was officially published/launched on November 28, 2018. The IPCU is awaiting an update from the CRI platform coordinator regarding plans to ensure the NAP is implemented and funded over the long term.
BSC	IND	Under Implementation				From May 20-22, MMAF with support from GMC organized a meeting to evaluate the achievement of the 2015-2019 national management plan for Tuna and Neritic Tuna. The current management plan expires in 2019, and the GMC project will continue to support the creation of the next 5-year plan for the fishery.
BSC	PHL	Under Implementation				No updates to progress on the BSC NAP this quarter.
						Upon strategic meeting with the hired National Consultant for the BSC commodity, the number of activities are expected to increase: (i) five workshops for the NMP development, wherein there will be three stakeholder's consultations, one in Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao, and two in targeted localities/ LGU clusters wherein the RCA will also be conducted; and (ii) two

RESULTS						Outcome 4 Increased sustainability scores of marine commodities purchased from project fisheries		
PRODOC INDICADOR	Mid-term target	End-of-project target	Progress (color)	QUARTERLY ADVANCE (<i>narrative in a concrete way that demonstrate progress based on results</i>)		LINKS (<i>Links to documents/finished products or publications that support the fulfillment of result</i>)		
Number of FIPs uploaded to Fishery Progress.org, have progressed by at least one grade, or have maintained an 'A' grade.	Year 3: >8	Year 4: >10	A	<p>There are currently six (6) FIPs that are uploaded and reporting to FisheryProgress, three (3) of those with an A rating.</p> <p>The data for this indicator is generated by monthly FIP reviews carried out by SFP and published on the public database www.FisheryProgress.org.</p> <p>The following table presents the status of the FIPs currently supported by the GMC Project.</p>				
Baseline: ⁶								

⁶ ECU Tuna Purse Seine (TUNACONS); ECU Mahi Longline; PHI Blue Swimming Crab bottom-set gillnet and pot/trap; IND Yellowfin Tuna Pole and Line; IND Skipjack Tuna Pole and Line; IND Blue Swimming Crab gillnet/trap.

						Small Pelagic FIP Website
						During the reporting period, industry FIP participants developed a dedicated website for the FIP, and provided recognition of the GMC project on the About page.
BSC / bottom-set gillnet and box trap	PHI	A	Consultant to support BSC FIP hired and began work. Efforts to support BSC FIP will focus on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewing historical data to design new reference points tailored to BSC characteristics; • Reviewing NSAP BSC data collection process to guarantee it is aligned with the best stock assessment methodology; • Developing guidelines on new approaches to stock assessment analysis; and • Training NSAP and NFRD! personnel on these new approaches once approved. 			Octopus FIP Workshop Powerpoint <u>Octopus FIP Meeting Minutes</u>
	Octopus	PHI	Not yet listed	In collaboration with BFAR and UNDP, SFP organized the Filipino Octopus Industry workshop (6 March 2019 in Quezón City), to introduce the concept of FIPs, global octopus trade trends and to present a potential octopus FIP to seek the support from the octopus' national industry.		13 of the largest Filipino octopus producer and exporter companies attended, as well as key persons from BFAR (Capture Fisheries Division Head and BFAR Region IX Director, among others). Presentations included a letter of support to the FIP initiative from major suppliers participating in the



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SR and a video of a participant from the Global Octopus Supply-chain Roundtable (GOSRI) encouraging local industry to get involved in the octopus FIP.	The Octopus FIP was presented at the Boston SENA by the president of the newly established Filipino Octopus Producers Association.	Finally, to catalyze industry support for the FIP, a consultant was hired to develop national octopus data gathering and stock assessment protocols.	Draft Octopus FIP Plan	Octopus SR Video Support message for PHI Octopus FIP	Final Draft (not yet published) LPF FIP Pre-assessment

Yellowfin Tuna Pole & Line (Western Central Pacific)	IND	Rating not yet available	One gap in both the IND BSC and Tuna FIPs is the absence of a Harvest Strategy and Control Rules. Through resources provided by the GMC project, the BSC association (APRI) and the Tuna pole and line association (AP2H) will supply the HS/HCR development with necessary data such catch effort, primary/secondary/ETR species, habitat and ecosystem impacts.	Meeting Minutes on BSC Harvest Strategy meeting
BSC / gillnet-trap	IND	A	Specific to BSC, during the 3 rd meeting, the association agreed to establish the harvest strategy for the fishery.	
Large Pelagic Fish	CR	Not yet listed	The FIP submitted all documentation to FisheryProgress for upload (pre-assessment, scoping document, and workplan). However, due to a recent policy change, these documents must be translated into English. Pending translation, which is	



Private investment in FIPs Baseline: US\$250,000/year	n/a	Year 3: >US\$1,500,000/year	Over the course of the first year of the project, GMC has secured approximately \$330,000 in annual funding from the private sector for FIP implementation (Apprx. \$300,000 from the Ecuador Small Pelagics FIP, and apprx. \$30,000 from the Costa Rica Large Pelagics FIP). There are no additional new funding commitments to report for this quarter.	Philippines FIPs: Following the GMC-PHI's facilitation of the formation of the Philippine Cephalopods Producers and Exporters Association, Inc. (PCPEAI), in Q1 2019, both entities have worked together in scoping out potential financing avenues for the FIP. PCPEAI has been successfully connected to and engaged in face-to-face and virtual scoping meetings with the following five (5) potential co-financiers:			



