



**QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE PROGRESS OF
GLOBAL MARINE COMMODITIES (GMC) PROJECT 96079
Quarter: January – March 2019**

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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
SBAA	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 \$728,442.33 in expenditures, or approximately 24% of the total IPCU project budget. In 2019, the International Component reports expenditures of approximately 9% of the total annual budget (see figure 1). This amount does not include reimbursements of SFP for the first quarter of 2019, as the IPCU has not yet received the Funding Authorization and Certificate of Expenditures (FACE) report for this period.

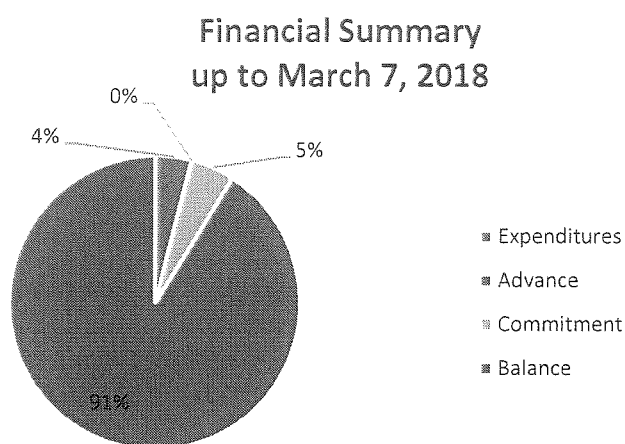


Figure 1: Financial summary up to March 7, 2019 of the total allocated budget for 2019.

The International Project Coordination Unit 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 Component activities as of Quarter 1, 2019

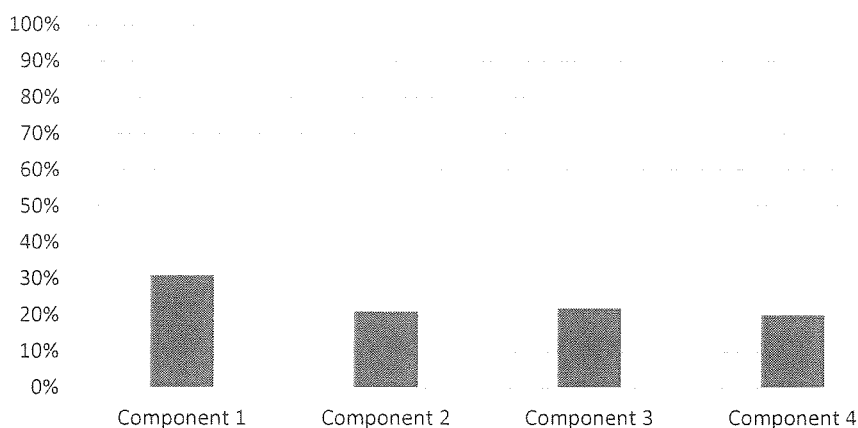


Figure 2: Percent completion of 2019 activities by project component

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 12% and 0% 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	\$ -	\$ 6,335.54	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,335.54	\$154,221.12	3.95%
Component 2	\$131,161.09		\$131,161.09	\$ -	\$ 7,342.36	\$ 41,700.00	\$ -	\$49,042.36	\$ 82,118.73	37.39%
Component 3	\$274,962.66	\$252,663.00	\$22,299.66	\$ -	\$ 3,353.70	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,353.70	\$271,608.96	1.22%
Component 4	\$320,611.54	\$231,738.00	\$88,873.54	\$ -	\$ 12,866.68	\$ -	\$ -	\$12,866.68	\$307,744.86	4.01%
Project Management	\$35,864.43		\$35,864.43	\$ -	\$ 6,218.18	\$ 3,978.00	\$ -	\$10,073.24	\$25,791.19	28.09%
Direct Project Cost	\$6,034.35		\$6,034.35	\$ -	\$ 790.01	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 790.01	\$ 5,121.40	15.13%



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Total Award	\$929,190.73	\$622,658.00	\$306,532.73	\$ -	\$ 36,906.47	\$ 45,678.00	\$ -	\$82,584.47	\$846,606.26	8.89%
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The IPCU has \$41,700 in commitments to pay for the consultancies of the Asia and Latin America regional advisors in 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 first trimester, as the FACE report has not yet been submitted for this period, and is expected to be submitted in June 2019.

Expenditures by activity up to March 7, 2019

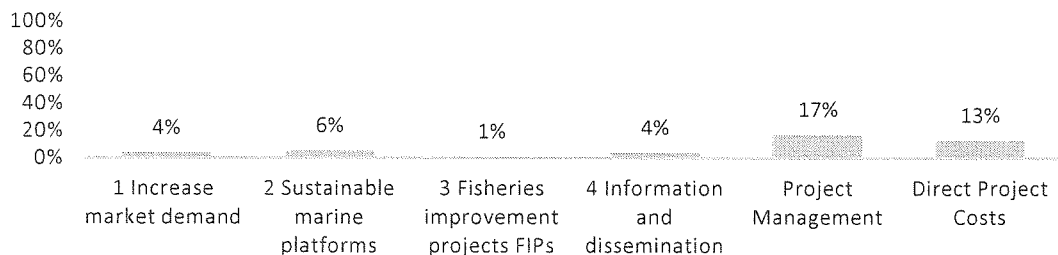


Figure 3: Current expenditures of the project per component

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	Expenditure (Expenses+ Commitment)	Balance
Costa Rica	\$ 2,600	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,600
Ecuador	\$ 204,556.37	\$ 39,469.96	\$ 165,086.41
Indonesia	\$ 308,107.00	\$ 26,434.00	\$ 281,673.00
Philippines	\$ 234,862.39	\$ 23,984.38	\$ 210,878.01

- **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



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out an exercise to collect and document lessons learned and best practices generated from project implementation. To date, these funds have not been utilized.

- **Ecuador:** Of a total 2019 budget of \$204,556.37, Ecuador GMC project counterparts report total expenditure and commitment of \$39,469.96 in the first quarter.
- **Indonesia:** Of a total 2019 budget of \$308,107.00, Indonesia GMC project counterparts report total expenditure of \$26,434.00 in the first quarter.
- **Philippines:** Of a total 2019 budget of \$234,862.39, Philippines GMC project counterparts report total expenditure of \$23,984.38 in the first quarter.

