

Ecuador small pelagics - purse seine (CNP)

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Overview

FIP Description

The Ecuadorian small pelagic fishery is economically and socially important for the country. One of the end uses for some species caught in the fishery is the production of fishmeal and fish oil.

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FIP Objective(s) ⓘ

The FIP objectives are:

- Improve the fishery, species, habitats and environmental data collection. Objective achieved in 2021.
- Improve stock assessments of relevant species to the fishery. Develop yearly assessments between 2019-2023.
- Evaluate potential impact of the fishery in the habitat, ecosystems, and ETP species and managers adopt CMMs. Develop yearly assessments between 2019-2023.
- Implement management measures (CMMs) by fishery managers accordingly to the Stock Assessments outcomes and recommendations. Objective achieved in 2021.
- Improve decision making process on fishery management as a transparent, inclusive and participatory process. Objective achieved in 2020.

Updated objectives Dec 2025:

- Establish a recovery process for frigate tuna stocks and continuous the strengthen of data collection for all small pelagic species. Objective achieved in December 2025.

FIP Type ⓘ

Basic

FIP Stage ⓘ

Stage 5: Improvements on the Water

Start and Projected End Dates ⓘ

October 2018 - December 2025

Update

As part of the MarinTrust Improver Programme, the Ecuadorian small pelagic fishery was fully audited with results in November 2023. The assessment concludes that five of the six main small pelagics species (Pacific chub mackerel, Shortfin scad, Thread herring, Pacific anchoveta, and Round herring) were ready for approval while Frigate tuna still need improvements. The result of the MarinTrust assessment is evidence that the SPS-FIP process was successful to stop overfishing, and recovery the stock. The workplan will continue the improvement process in coordination with public and private stakeholders of the fishery.

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FIP at a Glance

ENVIRONMENTAL ⓘ

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Starting Evaluation: October 01, 2018

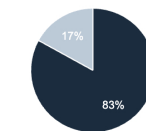
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Progress Rating ⓘ

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GOOD PROGRESS

Actions Complete ⓘ



● Complete ● Incomplete

Next Update Due ⓘ

MAY 2025

Target End Date

DEC 2025

Additional Impacts:

OTHER

SOCIAL ⓘ

Risk Assessment ⓘ : Not Required

Type ⓘ : N/A

Due Date ⓘ : -

FIP Leads

Organization Name

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Organization Type

NGO

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FIP Identification Number ⓘ

10971

stakeholders of the fishery.

Next Progress Report Due ⓘ

Saturday, May 31, 2025

Species

Common Name

Pacific Chub Mackerel

Scientific Name

Scomber japonicus

Common Name

Thread Herring

Scientific Name

Opisthonema spp.

Common Name

Pacific Anchoveta

Scientific Name

Cetengraulis mysticetus

Common Name

Round Herring

Scientific Name

Etrumeus acuminatus

Common Name

Frigate Tuna

Scientific Name

Auxis spp

Common Name

Shortfin Scad

Scientific Name

Decapterus macrosoma

Gear Type

Purse Seine

Location

FAO Major Fishing Area ⓘ

Area 87 (Pacific, Southeast)

Exclusive Economic Zones ⓘ

Country

Ecuador

Geographic Scope

Ecuador coastal waters

Country Flag of Vessel

Ecuador

Landings

Estimated Total FIP Landings

77,141 metric tons

Estimated Total Fishery Landings

206,209 metric tons

Landings Date

December 2023