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			i. The Meloy Fund (TMF), under RARE, with TMF being a for-profit organization with a grant component for technical assistance for sustainable fisheries; ii. Blue Ventures (BV), an international non-profit for fishery sustainability with a grant component for FIP projects for Octopus in the Philippines; iii. Fish Right, a USAID-funded project being implemented by the University of Rhode Island (URI) with a US\$ 20 million grants specifically targeted for developing fishery sustainability in the Philippines; iv. Seaport, an international consultancy network (US, Canada, Singapore) association supporting sustainable seafood sourcing from the Philippines; and v. Stavis Seafoods, a Boston, US based buyer company interested in sourcing sustainable seafood from the Philippines.	
Number of fisheries in certification process (have entered process, undergoing assessment, or have been certified)	Year 3: >2	Year 4: >3	One (1) of the fisheries that receives indirect support from the GMC project (Ecuador mahi mahi drifting longlines fishery) has entered the MSC certification process and is currently undergoing its full assessment. There are no additional fisheries that have entered into full assessment this quarter. ----- Project support to FIPs, described in indicator 4a, contributes to getting these fisheries closer to entering into full assessment for certification.	See evidence of project support under indicator 4a.
Baseline: Fisheries entered into certification process: 0	Baseline FishSource scores	Year 4: For 80% of the target	5 of the 10 fisheries measured at baseline have seen at least 2 FishSource criteria improve by at least one grade (50%).	



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Baseline:	all fisheries;	fisheries (80% = 8 fisheries) there is an improvement of at least one level (levels = <6, ≥6, and ≥8) in 2 of the 5 FishSource scores (assuming not ≥8)	<p>The progress towards achieving the targets for this indicator is progressing slowly, because the information utilized to generate the FishSource ratings is not published on a frequent basis. See here for a description on how FishSource ratings are established.</p> <p>The project supports these fisheries via the establishment of Platforms and National Action Plans as well as through its support to the associated FIPs. See evidence under Indicators 3a, 3b and 4a to support the actions taken by the project to improve the FishSource scores of the target fisheries.</p> <p>To date, the project has developed 12 new FishSource profiles, and is working to develop an additional 5.</p>	
			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PHI Octopus - Traps 2. PHI Octopus - Vertical Lines 3. PHI Octopus - Harpoons 4. ECU Frigate Tuna 5. ECU Pacific Chub Mackerel 6. Blue Spotted Cornetfish 7. Largehead hairtail 8. Red-eye round herring 9. Searobins nei 10. Shortfin scad 11. Thread herrings nei 12. Pacific anchoveta 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PHI Octopus - Traps 2. PHI Octopus - Vertical Lines 3. PHI Octopus - Harpoons 4. Frigate Tuna 5. Pacific Chub Mackerel 6. Blue Spotted Cornetfish 7. Largehead hairtail 8. Red-eye round herring 9. Searobins nei 10. Shortfin scad 11. Thread herrings nei 12. Pacific Anchoveta

The additional 5 profiles currently under development, and to be finalized in Q3 2019 are:



score 5: 9.2

IND Snapper

score 1: <6

score 2: NA

score 3: <6

score 4: NA

score 5: <6

CRI Tuna, Bigeye

Improvement of score 1.

Fishery	Criteria	Score as of June 2019	Change since baseline
CRI Bigeye Tuna, Eastern Pacific Ocean	1	≥ 8	+2
	2	≥ 6	0
	3	≥ 6	-2
	4	8.1	-0.1
	5	7.4	-0.6

CRI Tuna, Skipjack

No improvement.

Fishery	Criteria	Score as of June 2019	Change since baseline
CRI Skipjack Tuna, Eastern Pacific Ocean	1	≥ 6	0
	2	≥ 6	0
	3	≥ 6	-2
	4	≥ 8	-1.2
	5	≥ 8	0

ECU Drifting Longline Mahi Mahi

Improvement of scores 1, 2 and 3. This is considered the same fishery as CRI Mahi-Mahi.

Fishery	Criteria	Score as of June 2019	Change since baseline
Common Dolphinfish Eastern Pacific Ocean -Drifting Longlines	1	≥ 6	+1
	2	≥ 6	+1
	3	≥ 6	+1
	4	Not yet scored	n/a
	5	Not yet scored	n/a

ECU Drifting Longline Bigeye Tuna

Improvement of score 1. This is considered the same fishery as CRI Bigeye Tuna.

Bigeye Tuna Eastern Pacific Ocean

Common Dolphinfish Eastern Pacific Ocean (Mahi-Mahi)

Fishery	Criteria	Score as of June 2019	Change since baseline
ECU Bigeye Tuna, Eastern Pacific Ocean	1	≥ 8	+2
– Drifting Longlines	2	≥ 6	0
	3	≥ 6	-2
	4	8.1	-0.1
	5	7.4	-0.6

ECU Yellowfin Purse Seine

Improvement in scores 4 and 5.

Fishery	Criteria	Score as of June 2019	Change since baseline
ECU Purse Seine, Eastern Pacific Ocean	1	≥ 8	+1
	2	≥ 6	0
	3	≥ 6	-1
	4	10	+0.8
	5	8.6	+0.6

PHL Blue Swimming Crab

Improvement in score 4.

Fishery	Criteria	Score as of June 2019	Change since baseline
PHL Blue Swimming Crab	1	≥ 6	0
	2	≥ 6	0
	3	<6	0
	4	<6	+1
	5	<6	0

IND Blue Swimming Crab

Improvement in scores 1, 2 3 and 4.