Delivery by GMC Project Country

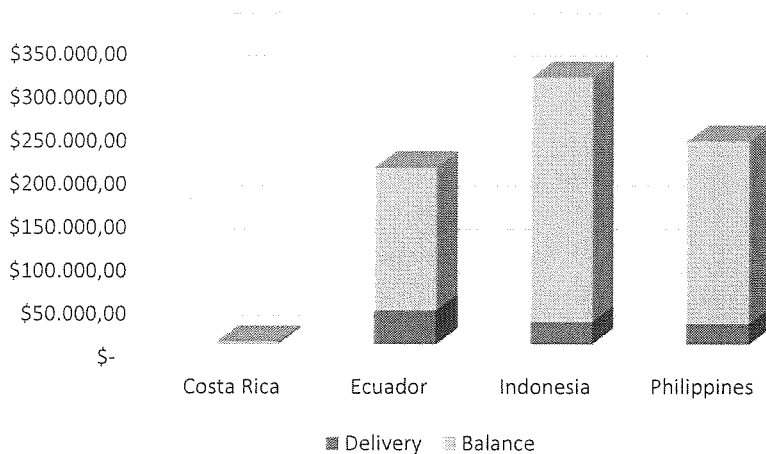


Figure 4: Implementation of annual budget by CO

I. 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 either in the form of hyperlinks to documents and folder 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 as well as a memo justifying the proposed indicator revisions, was submitted to the UNDP Latin America Regional Adviser on March 18, 2019 and will subsequently be submitted to the GEF for final review and approval. The IPCU expects that by the Q2 report, the Project Indicator Framework will be updated and that future quarterly reports will report against these updated indicators and revised targets.

Table 3: GMC Project Indicator Framework and Quarterly Advances Report

				Activity stopped
				Activity in progress
				Activity completed
				Activity not started
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)
MSC certified landings Baseline: 2012: 6.5 million	n/a	>7.0 million tonnes		LINKS (Links to documents/finished products or publications that support the fulfillment of result)
				9.75 million tonnes of MSC certified landings reported globally in 2017.
				The project has secured 0 tonnes of MSC certified landings to date.

tonnes (8% of marine capture)

While the global target for this indicator has indeed been met, the GMC project has not directly contributed to this achievement.

The following table presents the current FIP Stage and total landings in metrics tons of each project-supported FIP as listed on FisheryProgress.org. As the project provides targeted technical assistance to help establish or advance the specific work plans of the FIPs it supports, a progression in the FIP Stage is used as a proxy indicator to reflect the impact of project actions on the progression towards greater integration of sustainable fishing practices in target fisheries.

FIP Name	Country	FIP Stage (Nov. 2017)	FIP Stage (Dec. 2018)	Landings (Mt) 2018	FIP launch date
Mahi-Mahi Longline	ECU	5	5	9,672	Jan 2010
Eastern Pacific Ocean Tropical Tuna (TUNACONS)	ECU	4	4	113,568	July 2016
Purse Seine	ECU	n/a	n/a	Est. 500	Not yet listed
Yellowfin Tuna Pole and Line	ECU	n/a	n/a	Est. 300,000	Not yet listed
Small Pelagic Fish Purse Seine	PHI	4	4	13,000	May 2015
Blue Swimming Crab Bottom-set gillnet and box trap					

See evidence of GMC Project contribution to FIP implementation and stage progression in Indicator 4a Number of FIPs rated A.

Octopus	PHI	n/a	n/a	Est.	Not yet listed
Yellowfin Tuna Pole and Line	IND	4	4	TBD	Nov. 2017
Skipjack Tuna Pole & Line	IND	4	4	28,000	Nov. 2017
Blue Swimming Crab	IND	4	5	78,200	Oct. 2016
Gillnet/trap					
Large Pelagic Fish Longline	CR	n/a	0	Est. 2,500	Not yet listed
Estimated Total Landings of Project-Supported FIPs/Certified Fisheries				573,440	

RESULTS		Outcome 1		
PRODOC INDICADOR	Mid-term target	End-of-project target	Progress (color)	LINKS (Links to documents/finished products or publications that support the fulfillment of result)
a) Number of fisheries for the targeted commodities (tuna, large pelagics, blue swimming crab) that are sourced by SFP partners and their suppliers and	>10% increase	>20% increase	Increased global market demand for sustainable certified marine commodities and associated reduction of IUU fisheries	
			QUARTERLY ADVANCE (narrative in a concrete way that demonstrate progress based on results)	
			There has been a 226% increase since the project baseline (from 27 total fisheries at baseline to 88 in 2018). Tuna 63 (37 FIP, 26 MSC) LPF 15 (10 FIP, 5 MSC) BSC 8 (8 FIP)	
			In comparison to the previous quarterly report, we can observe a significant increase in the number of fisheries that are sourced by SFP partners. This is principally as a result of gathering new data for this indicator through an internal SFP Tableau system that was established to regularly collect and	



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that are either in a FIP or MSC certified.
Baseline:
Tuna 17 (11 FIP, 6 MSC)
LPF 7 (5 FIP, 2 MSC)
BSC 3 (all FIP)

report this data to the GMC Project. The previous instance that these data were updated for this indicator was in July 2018.

These data were collected during the current reporting period via a Tableau system that was established by SFP to report on GMC Project indicators. These numbers reflect the total number of MSC certified and FIP fisheries that were sourced by SFP partners in 2018. The IPCU will now receive quarterly updates to this indicator automatically generated by the Tableau system.

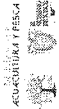
By recruiting new suppliers to a Supply Chain Roundtable (SR), SFP increases the chances that the supplier will begin sourcing from FIPs or MSC certified fisheries. A supply chain roundtable is essentially a forum for processors, importers, and others that buy directly from a specific seafood sector 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.

The following table provides an update regarding new partners who have joined an SFP-Supply Chain Roundtable (SR) during this reporting period. To date, SFP has engaged a total of 18 new supplier companies in the four relevant SRs.

Roundtable name	Joining partners this quarter	Comment

Mahi-mahi SR ³	6		
Global Fresh and Frozen Tuna Supply Chain Roundtable	0		<p>The following 6 companies confirmed their participation in the future mahi-mahi SR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D&E Import • Santa Monica Seafood • Stavis Seafood • US Food • Fortune Fish • Fortune Imports <p>A total of 15 companies were invited to join the SR meeting at the Boston Seafood Expo. We will provide follow up to these invitations during the next quarter and an update will be provided in the next report. New members who have joined the SR will be reported in the next quarterly report.</p>
Latin America Reduction Fisheries Supply Chain Roundtable	0		<p>A regular SR meeting was held in Santiago, Chile on 16th January 2019. Representatives of all current SR participants (Skretting, Vitapro, Los Fioridos and Cargill) attended the whole day event.</p>
Global Octopus Supply Chain Roundtable	1		<p>SR meeting to be held in at the Boston Seafood Expo and results will be reported in the next quarterly report. The Octopus purchasing company Pesfasa also joined the SR.</p>
<p><u>LA Reduction Fisheries SR Meeting Minutes</u></p> <p><u>Prezi Presentation</u></p>			

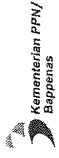
³ To avoid potential overlap between the fisheries covered by the EPO Large Pelagics SR and the Global Fresh and Frozen Tuna SR, SR leads and relevant staff at SFP held a series of internal discussions to better define the sectors. It was decided that the Eastern Pacific Ocean Supply Chain Roundtable 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.



