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Accepted FIPs under the MarinTrust Improver Programme



The MarinTrust Improver Programme benefits the whole supply chain, providing traceability from the improving fishery to the end user, such as feed producers, through an unbroken chain. This is done through the development of a Fishery Improvement Project (FIP) by interested marine ingredient producers and stakeholders, followed by a rigorous development process and action plan. Through improvements, such as in fisheries management, factory infrastructure, or operational issues, the aim is to meet the MarinTrust Standard requirements within 5 years.

Important note: MarinTrust only accept new FIP applications against the requirements of Version 3 of the Fishery Assessment. More information about the transition to Version 3.0 can be found via this [link](#).

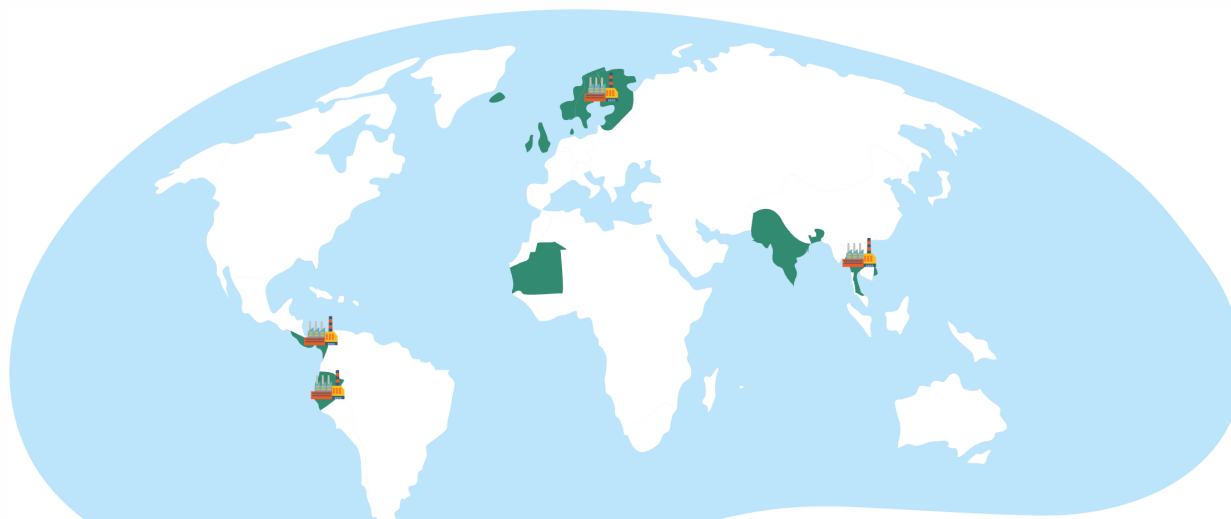
The FIP process

Once accepted onto the Improver Programme, applicants have a structured improvement journey for the fishery mapped out with agreed milestones and a timeframe that must be met in order to aim for MarinTrust certification.

The first step in this process is for the interested marine ingredient producers and other interested parties to build the relevant relationships and start developing a Fishery Improvement Project (FIP) for the fishery in question. This is done by conducting a gap analysis against the MarinTrust Fishery Assessment and identifying specific areas for improvement. It is crucial that local stakeholders including industry, government, relevant NGOs and other interested parties take ownership of this work from the start to ensure longevity of improvements. This is what the Fishery Improvement Project is about. Once the main improvement objectives and an associated action plan for the fishery have been established, including relevant stakeholder responsibilities and commitments, the production facilities and interested parties submit an application for the FIP to MarinTrust.

Consultation and confirmation of intent to apply to the programme with MarinTrust prior to any new application is required.

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FIP Ratings: SFP's [FIP Evaluation Tool](#) serves as a comprehensive framework for defining and evaluating Fishery Improvement Projects (FIPs) across a six-stage spectrum of accomplishments by integrating time-based benchmarks and assigning a corresponding letter grade A-E to highlight the pace of progress by a FIP on its workplan.

Completed FIPs:

- Panama small pelagics

On-going FIPs

- Ecuadorian small pelagics – SFP FIP Rating B

- NE Atlantic Blue Whiting – SFP FIP Rating D

- Indian Oil Sardine (Goa and Maharashtra) – SFP FIP Rating C

- Mauritanian small pelagics – SFP FIP Rating A

- Summary

Target for MarinTrust certification by 2028



SFP FIP Rating: **A** ²

For more information about the rating visit [FishSource](#)

FIP Accepted: **October 2019**

End Date: **December 2028**

FAO Area: **34**

Gear Type: **Purse seine**

Fish Species



Description

The Mauritania small pelagics FIP has focused on working with scientists to improve data collection on the fishery, landings and stocks, in order to improve our knowledge of stock status and hence enable management to make informed, sustainable decisions. To this end,

we have supported data collection on board, at landing sites and in our participating factories. We have also contributed to the fishery management plan, which is in the process of review and revision, emphasising the importance of science and sustainability. In the immediate future, we are planning to continue this work, but also turn our focus towards understanding bycatch and the ecosystem more widely. All our participants and stakeholders are aware that these small pelagic populations, and the ecosystem on which they depend, provide a source of food and livelihood for millions across the region, so we are also working on a social component, to ensure that the impact of our fishery is positive socially as well as environmentally.

▾ Latest news

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Mauritania Small Pelagics Fishery Improvement Project (FIP) extended until December 2028 onto the MarinTrust Improver Programme

Following a robust process publicly [available](#), the Mauritania Small pelagics Fishery Improvement Project (FIP) has been extended onto the MarinTrust Improver Programme until December 2028. This results from an application submitted by the FIP coordinators.

This application was peer reviewed by a third party Certification Body fishery assessor and then thoroughly examined by MarinTrust's [Improver Programme Application Committee \(IPAC\)](#) in a meeting held on the 24th September 2024. The IPAC is an objective-based multi-stakeholder group, representative of fishery science, fishmeal manufacturing, the food supply chain and environment.

This extension has been granted on the condition that the FIP continues to comply with all progress reporting requirements of the MarinTrust Improver Programme (semi-annual). This decision was made in alignment with the MarinTrust Improver Programme procedures and reflects the good progress made by the FIP since it started in 2019, working towards certification against the MarinTrust Factory Standard.

▾ Progress reports



▾ Who's involved

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Participants: (MOU documents)

- Original MOU document: [English](#), [French](#)
- New MOU document [2018](#)
- [Participant list](#)

IP Accepted Facilities: 2 ([Acceptance documents](#))

- [OMAUROI SA](#)
- [Mah El Turk – SARL](#)

Chain of Custody: 1

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▾ Application & other supporting documents



* Gulf of Thailand Mixed-Trawl (multispecies pilot) – SFP FIP Rating C

* Vung Tau trawl, Vietnam (multispecies pilot) – SFP FIP Rating B

* Small Pelagic Purse Seine Fisheries, Karnataka State FIP