Fishery	Criteria	Score as of June 2019	Change since baseline
IND Blue Swimming Crab	1	≥ 6	+1
	2	≥ 6	+1
	3	<6	+1
	4	<6	+1
	5	<6	0

	Kementerian PPN/Bappenas		These percentage increases are lower than the figures reported in 2018 PIR due to the update of the project baseline which was approved by the PSC and entered into the PIR system this past quarter.
Metrics: 1,381 (Number of companies subscribed – the number of registered individuals/employees for each company will vary by company size and their management structure)			<p>During this quarter, SFP continued the process of on-boarding Metrics training for suppliers.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Lidl suppliers, specifically focusing on the canned seafood suppliers: in-person training was provided to one supplier and call-training to two suppliers, as well as support with data entry to two suppliers trained during the first quarter. Auchan: One call-training was provided to one Auchan supplier; four suppliers were supported with data collection and reporting. Metrics reports have been presented to Auchan in order to outline the strategy to engage suppliers in improvement initiatives. Two Sysco France suppliers completed registration for upcoming Metrics use (Sysco suppliers only report twice a year in July and January). Congalsa's suppliers list was updated; new suppliers are expected to be contacted in the next quarter. Two new suppliers were introduced to Metrics during an in-person meeting at the Brussels Seafood Expo. Gib Maroc (Morrisons Partner): New staff for this supplier was trained on the Metrics tool. Wanchese EU (Congalsa Supplier): New staff from was trained on the use of the Metrics supplier interface. ALDI Nord: The new CSR Manager was introduced to the Metrics system, and access to a demo system was provided.

Level of satisfaction (in terms of meeting user expectations)	Year 3: average = 2	Year 4: average = 2.5	on a one-off basis. Translation of templates of static text has been finalized for Spanish and Bahasa. Translation of gears and species is planned for Q3.	In close coordination with the IPCU, SFP has developed a user satisfaction survey for both FishSource and Metrics users. The survey will be sent during the next quarter to all registered users of FishSource and Metrics utilizing the SurveyMonkey online tool.	As a result of coordination and conversations between the IPCU, SFP and the NGO FishChoice (who manages FisheryProgress.org), the GMC Project has decided to measure user satisfaction of the FIP Rating information contained within FishSource profiles rather than the users of the FisheryProgress.org platform. Since FishChoice does not receive technical nor financial support from the GMC Project, nor is it a strategic partner of the project, it is more appropriate to focus on user satisfaction of the FishSource website. The information presented in the FIP Rating section of the FishSource profiles is the same as what is presented on FisheryProgress.org, and is based upon information generated by SFPs FIP Evaluation team.	To ensure the technical soundness and quality of the FIP Rating system, SFP carried out coordination meetings with FisheryProgress.org regarding the need for standardized reporting by FIPs to ensure more consistency across evaluation, and to coordinate steps and roles in the FIP rating, consultation and publication process.	SFP and FisheryProgress collaboration on FIP Ratings Process Map
Number of scientific reports	Year 2: 2	Year 4: 4				Two Scientific Working Groups (SWGs) are expected to complete their work in 2019. Two other SWGs will complete their work in 2020. As per discussions with implementing	



<p>published by technical experts contracted by the project</p> <p>Baseline: 0</p> <p>RESULTADOS</p>	<p>partners and per agreement of the Steering Committee, the SWGs are tasked to provide scientific support to FIPs and will generate technical reports and/working papers as a result of their assistance. Topics of technical assistance differ from fishery to fishery, but the principal focus of the SWGs will be to help the fisheries design and implement stock assessments. Currently, three scientific working groups have begun operations. Scientific support to Ecuador Small Pelagics has advanced, and scientific support to Philippines Octopus and BSC has begun. For more details See Annex 2 in Dropbox.</p>	<p>R1: Outcome 6</p> <p>Better knowledge management on mainstreaming sustainability into seafood value chains</p>	<p><i>QUARTERLY ADVANCE (narrative in a concrete way that demonstrate progress based on results)</i></p>	<p>Annex 2, SFP Quarterly Report</p> <p>The Costa Rica UNDP CO provided an update regarding the extraction and documentation of lessons learned on June 17, 2019. The update described that the process has been delayed, and a meeting will be held with Costa Rica Large Pelagic stakeholders on July 3 to extract project lessons learned from a stakeholder perspective. The results of this exercise will be written up in a report and submitted to the IPCU during the next quarter and will be shared with other GMC project counterparts in Ecuador, Indonesia and Philippines.</p> <p>No best practice documents have been developed by the project during the previous quarter. However, the project continues to build a strong base of observations and</p>
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			<p>reflections on project implementation through the work carried out by the Asia and Latin America Regional Advisors. Both advisors submitted their lessons learned log at the end of March, 2019, and the Philippines platform coordinator is also regularly submitting a lessons learned log in their quarterly reports. This information will be used to generate best practice and lessons learned documentation which will be made available in the LIBRARY section on the GMC project website</p>	<p>In addition, the Asia Regional Advisor attended the Good Growth Conference in Peru in early May 2019, and participated in a GMC Project planning session for the development of the project's knowledge management strategy, which will detail the timeline, approach, and tools for the extraction of lessons learned from project stakeholders, and the scope of the documentation of these lessons learned and best practices, as well as the mechanisms for dissemination and target audiences for this information. The knowledge management strategy will be developed, shared with GMC project staff for comment, and finalized in the upcoming quarter.</p>	<p>No progress to report this quarter.</p>	<p>The best practice and lessons learned documentation that will be generated for the 4 countries will be available in the LIBRARY section on the GMC project website. In this reporting period, the project generated a website tool to count the number of downloads of each document housed in the Library section, as well as a pop-up window that request the email address of each individual downloading user. These downloading users will then be contacted with the utility</p>
Level of utility of best practice documents Baseline:	Year 3: 2 average	Year 4: 2.5 average				Library section of the GMC Project Website



survey at a later point in time to provide their feedback for this indicator. The utility survey will be developed in the coming quarter.