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	bringing the total number of participant companies to 11.			
<p>b) Number of international seafood buyers ('buyers' = SFP partners plus suppliers to SFP partners) with sustainable seafood purchasing policies</p> <p>Baseline: 270</p>	<p>To date, the project has directly contributed to six (6) companies' adoption of sustainable seafood purchasing policies, bringing the total number of SFP partners/suppliers with sustainable seafood purchasing policies to 276.</p> <p>----- SFP has begun developing the first draft of the "sustainable seafood sourcing policy guidance toolkit" and has shared this draft internally. The draft was supposed to be shared with partners for consultation at the T75 Forum, however, this objective was not met due to the tight agenda of the SFP Buyer Engagement team during Q1 2019. Next step is to gather feedback internally and develop a draft version ready to share with partners for consultation.</p>	<p>SFP hosted the Target 75 Forum from February 6-7 which included public meetings, plenary sessions, workshops and some Supply Chain Roundtable (SR) meetings, where technical and procurement advice was provided to current and prospective retail and supplier SFP partners. See the link in adjoining column for the Forum agenda, general attendee list, and SFP Partners attendee list.</p>	<p>>279</p>	<p>>285</p>
				<p>Target 75 Forum Agenda, List of Attendees</p>

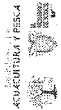
RESULTS		Outcome 2	
Increased global market demand for sustainable certified marine commodities and associated reduction of IUU fisheries		Increased global market demand for sustainable certified marine commodities and associated reduction of IUU fisheries	
PRODOC INDICADOR	Mid-term target	End-of-project target	Progress (color)
Number of buyers ('buyers' = SFP partners plus suppliers to SFP partners) with procurement policies for tuna that include support of more effective CMIMs for tuna, sharks and LPF in IATTC and WCPFC	>2 (IATTC = 1; WCPF C = 1)	>4 (IATTC = 2; WCPFC = 2)	Progress (color)
Baseline: 0 procurement policy letters			
<p>QUARTERLY ADVANCE (narrative in a concrete way that demonstrate progress based on results)</p> <p>To date, 33 buyers have signed two (2) procurement policy position statements from industry delegates 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). There are no new signed position statements from industry delegates to report this quarter.</p> <p><u>Indian Ocean Tuna Commission Letter</u></p> <p>SFP is actively engaged with the NGO Tuna Forum RFMO working group, which has prepared a strategy document for IOTC with a goal of the "Adoption of an effective rebuilding plan for yellowfin tuna at the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission meeting in May 2019. The 2019 RFMO engagement letter was finalized and circulated to FF Tuna SR participants. By end of February 2019, 11 SR participants agreed to sign on (33%). SFP is planning to circulate the letter to SFP partners and worked with Ocean Outcomes (O2) to finalize the NGO Tuna Forum "asks" of market actors. The final, signed letter will be presented in the next quarterly report.</p> <p><u>Engagement of SR participants to request improved CMIMs at the WCPFC</u></p> <p>SFP arranged for three SR-participating companies (Anova, Sea Delight, and NorPac) to attend the WCPFC meeting in December 2018 with the SFP delegation. One company took</p>		<p>LINKS to documents/finished products or publications that support the fulfillment of result</p> <p><u>SFP presentation at the RFMO Tuna working group</u></p> <p><u>Statement on improved management for mahi mahi and swordfish in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean</u></p> <p><u>Press Release on Signed Letter Presented at the WCPFC</u></p>	



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	<p>this opportunity to request that the Commission Members improve management advice on North Pacific swordfish and mahi mahi throughout the Western and Central Pacific Ocean. This statement was entered into the permanent record as an intervention by an observer.</p>	
	<p><u>Eastern Pacific Ocean Mahi Mahi</u> During the SR meeting held at the Global T75 Forum in February 2019, SFP emphasized the importance of developing a regional mahi group composed of producers and processors whose main role will be to advocate for needed policy changes at the regional level. SFP sought support from the SR to: A) get in touch with their suppliers for them to join the regional planned workshop of producers and processors from Ecuador, Costa Rica and Peru, and B) co-fund future activities of this group (depending on the outcomes of the workshop in Peru).</p>	
	<p><u>Mahi mahi industry leaders' workshop on IATTC Priorities</u> SFP convened and carried out a workshop aimed at educating industry leaders from producing countries (producers and processors) on measures required to improve the sustainability performance of key large pelagic fisheries at the IATTC level and to create a regional Mahi-mahi group composed of key actors from the private sector from producing Latin America countries. A workshop report (in Spanish) with the resulting position statement generated at the meeting to be shared at the IATTC and in-depth descriptions of discussions held is included in the evidence link.</p>	<p>COREMAHI workshop report</p>
<p>Global Fresh and Frozen Tuna SR Newsletter:</p>		
<p>December 2018 FF Tuna Newsletter</p>		

<p>RESULTS</p>				<p>A summary of the relevant advances at the RFMO level have been shared with SR participants through the December 2018 and February 2019 bimonthly newsletters. These newsletters were generated with financial support from the GMC Project.</p>	<p>February 2019 FF Tuna Newsletter</p>
<p>PRODOC INDICADOR</p>	<p>Number of Sustainable Marine Commodities Platforms</p>	<p>Baseline: 0</p>	<p>Mid-term target >6</p> <p>End-of-project target 9</p>	<p>Outcome 3 Increased synergy and involvement of national and international fishermen and fisheries authorities) in sustainable seafood value chains</p>	<p>LINKS (Links to documents/finished products or publications that support the fulfillment of result</p>
<p>Number of Sustainable Marine Commodities Platforms</p> <p>Baseline: 0</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>>6</p>	<p>To date, the GMC Project has facilitated the official launch of two (2) Sustainable Marine Commodity Platforms.</p> <p>Costa Rica – Large Pelagic Fish Platform Ecuador – Small Pelagic Fish Platform</p> <p>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.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Indonesia (IND): The project is supporting the creation of one fisheries national platform for the development of two national action plans (for BSC and Tuna). The project facilitated a meeting between key platform stakeholders to discuss platform structure, objectives, indicators of success, working groups and decision-making processes.</p> <p>In addition, Indonesia UNDP CO has contracted a consultant to perform the Platform Root Cause Analysis. The first draft of the Root Cause Analysis products will be presented at the end of March 2019.</p>	<p>QUARTERLY ADVANCE (narrative in a concrete way that demonstrate progress based on results)</p>	<p>Pre-platform launch meeting</p>



	<p>Costa Rica (CR): No new actions to report.</p> <p>Ecuador (ECU): The Small Pelagic Fish Platform was launched on November 26, 2018 at the first official platform meeting in Guayaquil, Ecuador. During this reporting period, the project approved the final deliverables for the Root Cause Analysis.</p> <p>The project also established a series of actions and a timeline in coordination with the Manta Tuna Pole and Line Association to integrate the fishery in the future Large Pelagic Platform. The expectation is to launch this platform before the end of 2019. The project team also met with WWF and representatives from the UNDP Coastal Fisheries Initiative to coordinate actions on the integration of the mahi-mahi fishery in the future large pelagic platform.</p>	<p>RCA Product 3 and RCA Product 4.</p> <p>Meeting minutes GMC Project with WWF</p>	<p>Philippines: In this reporting period the GMC Project team in Philippines reported progress toward establishing Technical Working Groups for both target commodities (BSC and Octopus) to serve as platforms for sustainability that will support implementation by providing technical advice and recommendations. It is proposed to hold a joint-TWG meeting for both platforms. The joint-TWG meeting aims for each platform to review and approve activities under the GMC Philippines (GMC-PHI) that can be conducted for 2019 in support of mainstreaming sustainability in their respective marine commodities.</p> <p>Joint BSC and Octopus Technical Working Group Meeting Minutes</p>
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Number of Sustainable Fisheries Action Plans under implementation on Baseline: 4

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There are currently five (5) project-supported National Sustainable Fisheries Action Plans (SFAP)/National Action Plans (NAPs) under implementation.⁴

During this reporting period, the project provided financial and technical support to the development of two (2) draft SFAP/NAPs (Philippines - Octopus and Ecuador - Tuna). The project also worked with the stakeholders of five (5) already established SFAP/NAPs to harmonize these plans with GCP methodological and technical guidance, national authority priorities, and/or advance their implementation.