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II. CONTRIBUTIONS TO STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

a) South-South and / or Triangular Cooperation Initiatives: In this reporting period, GMC Project staff from Costa Rica, Indonesia, the IPCU and the Asia Regional Advisor attended the Good Growth Conference in Peru. The conference provided an opportunity for policymakers, producers, local communities, companies, development practitioners and conservationists to spend a week together to share approaches, lessons learned and results from programming working at the frontiers of sustainability in commodity chains and the prevention of deforestation across the world.

The IPCU organized a panel discussion session titled **Seafood for tomorrow: unifying actors for sustainable fisheries management**. The panel focused on some of the initial takeaways and lessons learned from the application of the Green Commodities Programme platform methodology to the fisheries value chain, the distinct ways in which the platforms are interacting with Fishery Improvement Projects (FIPs), and the ways the platform is being used as a tool to improve the sustainable management of fisheries resources in Indonesia, and why this is a priority from a planning and economic development perspective. The Costa Rica Platform Coordinator, the SFP Latin America Regional Coordinator and the Deputy Director for Institutional and Maritime Affairs at BAPPENAS from Indonesia participated as panelists and took questions from the audience. There were

The Costa Rica Platform Coordinator has not yet developed the lessons learned document that was discussed in the previous quarterly report. However, the IPCU expects the document to be produced and submitted in the third quarter of 2019. Once submitted, reviewed and finalized, the document will be socialized with GMC Project stakeholders in Ecuador, Indonesia and the Philippines and potentially shared to a wider audience during a webinar in the fourth quarter of 2019, with the aim of sharing lessons regarding the platform model in a fisheries context with interested parties in developing countries.

b) Innovation and development of national capacities: In each of the countries in which the project operates, and through its work with FIPs, national action plans and platform development, GMC is actively developing national capacities by engaging the public and private sector partners in technical policy dialogues and by having a collective impact (i.e. promoting science-based decision making). In this reporting period, the national delegations from the Philippines and Indonesia participated in the Seafood Expo North America (SENA) in Boston and were able to attend SFP Supply Chain Roundtable discussions to better understand the needs of International seafood importers who seek to purchase product from sustainable certified and FIP engaged fisheries (see Philippines delegation photo).

The GMC project employs the UNDP-Green Commodities Programme methodology for sustainable commodity platform creation with certain modifications or adaptions to ensure its applicability in the fisheries context where the similar concept of fisheries co-management has existed for more than 4 decades. One of the project objectives that goes beyond the standard GCP methodology is to create fisheries management plans where the national context allows. Management plans are based on a sound scientific understanding of the status of fish stocks and biomass, and contain concrete management measures that potentially limit the amount of fishing effort that should be allowed by the



government. An FMP is in fact one step beyond a national action plan, but can only be established in contexts where the data regarding the health of the fishery exists. Whether FMP or NAP, both must be agreed upon by stakeholders in participatory dialogue sessions, which the platform space can provide. In some cases, for example in the Philippines, the government preferred to utilize existing fisheries management dialogue spaces called Technical Working Groups (TWGs) rather than initiate a new “platform.” Both the platforms and TWGs aim to achieve the same goal: sector consensus regarding fisheries management measures.

c) Promotion of the gender approach: The GMC Project aims to mainstream gender equality throughout the seafood platforms and the FIPs it supports. The IPCU is currently working with a Gender specialist consultant in the development of the project’s Gender Strategy, a Mainstreaming and Monitoring Plan, and a training event for GMC staff on how interpret and utilize these two deliverables. The first two deliverables are expected to be finalized in the 3rd quarter of 2019, and the training will be carried out in the 4th quarter. The purpose of the consultancy is to provide the GMC project platform coordinators with the tools and knowledge necessary to effectively integrate actions that promote gender equality in their activities. Each Platform coordinator will be expected to monitor the implementation of the gender strategy at the national level.

To date, the consultant has submitted the first draft of the Gender strategy, UN Ecuador and the IPCU returned comments to the consultant, who is now developing the final draft of the strategy and concurrently working on the development of the Mainstreaming and Monitoring plan.

National platforms are now recording gender participation in each session. The following table summarizes the gender balance in Sustainable Fishery Commodity Platform and Technical Working Group meetings held by the project to date.

Country	Platform	Meeting	Date of meeting	Number of Participants	Men	Women	Percentage	Link
Ecuador	Small Pelagic Fish	Platform Launch	11/26/18	74	50	24	M 68% W 32%	Meeting Report
Philippines	Octopus Technical Working Group	Octopus Science Review and Action Planning Workshop	11/19/18	65	32	33	M 49% W 51%	Sign in Sheet
Indonesia	GMC Project Launch	Inception Report	8/14/18	107	74	33	M 69% W 31%	Inception Report
Philippines	Octopus and BSC TWG	Octopus and BSC joint TWG Meeting	2/14/19	36	16	20	M 44% W 56%	Meeting Report
Philippines	Blue Swimming Crab TWG	Pre-Inception Technical Meeting for the BSC Root	5/27/19	21	11	10	M 52% W 48%	Link Forthcoming



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In this quarter, the Indonesia UNDP office published a [news story](#) about the role of women in the Blue Swimming Crab fishery, which received support from the GMC Project supports.

d) Inclusion of traditionally excluded sectors: The IPCU collaborated closely with the National Component with in-kind staff support to the planning and implementation of an event in Ecuador designed to introduce chefs and restaurants who are interested in sourcing responsibly-fished seafood from providers and small-scale artisanal fishing associations in Ecuador. The event introduced fishing associations that are incorporated and fully responsive to government oversight, regulation and reporting procedures to restaurant owners and chefs interested in procuring their product, thereby creating a more direct link between associations and buyers, potentially eliminating the need for middle men along the value chain, and thereby providing a better position of negotiating power to the associations.

IV. BOTTLENECKS

Finances

- The project carried out its obligatory financial audit in February-March 2019, and results of the audit will be shared in a final report in the upcoming quarter. The audit report is anticipated to identify in greater detail existing bottlenecks and prescribe appropriate responses to improve the management, tracking and reporting of project expenditure.
- In terms of SFP implementation, the project recently received a FACE report for the months of January to March 2019. The FACE report has not yet been reviewed and validated, but once it is, these reimbursements will be processed and entered in 2019 expenditures.
- The finance and administrative specialist left the project in February 2019. After an initial hiring process was closed without hiring a replacement (lack of candidates meeting minimum requirements), a second hiring process was initiated. The project has now identified its desired candidate and the Ecuador Country Office is now in the process of finalizing the offer.
- The project has determined that it has enough budget to carry out a no-cost extension until June 2021. The IPCU will finalize the extension proposal in quarter 3.

Implementation

- The Project launched the consultancy for its Midterm Review (MTR). However, UNDP Ecuador received critiques regarding the MTR Terms of Reference from consultants who decided not to apply, principally because they were not in agreement with 10/45/45 % division of the three payments, arguing that 10% would not provide enough funding in advance to cover the cost of



travel to the four participating countries. Understanding this limiting factor, and taking into account that we only received 3 proposals for the consultancy, the Selection Committee recommended closing the hiring process without contracting a consultant and making the necessary adjustments to the MTR Terms of Reference. UNDP Ecuador will, in the next reporting period (during the week of June 17) relaunch the process, allowing for a period of 15 days for proposal submissions. The IPCU will make a more concerted effort to promote the consultancy among relevant professional networks and will also contact the three consultants who applied during this first round and notify them of the decision, inviting them to participate in the new hiring process.

- In Ecuador, the project has hired its Specialist in Strategic Alliances who will provide direct support to the new national platform coordinator once he/she is hired. The preferred candidate for the national platform coordinator position has been selected. However, delays from the human resource department in the UNDP Ecuador office has delayed the process of hiring. We expect the hiring to be completed before the end of the month of June.
- In Indonesia, the Platform Coordinator and Platform Advisor met to develop a roadmap for the platform launch, which is scheduled to take place in July, 2019. Technical working groups for blue swimming crab and tuna have been established, the Root Cause Analysis has been completed, and a framework for Platform functioning and coordination with Indonesian authorities has been developed.
- Costa Rica Large Pelagics FIP and Ecuadorian Small Pelagics FIP have started the uploading process of FIP information and workplans to FisheryProgress.org to go public. In addition, the Costa Rica FIP stakeholders have agreed upon and taken steps to operationalize the co-funding model.
- Led by the Costa Rica Large Pelagics Platform, SFP successfully supported Costa Rica national fishery stakeholders to convene and run a dedicated event on “Costa Rica Seafood Sustainability Initiatives” during the Boston Seafood Show (SENA).
- SFP successfully implemented regular meetings of three of the four Supply Chain Roundtables included in the program, specifically: the Global Octopus SR, Global Mahi mahi SR, and the Fresh and Frozen Tuna SR. GMC Project-supported FIPs were presented in two of them in search of market support, including a presentation by Philippines stakeholders regarding the octopus FIP initiative and presentation of the group COREMAHI to the Global Mahi Mahi SR.
- First Scientific Working Group dedicated to Ecuador Small Pelagics fishery has provided preliminary results of stock assessments for main species.

V. EVENTS OR KEY ACTIONS TO BE DEVELOPED IN THE NEXT PERIOD

- Industry and public sector delegates from each GMC country will attend a peer-to-peer learning exchange event organized by SFP and hosted in Galicia, Spain from June 25-28, 2019. Participants will have the opportunity to learn from the effective fisheries governance system implemented in Galicia, and special attention will be placed on the small and large pelagics, octopus and crab fisheries. The specific objectives for the learning exchange are:
 1. Improve understanding of the operation of the science-management interface and the process to develop management plans and management measures.



2. Deepen knowledge on co-management systems and processes, including models and tools for multi-stakeholder consultation, granting of fishing rights and delegation of authority in decision making to fishery stakeholders.
 3. Gain first-hand experience on the operative surveillance and control systems used to guarantee enforcement, including Cofradía's surveillance system and port inspection mechanisms.
- The GMC project will initiate the Midterm Review consultancy.
 - The GMC project will develop its gender strategy and mainstreaming and monitoring plan and will train platform coordinators on its use and their responsibilities for monitoring and reporting.