The following table summarizes the status and project contributions to target NAPs.

SFAP/ NAP	Country	Status	Comments
Mahi-Mahi	ECU	Under Implementation	The update to the mahi-mahi national action plan will be carried out by the Coastal Fisheries Initiative (CFI), with technical support from GMC project. The project helped develop terms of reference for the action plan update.
Tuna	ECU	In development	The draft NAP for Tuna in Ecuador is expected to be developed by the TUNACONS FIP and socialized within the first semester of 2019. The GMC project will help establish the Large Pelagic Platform in 2019 where the NAP will be socialized and approved by stakeholders,

Meeting minutes and agreements CFI/GMC Project regarding mahi mahi

Terms of reference for national action diagnosis and update

Meeting minutes and agreements CFI/GMC Project regarding Pole and Line Tuna

⁴ Ecuador NAP for Shark; Ecuador NAP for Mahi-Mahi; Indonesia NAP for Tuna; Indonesia NAP for Blue Swimming Crab; and Philippines NAP for Blue Swimming Crab.

Small Pelagic Fish	ECU	In development	and the project will then fund the monitoring committee to oversee the implementation of the plan during the life of the project.
Large Pelagic Fish	CRI	Launched, to begin implementation in 2019	In coordination with the Ministry of Production, SFP and the GMC Project Regional Advisor, the project developed the Terms of Reference for the facilitation of the Platform technical working groups and creation of the National Action Plan.
Tuna	IND	Under Implementation ⁵	The National Action Plan (NAP) was officially published/launched on November 28, 2018.
BSC	IND	Under Implementation	No progress to report this quarter
BSC	PHI	Under Implementation	The BSC TWG agreed there is an opportunity to strengthen the BSC data gathering system and explore how the current BSC assessment method could be improved, as part of the BSC FIP.
Octopus	PHI	To be developed	No progress to report this quarter.

Terms of Reference for facilitator of NAP for Small Pelagic Fishery

⁵ These NAPs already exist and have been adopted by the government of Indonesia. In the following quarter we hope to have more concrete evidence to support the type of assistance that the project is providing to improve the NAPs.

RESULTS

Outcome 4

Increased sustainability scores of marine commodities purchased from project fisheries

PRODOC INDICADOR

Number of FIPs rated 'A' (exceptional progress)

Baseline: 1 (PHI BSC)

Progress (color)

>8

End-of-project target

>3

Mid-term target

>8

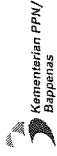
QUARTERLY ADVANCE (narrative in a concrete way that demonstrate progress based on results)

There are currently two (3) FIPs that have an A rating. -----
The data for this indicator is generated by monthly FIP reviews carried out by SFP and published on the public database www.FisheryProgress.org.
The following table presents the status of the FIPs currently supported by the GMC Project.

FIP	Country	Progress Grade	Summary of project actions taken this quarter.
Mahi Mahi - longline	ECU	A	The GMC Project carried out a meeting between the Ecuador Platform Coordinator, the Coastal Fisheries Initiative and the WWF representative working on the mahi mahi FIP to coordinate ways in which the Ecuador national platform for large pelagics can support specific aspects of FIP implementation. In addition, the FIP made the decision to enter full MSC Assessment. See evidence and more description in indicator 4c.
Tuna Pole and Line	ECU	Not yet listed	The Tuna Pole and Line Association needs to determine whether it aims for Fair Trade or MSC certification and update its FIP workplan accordingly.

LINKS (Links to documents/finished products or publications that support the fulfillment of result)

[Meeting minutes, GMC Project with WWF](#)



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<p><u>News story on GMC Project Participation in the T75 Forum</u></p>																																																						<p><u>1st progress report stock assessment expert</u></p> <p><u>2nd progress report, stock assessment expert, workshop report</u></p>
<p>During the Global T75 in Miami Florida, held February 6-7, 2019, the producer's association Cañeros de Manta were invited to present the steps they are taking to improve the sustainability of fisheries to international seafood buyers and retailers. The Association's president Augusto López participated in a specific panel presenting their prospective FIP initiative.</p>	<p>Small Pelagic Fish</p>	<p>ECU</p>	<p>N/A – Because this FIP is a Basic FIP oriented to obtain IFFO RS certificati on, it will not be reported through FisheryPro gress.org.</p>	<p>Several relevant agreements have been reached among FIP members during this reporting period, including: 1) development and assignment of the FIP representatives and final governance structure solidified in a signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU); 2) Funding mechanism whereby all FIP participants will fund project implementation; 3) Mechanism of accepting new participants in the FIP; and 4) Project implementation: hydro acoustic survey carried out to inform stock analysis.</p>	<p>In addition, in close coordination with Cámara Nacional de Pesquería of Ecuador (producers and processors association) and Instituto Nacional de Pesca (public research institution), SFP identified a contracted a stock assessment expert to lead the Scientific Working Group. As part of the work, a first field visit was carried out by the expert to INP offices in Guayaquil</p>																																																	



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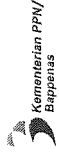
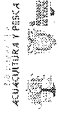
					between 28 th January and 7 th February 2019.
BSC / bottom-set gillnet and box trap	PHI	A			Participation in the blue swimming crab and octopus joint technical working group (TWG) 14 February 2019. The TWG agreed there is an opportunity to strengthen the BSC data gathering system and explore how the current BSC assessment method could be improved, as part of the BSC FIP. A commitment was made to develop terms of reference to hire a consultant that will establish/strengthen the data gathering system and an assessment methodology for octopus/BSC.
Octopus	PHI	Not yet listed			Held the Filipino Octopus Industry workshop on March 6 in Manila. This workshop was an opportunity to introduce SFP to the producers, explain FIPs with details about different stages, to present the octopus global market situation and the octopus FIP scoping document, and to explore support from the local industry; and to officially constitute the national association of octopus' producers and exporters.
Yellowfin Tuna Pole & Line	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 (AP2HI) will supply the HS/HCR development with necessary data such catch effort, primary/secondary/ETP species, habitat and ecosystem impacts.
BSC / gillnet-trap	IND	A			
					PHI Octopus Workshop Presentation PHI Octopus Producers Association Official Constitution PHI Octopus Association Meeting Minutes
					Focus Group Discussion for the BSC FIP