VI. PROCUREMENT PLAN

PROCUREMENT PLAN							
ACTIVITY	Atlas Budget Description	DESCRIPTION	VALUE	Contract Modality	Number of estimated days	Status	Procurement process active since previous quarter?
Gender Consultancy	International Consultants	Individual Consultant	\$19,630	IC	31.25	Contract signed and activities underway	Yes
Asia Regional Advisor	International Consultants	Individual Consultant	\$30,000	IC	90	Contract signed and activities underway	Yes
Latin America Regional Advisor	International Consultants	Individual Consultant	\$23,400	IC	90	Contract signed and activities underway	Yes

VII. RELEVANT ASPECTS OF MANAGEMENT OF THE QUARTER THAT MUST BE HIGHLIGHTED (max 500 words)

The [Ecuador GMC Project website](#) has now been launched and will serve as the principal repository for all information generated under the framework of the Small and Large Pelagic platforms.

Under Outcome 1 the GMC project participated in the Boston Seafood Expo North America (SENA) and provided a space for the Costa Rica Large Pelagic FIP to present its official launch to interested buyers. In outcome 2, SFP organized a regional vendors group called COREMAHI that developed, signed, and submitted to their national delegates a position statement directed to the IATTC requesting improvements in science and management of mahi mahi fisheries. COREMAHI delegates from GMC countries (Ecuador and Costa Rica), as well as Peruvian delegates, reached out to their IATTC commissioners to express their position statement and to request government alignment with their sustainability needs at the upcoming Scientific Advisory Committee meeting, held in May 2019, in La



Jolla, California. At the IATTC meeting, the GMC project supported the participation of two SFP staff in the bycatch and Fish Aggregating Devices working group.

Under Outcome 3, aside the several advances made by the Philippines and Indonesia in their technical working groups and Platform design and initial meetings and consultancies, the IPCU is managing three consultancies: the two regional technical advisors and the Gender specialist. These three consultancies are underway and will be producing outcomes in the coming quarter, namely the project's complete Gender Strategy, mainstreaming and monitoring plan, as well as the first best practices document regarding the adaptation of the Green Commodities Methodology to the fisheries value chain.

Activities under Outcome 4 have also advanced positively, with two new FIPs about to go public on FisheryProgress.org. The two FIPs are the Costa Rica Large Pelagics FIP (YFT, Swordfish and Mahi mahi), and the Ecuador Small Pelagics FIP, which covers nine species captured by the Ecuadorian industrial reduction fisheries fleet. A great deal of effort has also been placed in activities under Outcome 5, specifically regarding the development of surveys to measure user satisfaction with sustainability information systems and the operation of Scientific Working Groups providing support to project targeted FIPs. Currently, lead scientists have started their work in Ecuador Small Pelagics, Philippines Octopus and Philippines Blue Swimming Crab.

Project visibility increased significantly in this reporting period, with coverage of project actions appearing in several traditional and social media outlets. A full list of project media coverage with links is stored in the [GMC Project Communication Strategy](#), which is uploaded on a quarterly basis.

VIII. SUMMARY OF MANAGEMENT RESPONSES TO RISKS AND PROBLEMS

The [GMC Project Risk Matrix](#) was updated in this reporting period and includes updates to the management strategies for project risks and a description of emerging and resolved issues that are affecting or have affected project implementation.

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Annex 1: Complete GMC IPCU Activity Progress Tracker Matrix

Component 1	Component 1	Promotion of global demand for sustainable marine commodities			Activity Implementation Progress Tracker			Comments	
	Outcome	Activities	Timeline		Percent Complete Q1	Percent Complete Q2	Method for assigning completion percentage		
			Start date	End date					
1. Increased global market demand for sustainable certified marine commodities and associated reduction of IUU fisheries. SFP	1.1.1. Provide technical and procurement advice to current and prospective partners		Nov '18	April	50%	100%	This activity will be carried out via the organization and implementation of two meetings taking place at public events per year (T75 Global Forum and Boston SENA). Completion of each meeting corresponds to 50% of completion of activity.		
	1.2.1. Develop a sustainable seafood sourcing toolkit		February	July	10%	35%	Toolkit development requires four stages: Drafting, internal SFP feedback and revisions, external consultation from partners, and final drafting for completion.		
	1.3.1. Engage new supply chain partners in relevant SRs		February	July	50%	100%	Engagement work corresponds to side meetings during the Global T75 Forum and Boston SENA. There are four relevant SRs in the project. Completion of each SR meeting corresponds to 25% completion of the activity.		
2. Increased pressure on RFMOs and their Contracting Parties to adopt more sustainable and science-based practices for shark and tuna conservation and management									
	2.1.1. Continue to request, encourage and support SR members and supply chain partners to request improved CMMs at the IATTC and WCPFC level	Nov '18	October	15%	60%	Engagement work with SR members and supply chain partners to request improved CMMs at the IATTC and WCPFC level corresponds to perceived progress toward the development of two new position statements in 2019.			



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	measures through engagement of international value chains. SFP	2.1.2. Participate in relevant RFMO meetings	February	October	25%	50%	Participation in relevant RFMO meetings involves four meetings during the year, each meeting corresponds to 25% completion of the activity.	
		2.1.3. Provide retailers and supply chain partners with updated information on RFMO resolutions and conservation measures	Nov '18	October	15%	50%	Under this activity, SFP provides updated information to retailers and supply chain partners on RFMO resolutions. Four updates (two per RFMO relevant meetings) will be counted.	
		2.2.1. Carry out preparatory meetings, groundwork and/or technical advice for Costa Rican and Ecuadorian delegations to participate in IATTC technical meetings	Nov '18	January	100%	100%	Under this activity in 2019, SFP will plan, organize and conduct one workshop with key stakeholders from ECU and CR.	
		2.2.2. Provide support to Ecuador and Costa Rica industry delegates during IATTC meetings	February	July	5%	10%	This activity will be considered completed when SFP provides support to industry delegates and to suppliers in two RFMO meetings in 2019.	
		2.2.3. Co-sponsor regional technical meetings in Costa Rica and Ecuador	February	October	10%	20%	This activity will be considered completed when SFP plans, organizes and conducts one technical meeting in Costa Rica/Ecuador with key priority policy asks agreed in 2019.	
		Outcomes 1 and 2 UNDP	Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist Contract International Coordinator GMC Contract	January	Dec.	n/a	This line does not correspond to an activity, but rather represents the payment of full time project staff salaries.	
PERCENT COMPLETE COMPONENT 1					31%	58%		
Component 2	Component 2	Enabling environments for sustainable marine commodities supply chains			Activity Implementation Progress Tracker			Comments
	Outcome	Activities	Timeline			Method for assigning completion percentage		



			Start Date	End Date	Percent Complete Q1	Percent Complete Q2		
3. Increased synergy and involvement of national and international players (i.e., retailers, traders, processors, fishermen and fisheries authorities) in sustainable seafood value chains. UNDP	3.1.2 International consultants Regional Technical Advisor (1 per region)		January	Dec.	25%	25%	The Regional Technical Advisors provide continuous assistance to the four platform coordinators throughout the year, and deliver quarterly iteration reports describing lessons learned from the process of proving technical assistance. Each quarterly iteration report represents 25% completion of this activity.	
	3.1.3 Gender Strategy Includes the consultant fee for Gender Strategy and costs to bring platform coordinators to Quito for Gender workshop		January	May	20%	25%	This consultancy has 4 phases: Contracting, deliverable 1, deliverable 2, and deliverable 3. Each phase account for 25% of the activity.	
	3.1.4 Communication Specialist/ Knowledge Management/		March	Dec.	n/a	n/a	This line does not correspond to an activity, but rather represents the payment of full time project staff salary.	
	3.1.5 Travel KM/Communication Specialist		January	July	0%	0%	This activity corresponds to the knowledge management/ communication specialist's trip to Galicia, Spain to cover the project stakeholder knowledge exchange event, and is considered complete upon completion of this field visit.	
	3.1.5 Training (stakeholders)		January	May	0%	0%	This activity will be considered completed when the project's contracted Gender specialist completes the Gender Strategy training in July 2019.	



	3.1.6 Updated GEF tracking tools	January	June	0%	50%	The project will carry out two updates to the GEF tracking tools in 2019: once at the end of Quarter 2, and another at the end of Quarter 4.	
	3.1.7 Project implementation report, PIR	June	August	0%	0%	This activity has two phases: submission of first draft PIR to UNDP CO (50%), and submission of final draft PIR to UN online system (50%).	
	3.1.8 Updated Project Indicators - Submit to RTA	January	February	100%	100%	This activity has three phases: 1) approval of indicators revision memo and framework by project steering committee, 2) data collection for calculation of updated indicator baseline scores 3) final submission of the indicator memo and framework to RTA	
	3.2.1 Travel Knowledge management (SFP+ UNDP)	March	July	0%	0%	This activity is considered complete when the GMC project stakeholders attend the knowledge exchange event to be hosted by SFP in Galicia, Spain.	
	Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist International Coordinator	January	Dec.	n/a	n/a	This line does not correspond to an activity, but rather represents the payment of full time project staff salaries.	
	PERCENT COMPLETE COMPONENT 2			21%	29%		
Component 3	Component 3	Demonstration fisheries improvement projects (FIP)			Activity Implementation Progress Tracker		Comments
	Outcome	Activities	Timeline		Percent Complete Q1	Percent Complete Q2	Method for assigning completion percentage
			Start date	End date			



4. Increased sustainability scores of marine commodities purchased from project fisheries. SFP	4.1.1. Keep up to date ratings of relevant FIPs	Nov '18	October	25%	50%	Completion of this activity corresponds to 12 updates performed.	
	4.1.2 Identify gaps in current FIP tracking tool	Nov '18	October	33%	35%	Completion of activity is based on three phases: 1) Identification of gaps in the current FIP tracking tool, 2) Providing feedback, and 3) Production of a report on lessons learned. Each phase account for 33% of activity completion.	
	4.1.3 Expand suppliers' use of FIP tracking tool	Nov '18	October	25%	50%	This is an ongoing regular activity. Whenever there are no delays in the implementation of actions, advance will be considered 25% per quarter.	
	4.2.1 Costa Rica FIPs	Nov '18	October	0%	50%	Completion based on implementation work with one FIP. Target for 2019 is to get FIP uploaded to FisheryProgress (50%), identify and provide support to selected FIP activities (50%).	
	4.2.2 Ecuador FIPs	Nov '18	October	20%	50%	Completion based on implementation of work with one FIP. Target for 2019 is to upload documents to FisheryProgress (50%), provide technical support to FIP (20%) and mobilize for market support to two other FIPs (15% each).	
	4.2.3 Philippines FIPs	Nov '18	October	0%	50%	Completion based on implementation work with two FIPs. Target for 2019 is to get baseline, workplan and FIP budgets of Octopus FIP ready to be uploaded to FisheryProgress (50%). Identifying appropriate support to BSC FIP and commence implementation (50%).	