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<p>Private investment in FIPs Baseline: US\$250,000/year</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>>US\$1,500,000/year</p>				<table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="339 1312 531 1435">Large Pelagic Fish</td> <td data-bbox="339 1189 531 1312">CR</td> <td data-bbox="339 1066 531 1189">Not yet listed</td> </tr> </table>	Large Pelagic Fish	CR	Not yet listed	<p>Specific to BSC, as part of the indicator in MSC Principle 3 on governance, coordination with the local government will be expected to accelerate the process to develop collaborative BSC management.</p> <p>First draft pre-assessment completed, final draft nearly completed. FIP workplan consultation completed. FIP will be launched and presented at the Boston Seafood Expo and FIP information will be uploaded to FisheryProgress during the upcoming quarter.</p>	<p>Final Draft (not yet published) LPF FIP Pre-assessment</p>
Large Pelagic Fish	CR	Not yet listed									
<p>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).</p> <p>Costa Rica Large Pelagic FIP: Buyers who source from the FIP made a commitment to contribute 1% of their total purchases from the fishery for the implementation of the FIP. This amounts to approximately \$30,000 per year. However, the commitment has not yet been made public. A formal MoU is expected to be released during the 2nd Quarter of 2019.</p> <p>Ecuador Small Pelagics FIP: As reported in indicator 4a, at a meeting of the FIP participants attended by SFP, an MOU was signed committing the companies comprising the FIP to</p>											

Breakdown of cost commitments by FIP participant



<p>Number of fisheries in certification process (have entered process, undergoing assessment, or have been certified)</p> <p>Baseline: Fisheries entered into certification process: 0</p>	<p>>2</p>	<p>>3</p>	<p>contribute funds for the implementation of the FIP workplan. See the breakdown of cost commitments by FIP participating company.</p> <p>The Ecuador UNDP Country Office facilitated initial discussions between CFI and Grupo Garavillas, the Ecuadorian company that manages the Isabel canned tuna production in Ecuador, regarding ways in which the company might support the Tuna Pole and Line Association FIP. The collaboration is still in the exploratory phase, but we will continue to provide updates in future quarterly reports.</p> <p>Philippines FIPs: No progress to report to date.</p> <p>Indonesia FIPs: No progress to report to date.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>During the reporting period:</p> <p>a) The mahi mahi FIP, which has been led and implemented by WWF and private sector partners for the last 9+ years, made the decision to enter into full assessment in this reporting period. The GMC Project will help the mahi mahi fishery meet requirements for adequate multi-stakeholder consultation and decision-making processes under Principle 3 of the MSC standards by including the mahi mahi sector in the Ecuador Large Pelagic platform to be launched later in 2019.</p>	<p>MSC Website page on the Ecuador mahi-mahi fishery</p>
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<p>MSC & FishSource scores</p> <p>Baseline:</p> <p><u>CRI Mahi Mahi</u> score 1: <6 score 2: <6 score 3: <6 score 4: ≥6 score 5: ≥6</p> <p><u>CRI Tuna Yellowfin</u> score 1: ≥6 score 2: ≥6 score 3: ≥8 score 4: 7.3 score 5: 8.0</p> <p><u>Bigeye</u> score 1: ≥6 score 2: ≥6 score 3: ≥8 score 4: 8.3</p>	<p>Baseline FishSource scores for all fisheries;</p> <p>For 50% of the target fisheries (50% = 5 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>	<p>For 80% of the target 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>	<p>b) SFP facilitated Four training sessions, two in Guayaquil with stakeholders of the small pelagics fishery and the Instituto Nacional de Pesca, and two in Manta, including staff of the undersecretary of fisheries and a second one participated by stakeholders of the small pelagics, tuna pole and line and mahi mahi fishery. The workshops were held the week of February 25-March 1, and were led by the Latin America Manger for MSC in Guayaquil and Manta. The workshop focused on the conditions required to be in place in order for a fishery to meet MSC standards in a full assessment.</p>	<p>Workshop participant lists</p>
<p>4 of the 10 fisheries measured at baseline have seen at least 2 FishSource criteria improve by at least one grade (40%).</p> <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 continues to support FIPs associated with the fisheries covered by this indicator. See evidence under Indicator 4a <i>Number of FIPs rated 'A'</i> to support actions taken by the project to improve the status of these fisheries.</p> <p>In addition, the project continues to advance the development of FishSource profiles. To date, the project has developed 12 FishSource profiles, and is working to develop an additional 5.</p>	<p>1. PHI Octopus nei – Traps 2. PHI Octopus nei – Vertical lines 3. PHI Octopus nei – Harpoons</p>	<p>1. PHI Octopus nei – Traps 2. PHI Octopus nei – Vertical Lines 3. PHI Octopus – Harpoons</p>	<p>1. PHI Octopus – Traps 2. PHI Octopus - Vertical Lines 3. PHI Octopus – Harpoons</p>	<p>1. PHI Octopus – Traps 2. PHI Octopus - Vertical Lines 3. PHI Octopus – Harpoons</p>



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<p>score 5: >8.2</p> <p><u>Skipjack</u> score 1: >6; score 2: >6; score 3: >8; score 4: 9.2; score 5: >8</p> <p><u>ECU Mahi Mahi</u> score 1: <6 score 2: <6 score 3: <6 score 4: >6 score 5: >6</p> <p><u>ECU Bigeye Tuna</u> score 1: >6 score 2: >6 score 3: >8 score 4: 8.3 score 5: 8.2</p> <p><u>ECU Purse Seine Tuna</u> - Score 1: >6 score 2: >6 score 3: >8 score 4: 9.2 score 5: >8</p> <p><u>PHI BSC</u> score 1: >6 score 2: >6 score 3: <6 score 4: NA score 5: <6</p> <p><u>PHI Octopus</u></p>	<p>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</p> <p>The development of the following five new GFPs will be completed before mid-2019:</p> <p>13. Bigeye tuna - Eastern Pacific (1 Ecuador gear flag profile) 14-17. Yellowfin tuna - Eastern Pacific Ocean (3 Ecuador gear flag profiles and 1 Costa Rica gear flag profile)</p> <p>In 2019, plans have been finalized for updating/ maintaining 16 top node (Stock, Assessment Unit, or Management Unit) profiles and 21 gear-flag-profiles will be. In the next quarterly reports, links for the updated/ maintained profiles will be included.</p> <p>Also, in this reporting period the following profiles were updated: Chilean jack mackerel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SE Pacific (Stock level) https://www.fishsource.org/stock_page/756 • Ecuador EEZ, Ecuador (1 gear-flag profile) https://www.fishsource.org/fishery_page/5789 	<p>4. <u>Frigate Tuna</u> 5. <u>Pacific Chub Mackerel</u> 6. <u>Blue Spotted Cornetfish</u> 7. <u>Largehead hairtail</u> 8. <u>Red-eye round herring</u> 9. <u>Searobins nei</u> 10. <u>Shortfin scad</u> 11. <u>Thread herrings nei</u> 12. <u>Pacific Anchoveta</u></p>
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no FishSource profile/scores at baseline

IND_BSC

- score 1: <6
- score 2: <6
- score 3: NA
- score 4: NA
- score 5: <6

IND Tuna

- score 1: ≥8
- score 2: ≥6
- score 3: <6
- score 4: 9.0
- score 5: 9.2

IND Snapper

- score 1: <6
- score 2: NA
- score 3: <6
- score 4: NA
- score 5: <6

CRI Mahi Mahi

Improvement of scores 2 and 3.