	4.2.4. Coordinate MSC support	Nov '18	October	50%	75%	Completion based on implementation of MSC trainings in Ecuador (50%) and follow up field visit in Costa Rica and Ecuador (50% each).	
4 UNDP	Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist International Coordinator	January	Dec.	n/a	n/a	This line does not correspond to an activity, but rather represents the payment of full time project staff salaries.	
PERCENT COMPLETE COMPONENT 3				22%	48%		
Component 4 5. Reliable and verifiable information of target marine commodities is publicly available and is used by value chain stakeholders for decision making and engagement in fishery improvement projects SFP	Sustainable marine commodities information and knowledge management systems			Activity Implementation Progress Tracker			Comments
	Outcome	Activities	Timeline		Percent Complete Q1	Percent Complete Q2	Method for assigning completion percentage
			Start date	End date			
		5.1.1. Maintain profiles — considering that analyzing information gaps is part of the work of developing profiles	January	October	5%	11%	Completion of this activity based on 2019 annual target for maintaining 37 profiles.
		5.1.2. Develop new profiles for relevant fisheries	January	October	37%	37%	Completion of this activity based on 2019 annual target for developing 38 profiles.
		5.1.3. Install Metrics and provide training to new retail partners and their suppliers	January	October	25%	50%	This is an ongoing regular activity of SFP that depends on the training needs. Whenever there are no delays in the implementation of actions, advance will be considered 25% per quarter.
		5.2.1. Increase the number of scientists trained to contribute to FishSource operation	January	June	15%	50%	Completion of this activity will be achieved when the e-training modules are tested and feedback gathered.
		5.2.2. Design and operate Scientific Working Groups for target fisheries	April	June	0%	45%	Target for 2019 is that the work of two Scientific Working Groups is completed. Completion of each is 50%.



	5.3.1. Explore methods to get input from fishery stakeholders	January	October	0%	25%	Completion based on 1) designing surveys, 2) gathering survey responses and 3) conducting data analysis. Completion of each phase is 33%.	
	5.3.2 Once new FIPs are created, associate to FishSource profile when available	January	October	0%	0%	Target is to associate two project FIPs to FishSource: Costa Rica Large Pelagics and Ecuador Small Pelagics. Each FIP fully associated is considered 50% or activity completion.	
	5.3.3 Translate FS profiles into Spanish and Bahasa	January	October	35%	45%	Target for 2019 is to get the translation system fully operative.	
	5.3.4 Develop and link T75 analyses for key sectors to public information systems	January	October	15%	40%	This is an ongoing regular activity. Whenever there are no delays in the implementation of actions, advance will be considered 25% per quarter. However, activity is not accounted for before its approval by the Steering Committee in February 2019.	
6. Better knowledge management on mainstreaming sustainability into seafood value chains UNDP	6.1.1 Mid-Term Evaluation	August	Nov.	0%	0%	This consultancy has 5 phases: Contracting, deliverable 1, deliverable 2, deliverable 3 and deliverable 4. Each phase account for 20% of the activity.	
	6.1.2 Travel Green Growth Conference (GCP Conference)	January	Dec.	0%	100%	This activity corresponds to funding to cover travel of platform coordinators and other project staff to the Good Growth Conference in Peru, and is considered complete upon completion of this field visit.	
	6.1.3 Costa Rica Lessons Learned	February	May	0%	0%	This activity is carried out by the Costa Rica CO and has three phases 1) submission of first draft of lessons learned 2) presentation of lessons learned document to project stakeholders 3) submission of final draft lessons learned document.	



	6.1.4 Travel Field visits (Indonesia and Philippines)	January	May	0%	0%	This activity will be considered complete when the international project coordinator has carried out monitoring visits to both Indonesia and the Philippines (50% for each country).	
	6.1.5 Audiovisual Website maintenance and global project video	January	Dec.	66%	66%	This activity has 3 phases: 1) purchase of project camera and accessories, 2) purchase of annual adobe license, 3) filming and production of short informative videos about GMC project. Each phase accounts for 33% of activity completion.	
	6.1.6 IW:learn website updated (Exposure story)	January	March	0%	0%	This activity is considered complete when a 2019 exposure story on the GMC Project is published on the IW:Learn website.	
	6.1.7 Coordination meeting and SFP T75 Conference	February	February	100%	100%	This activity is considered complete when the IPCU and invited project stakeholder(s) attend both the coordination meeting and T75 conference in Miami, Florida.	
	6.1.8 Audit services for IPCU, including Micro-Assessment	February	April	50%	50%	This activity has two phases: 1) submission of final audit report and 2) submission of final micro-assessment report. Each phase account for 50% of activity implementation.	
	Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist International Coordinator	January	Dec.	n/a	n/a	This line does not correspond to an activity, but rather represents the payment of full-time project staff salaries.	
PERCENT COMPLETE COMPONENT 4				20%	36%		