Fishery	Criteria	Score as of Sept 2018	Change since baseline
Common Dolphinfish Eastern Pacific Ocean – Drifting Longlines	1	<6	0
	2	≥6	+1
	3	≥6	+1
	4	Not yet scored	n/a
	5	Not yet scored	n/a

Common Dolphinfish Eastern Pacific Ocean (Mahi-Mahi)

CRI Tuna, Yellowfin

Improvement of scores 1, 4 and 5.

Fishery	Criteria	Score as of Sept 2018	Change since baseline
CRI Yellowfin Tuna Eastern Pacific Ocean	1	≥8	+2
	2	≥6	0
	3	≥6	-2
	4	10	+2.7
	5	8.6	+0.6

Yellowfin Tuna Eastern Pacific Ocean

CRI Tuna, Bigeye

Improvement of score 1.

Fishery	Criteria	Score as of Sept 2018	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

Bigeye Tuna Eastern Pacific Ocean

Fishery	Criteria	Score as of Sept 2018	Change since baseline
CRI Tuna, Skipjack No improvement.	1	≥ 6	0
	2	≥ 6	0
	3	≥ 6	-2
	4	≥ 8	-1.2
	5	≥ 8	0
ECU Mahi Mahi Improvement of scores 2 and 3. This is considered the same fishery as CRI Mahi-Mahi.			
Common Dolphinfish Eastern Pacific Ocean – Drifting Longlines	1	<6	0
	2	≥ 6	+1
	3	≥ 6	+1
	4	Not yet scored	n/a
	5	Not yet scored	n/a
ECU Bigeye Tuna Improvement of score 1. This is considered the same fishery as CRI Bigeye Tuna.			
ECU Bigeye Tuna, Eastern Pacific Ocean – Drifting Longlines	1	≥ 8	+2
	2	≥ 6	0
	3	≥ 6	-2
	4	8.1	-0.1
	5	7.4	-0.6
ECU Purse Seine Tuna Improvement in score 1.			
Fishery	Criteria	Score as of Sept 2018	Change since baseline

Skipjack Tuna, Eastern Pacific Ocean

Common Dolphinfish Eastern Pacific Ocean (Mahi-Mahi)

Bigeye Tuna Eastern Pacific Ocean

ECU Purse Seine, Eastern Pacific Ocean	1	≥ 8	+2
	2	≥ 6	0
	3	≥ 6	-2
	4	8.1	-1.1
	5	7.4	-0.6

PHI Blue Swimming Crab

No improvement.

Fishery	Criteria	Score as of Sept 2018	Change since baseline
PHI Blue Swimming Crab	1	≥ 6	0
	2	≥ 6	0
	3	< 6	0
	4	< 6	n/a
	5	< 6	0

IND Blue Swimming Crab

2 of 5 FishSource criteria improved by at least one level.

Fishery	Criteria	Score as of Sept 2018	Change since baseline
IND Blue Swimming Crab	1	≥ 6	+1
	2	≥ 6	+1
	3	< 6	n/a
	4	< 6	n/a
	5	< 6	0

IND Tuna

No improvement.

Fishery	Criteria	Score as of Sept 2018	Change since baseline
IND Bigeye Tuna	1	≥ 6	-2
	2	≥ 6	0
	3	< 6	+1
	4	7.6	n/a
	5	7.6	n/a

The project is not supporting the Snapper fishery in Indonesia that was measured at baseline.

ECU Purse Seine Tuna

PHI Blue Swimming Crab

IND Blue Swimming Crab Java Sea

IND Bigeye Tuna Purse Seine

RESULTS											
PRODOC INDICADOR	Number of registered users Baseline: 2270 FishSource: 2270 (individuals) Metrics: 472 (Number of companies subscribed – the number of registered individuals/e employees for each company will vary by	Mid-term target FS: >15% increase Metrics: >10% increase	End-of-project target FS: >25% increase, Metrics: >20% increase	Progress <i>(color)</i>	Outcome 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	QUARTERLY ADVANCE (narrative in a concrete way that demonstrate progress based on results)	As reported in the project PIR from 2018, the number of registered FishSource users has increased by 214% from baseline levels (from 2270 to 7135 individuals) and the number of Metrics users has increased by 173% from baseline levels (from 472 to 1287 users). The IPCU M&E specialist established a system with SFP by which data for this indicator will be reported to the IPCU on a quarterly basis. This indicator will be updated in the Quarter 2 report of 2019.	On-boarding of LIDL Spain suppliers in Metrics has continued this quarter (in total, 18 users have been on-boarded for frozen seafood). On-going support via emails and calls is typically required for many suppliers.	FishSource PHI Octopus Traps FishSource PHI Octopus Vertical Lines FishSource PHI Octopus Harpoons		

company size and their management structure)

Number of visitors (average visitors per month to the site)
Baseline:
FishSource: 1,875 FIP
Directory: 282
MSC website: NA

>15% increase

>30% increase

During this quarter SFP continued the process of on-boarding new Lidl suppliers, specifically focusing on the canned seafood suppliers. In-person training was provided to three suppliers, call-training was provided to two suppliers, and five suppliers completed registration for upcoming metrics use. Training for three new canned seafood suppliers is anticipated in March 2019. We expect having the totality of the eight canned seafood suppliers reporting regularly in 2019-Q2.

Site	Average monthly site visitors	
	Baseline	Q1 2019
FishSource.org	1,875	5,397
FisheryProgress.org (FIP Directory)	282	n/a
		1,837

The IPCU M&E Specialist has now established a Tableau reporting mechanism with SFP by which the GMC Project will receive quarterly updates regarding the number of visitors to the FishSource website. During this reporting period, FishSource reported a total of 16,192 users of its website. This is an average of 5,397 users/month, which represents a 188% increase since baseline.

FisheryProgress (formerly known as the FIP Directory), reported 5,510 users of its website during the period of December 2018 – February 2019. This is an average of 1837 users/month, which represents a 551% increase since baseline. Representatives from the FishChoice FisheryProgress team were invited to speak at the SFP Target 75 Forum in Miami, Florida in early February 2019. FisheryProgress was presented as a tool to the private sector

[FishSource Website Use Report](#)

[FisheryProgress Website Use Report](#)

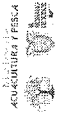
[Target 75 Agenda and List of Participants](#)



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<p>Level of satisfaction (in terms of meeting user expectations) of information users for each site Baseline: FishSource: NA Metrics: NA MSC: NA FIP Directory: NA</p>	<p>average = 2</p>	<p>average = 2.5</p>	<p>and NGO participants at the forum, and is regularly presented and promoted amongst project stakeholders and beneficiaries as a critical reporting tool to present FIP progress. There are links to the FisheryProgress platform on the GMC Project website.</p>	<p>GMC Project Website FisheryProgress Page</p>
<p>Quality level for the profiles for each group/sector (e.g., quality of tuna profiles), based on review by independent</p>	<p>baseline for all target marine commodities</p>	<p>One grade level increase by group/sector (assuming not)</p>	<p>No actions to report from this quarter.</p> <p>The GMC IPCU is currently working with SFP and FishChoice to develop an online survey questionnaire to measure FishSource, FisheryProgress and Metrics user satisfaction. This survey will be applied in two distinct moments and will be distributed amongst appropriate SFP partners and the wider user community. The survey will inquire regarding whether each platform/tool meets, exceeds or fails to meet expectations regarding three categories: content, organizations and navigation.</p> <p>In this quarter, the IPCU developed draft questionnaires for each of the three platforms/tools and they have been circulated amongst project counterparts. The IPCU is aiming to implement the first survey with users of all three platforms before the PIR this year.</p>	<p>n/a</p>

experts, with each sector graded A, B or C. Baseline: 0	grade A)			
RESULTADOS				
R1: Outcome 6 Better knowledge management on mainstreaming sustainability into seafood value chains				
PRODOC INDICADOR	Mid-term target	End-of-project target	Progress (color)	QUARTERLY ADVANCE (narrative in a concrete way that demonstrate progress based on results)
Number of visitors of best practice documents Baseline: 0	>750 total	>1500 total	To date, there have been 0 visitors to best practice documents. No best practice documents have been developed by the project during the previous quarter. However, the project has taken important steps toward the generation of lessons learned and development of best practice documents. For example, the Latin America Regional Advisor submitted two iterations of a Lessons Learned Log detailing recommendations to improve the design and implementation of sustainable marine commodity platforms. In addition, the project's Asia Regional Advisor was hired in early January 2019 and will submit his first iteration report of lessons learned by the end of March 2019.	Latin America Regional Advisor Lessons Learned Log
			In addition, the IPCU reached an agreement with the Costa Rica UNDP CO to carry out a lessons learned gathering process with the project stakeholders and beneficiaries (both FIP and National Platform participants). 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 and	



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	<p>presented in the upcoming quarter at the Good Growth Conference in Peru. This document will be validated in Peru, final edits will be made, and it will be published on the project international website as the first best practice document emitted by the project.</p>	
<p>Level of utility of best practice documents Baseline: 0</p>	<p>2 average</p> <p>2.5 average</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. The project will generate tools for users to easily rate the level of utility of this documentation and provide feedback in the second quarter of 2019.</p>	<p>Library_section</p>



II. CONTRIBUTIONS TO STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

a) South-South and / or Triangular Cooperation Initiatives: With assistance from the IPCU, the Costa Rica Platform Coordinator and CO will be developing a lessons learned document in the upcoming quarter. This document will be socialized with GMC Project stakeholders in Ecuador, Indonesia and the Philippines, and will be presented in a workshop setting in Lima Peru in May 2019 to the same audience. It is hoped that this document will serve as a first opportunity for project stakeholders to learn from Costa Rica’s experience in designing and facilitating its national platform and developing the National Action Plan.

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).

GMC uses the UNDP-Green Commodities Programme methodology; however, the project is constantly adapting its model in such a way that it is testing different co-management systems. One of the project objectives is to create a national action plan based on participatory dialogue, which will only be achieved by strengthening networking and collaboration among stakeholder institutions at the national level. The project is also carrying out a thorough analysis to understand the conditions that favor different fisheries co-management systems.

c) Promotion of the gender approach: The GMC Project aims to mainstream gender equality throughout the seafood platforms and the FIPs it supports. To do this, the first key step is to implement a participatory process to identify gender mainstreaming issues of concern and to develop agreed upon strategies to promote gender equality through project activities. The IPCU is currently in the process of selecting the Gender specialist to conduct the Gender Strategy for the project. By next quarter, the project will be developing its Gender Strategy and monitoring plan and will be developing plans to conduct a complete training to unpack the Strategy and provide 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.

National platforms have begun recording gender participation in each session (i.e. Ecuadorian platform launching, see Systematization Report). The following table summarizes the gender balance in Sustainable Fishery Commodity Platform and Technical Working Group meetings held by the project to date.



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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%	Link forthcoming

As part of the gender strategy, the project will monitor the presence of women in the highest decision-making processes established in the project, the fishery platforms and the FIPs, and recommend appropriate measures to mitigate or address issues identified.

d) Inclusion of traditionally excluded sectors: Fishers and women are included in dialogues and decision making surrounding the design and implementation of national commodity platforms, FIPs and NAPs. The project is strengthening efforts to include artisanal fishers into the dialogue platforms.

e) Target 75 Forum: The international project coordination unit participated in the Target 75 Forum in Miami, Florida February 6-7, 2019. GMC presented the international and national Ecuadorian project model, activities and results to date, and also facilitated the presentation of a video sent to the forum by the Ecuadorian National Chamber of Fisheries. In addition, the IPCU invited the President of the Manta Tuna Pole and Line Association to present the Association's intention to engage in a FIP and to meet potential buyers. A summary article of the project's participation can be found [here](#). Please visit the [Target 75 Initiative](#) page on the SFP website for more information.

f) Project Steering Committee Meeting: The GMC Project held its second Project Steering Committee meeting on February 19 via the Zoom Platform, and among other things, the committee selected a new chairperson, approved the Annual Budget and Work Plan for 2019, and approved the GMC Project indicator revisions memo that will now be submitted to the GEF for consideration. Meeting agreements, minutes and a video recording of the meeting can be found [here](#).



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 November-December 2018. The FACE report has not yet been validated, but once it is, these reimbursements will be processed entered in 2019 expenditures.
- The GMC project requires better clarification regarding the UNDP HACT procedures, which will help better anticipate future audits. The project is currently finalizing an audit at the time of writing this quarterly report, and as per the IPCU's understanding of the HACT processes, the audit should only have examined SFPs financial mechanisms. A recommendation for the future is that the UNDP CO office should communicate the project audit rules clearly to the IPCU regarding the scope and periodicity of any audits.
- The finance and administrative specialist left the project in February 2019. This has created delays in submitting and processing the FACE report. No other member of the IPCU has sufficient experience nor knowledge of how to process the FACE, and therefore delays will be expected.
- The project has determined that it has enough budget to carry out a no-cost extension until June 2021. Indonesia will have funding until the end of 2021, and so a negotiation process will be required to determine how to perform project close out accordingly (transfer responsibility to Indonesia CO to close out the project, or request that Indonesia speed up their implementation to complete by June 2021).

Implementation

- The IPCU is currently coordinating with the Costa Rica UNDP Sustainable Development Program Official to ensure the capture of lessons learned from GMC project activities in the country is carried out.
- In the Philippines, the project facilitated the creation of the Philippine Cephalopods Producers and Exporters Association (PCPEA) and the Association appointed its president and board members and endorsed the Philippines Octopus FIP.
- The Ecuador Platform Coordinator has officially left the project as of the writing of this report. The IPCU and Ecuador CO is currently coordinating closely with the Ministry of Production and the Sub-secretary of Aquaculture and Fisheries to determine an appropriate strategy for replacing the platform coordinator. A replacement is expected to be hired in June 2019.
- In Indonesia, the Platform Coordinator and Platform Advisor met to develop a roadmap for the platform launch, which is scheduled to take place in later March or early April 2019. Technical working groups for blue swimming crab and tuna have been established.



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- The Ecuador Small Pelagics FIP completed the pre-FIP phase and advanced project implementation. As part of the scientific support provided by SFP, an internationally renowned expert in stock assessment has been engaged to provide scientific support to the FIP.
- The Costa Rica Large Pelagics FIP design phase has been completed. The pre-assessment, workplan and budgets are available and internal discussions have advanced to develop a co-funding mechanism and a final arrangement for project implementation. Baseline documents will be uploaded to FisheryProgress.org in Q2. SFP has provided support for the development of a dedicated event to Fisheries Sustainability Initiatives at Boston SENA.
- Important advances have been made in the development of an octopus FIP in the Philippines, including the agreement by key processors and exporters to develop a national association that would be instrumental in the implementation of a FIP. A baseline document analyzing the sustainability issues faced by the fishery has been developed along with a workplan. Discussions have also been advanced with regards SFP planned scientific support.
- SFP has positively advanced its regional Mahi-mahi work, including the development of a regional group of Mahi-mahi producers and processors that is expected to be instrumental in advocating for policy change at the IATTC level and to contribute to support the development and establishment of regional management rules for Mahi-mahi.

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

- The Green Commodities Programme will be hosting the Good Growth Conference in Lima and Tarapoto, Peru from May 13-17 as an opportunity for practitioners working to integrate sustainability into global supply chains across the world to come together, share best practices and knowledge and network. The GMC Project platform coordinators, IPCU, Regional Advisors and national government authority counterparts will attend the conference and will participate in a project-specific knowledge management session and the Gender Strategy workshop.
- The GMC project will finalize initiate the Mid Term Evaluation consultancy
- The GMC project will develop its gender strategy and train platform coordinators on its use and their responsibilities that it sets out.

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	\$19,000	IC	30	Final selection underway	no
Asia Regional Advisor	International Consultants	Individual Consultant	\$30,000	IC		Contract signed and activities underway	Si



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

The 2019 project workplan and budget were discussed and approved by the Steering Committee along with revised indicators.

The Asia Regional Advisor has begun working with the platform coordinators in Indonesia and the Philippines and has carried out a visit to Jakarta to work face to face with the platform coordinator there. The [GMC Project website](#) has now been launched and houses several news stories and valuable information about the project. The communication specialist effectively disseminated project results through the creation of a project factsheet, brochure and through various publications of press releases, stories and visual media via the Project's Facebook and Twitter accounts.

The Costa Rica Large Pelagics FIP design advanced positively and all relevant supporting documentation will soon be uploaded to the FisheryProgress website. The Octopus producers and exporters of the Philippines convened a meeting with the assistance of GMC and [formed their Association](#) to lead the development of the FIP. The GMC project also invited the Octopus Association president to the Boston Seafood Expo to present the intention to initiate the FIP to potential buyers in the Global Octopus Supply Chain Roundtable organized by SFP.

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 March 2019 [GMC Project Communication Strategy](#).



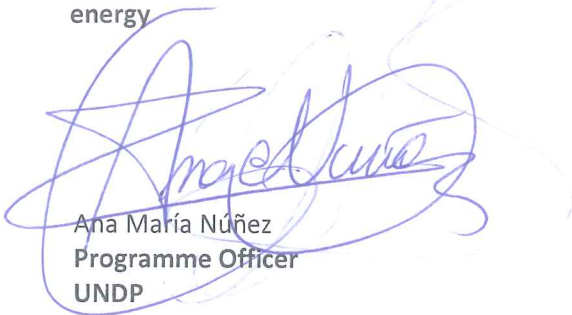
VIII. SUMMARY OF MANAGEMENT RESPONSES TO RISKS AND PROBLEMS

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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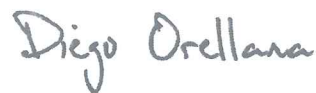


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Annex 1: GMC IPCU Activity Progress Tracker Matrix

Component 1	Promotion of global demand for sustainable marine commodities		Activity Implementation Progress Tracker				
	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%		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%		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%		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 measures through engagement of international value chains. SFP	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%		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.	
	2.1.2. Participate in relevant RFMO meetings	February	October	25%		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%		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.	



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	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%		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%		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%		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%			
Component 2	Component 2	Enabling environments for sustainable marine commodities supply chains		Activity Implementation Progress Tracker			
	Outcome	Activities	Timeline		Percent Complete Q1	Percent Complete Q2	Method for assigning completion percentage
			Start Date	End Date			
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%		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 providing 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	January	May	20%		This consultancy has 4 phases: Contracting, deliverable 1, deliverable 2, and deliverable 3. Each phase account for 25% of the activity.	



	coordinators to Quito for Gender workshop					
	3.1.4 Communication Specialist/ Knowledge Management/	March	Dec.	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%		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%		This activity will be considered completed when the project's contracted Gender specialist completes the Gender Strategy training in May 2019.
	3.1.6 Updated GEF tracking tools	January	June	0%		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%		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%		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%		This activity is considered complete when the GMC project stakeholders attend the knowledge exchange event to be hosted by SFP in Galicia, Spain.



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		Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist International Coordinator	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 2				21%		
Component 3	Component 3	Demonstration fisheries improvement projects (FIP)		Activity Implementation Progress Tracker			
	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	4.1.1.1. Keep up to date ratings of relevant FIPs	Nov '18	October	25%		Completion of this activity corresponds to 12 updates performed.
		4.1.2 Identify gaps in current FIP tracking tool	Nov '18	October	33%		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%		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%		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%		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 Phillipinnes FIPs	Nov '18	October	0%		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%		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		This line does not correspond to an activity, but rather represents the payment of full time project staff salaries.
PERCENT COMPLETE COMPONENT 3					22%		
Component 4	Component 4	Sustainable marine commodities information and knowledge management systems			Activity Implementation Progress Tracker		
	Outcome	Activities	Timeline		Percent Complete Q1	Percent Complete Q2	Method for assigning completion percentage
			Start date	End date			
	5. Reliable and verifiable information of target marine commodities is publically available and is used by value chain stakeholders for decision making and engagement in fishery improvement projects SFP	5.1.1. Maintain profiles — considering that analyzing information gaps is part of the work of developing profiles	January	October	5%		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%		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%		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.	



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	5.2.1. Increase the number of scientists trained to contribute to FishSource operation	January	June	15%		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%		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%		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%		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%		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%		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%		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%		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.



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	6.1.3 Costa Rica Lessons Learned	February	May	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%		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%		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%		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%		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%		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		This line does not correspond to an activity, but rather represents the payment of full-time project staff salaries.
PERCENT COMPLETE COMPONENT 4				20%		

