**Action Plan for Name of Fishery**

**Fishery Improvement Project (FIP)**

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## INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this document is to provide general background information on the number of ongoing and new projects and tasks that were proposed during the Fishery Improvement Project (FIP) planning workshop, held in Location from Dates. This includes information on the level of priority (high or medium), current status (ongoing or new) and expected timeframe to complete the initial tasks. The priority level for each project was assigned according to the highest level within the FIP scoping document (Appendix 1).

The definition of the Unit of Assessment (UoA) [[1]](#footnote-1) as outlined in the pre-assessment is:

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| **The target stock(s)** |  |
| **The fishing method or gear type/s, vessel type/s and/or practice** |  |
| **The fishing fleet or group of vessels, or individuals fishing operators pursing that stock.** |  |
| **Other eligible fishers that are outside the Unit of Certification (UoC)[[2]](#footnote-2)** |  |

It is anticipated that [Name of Lead Organization, if applicable] will lead the FIP Action Plan and co-ordinate the development of each task. This document serves primarily as a guide to the type and range of tasks required in the Action Plan to reach the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) standard. The Plan itself must be further developed to include more specific timelines. The results generated from the Action Plan should have periodic internal and external reviews to ensure they will meet the MSC standard.

A summary of all tasks is provided in Appendix A.

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| 1. HIGH LEVEL CATEGORY DESCRIPTION |

### 1.1 Activity

Description of activity, including background and rationale for completing this activity, as discussed at the FIP stakeholder meeting.

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| Working Group | List organizations to be involved |
| Priority | Medium or High |
| Status | New or Ongoing |
| Timeframe | Include general timeframe of activity discussed at FIP stakeholder meeting |
| MSC Performance Indicator(s) | List PIs that will be addressed by this activity |

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| Milestones | Starting date | Ending date |
| List of significant milestones that are related to this activity | Starting date for each milestone | Ending date for each milestone |

### Example:

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| 1. THE DEVELOPMENT OF STOCK ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES |

The development of monitoring procedures for the collection of data was suggested as FIP activity with the aim of informing the stock assessment.

### 1.1 Development of monitoring procedures

Procedures to collect information needed for stock assessments are, to some extent, in place. The biology of the species is generally known and information on fishery statistics is available. However there is not a regular monitoring program for stock assessment purposes.

A program should be developed for the collection of fisheries dependent data for stock assessment purposes including:

* Landings and fishing effort if monitored appropriately can be used to develop a useful stock abundance indicator (i.e. catch per unit effort, CPUE). Logbooks containing information related to the fishing effort (e.g. length of fishing trip, number of hooks used) and associated catch (including target and non-target species) together with latitude and longitude coordinates should be designed and implemented to develop a reliable abundance index.
* Sampling the catch through the use of on-board observer programs could be used to obtain biological data (e.g. population size structure, recruitment indices, growth).

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| Key Stakeholders | RIMF; National Research Institutes, Relevant Fishermen Organizations. |
| Priority | High |
| Status | **Ongoing** |
| Timeframe | <12 months for the design of the monitoring protocol (ongoing from thereafter) |
| MSC Performance Indicator(s) | PI 1.2.3 Information/monitoring.  PI 1.2.4 Assessment of Stock Status |

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| Milestones | Starting date | Ending date |
| Milestone 1: Improving as necessary logbooks´ information for the use of CPUE as abundance index | Quarter 3 2014 | Quarter 3 2014 |
| Milestone 2: Implementation of logs books for the collection of Catch and Effort Data | Quarter 4 2014 | On-going |
| Milestone 3: Design of a on-board monitoring program for the collection of biological data | Quarter 3 2014 | Quarter 3 2014 |
| Milestone 5: Implementation of on-board biological monitoring program | Quarter 4 2014 | On going |

### 1.2 Activity

Description of activity, including background and rationale for completing this activity, as discussed at the FIP stakeholder meeting.

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| Working Group |  |
| Priority |  |
| Status |  |
| Timeframe |  |
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| Milestones | Starting date | Ending date |
| List of significant milestones that are related to this activity | Starting date for each milestone | Ending date for each milestone |

### 1.3 Activity

Description of activity, including background and rationale for completing this activity, as discussed at the FIP stakeholder meeting.

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| Working Group |  |
| Priority |  |
| Status |  |
| Timeframe |  |
| MSC Performance Indicator(s) |  |

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| Milestones | Starting date | Ending date |
| List of significant milestones that are related to this activity | Starting date for each milestone | Ending date for each milestone |

### 1.4 Activity

Description of activity, including background and rationale for completing this activity, as discussed at the FIP stakeholder meeting.

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| Working Group |  |
| Priority |  |
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| Milestones | Starting date | Ending date |
| List of significant milestones that are related to this activity | Starting date for each milestone | Ending date for each milestone |

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| 2. HIGH LEVEL CATEGORY DESCRIPTION |

### 2.1 Activity

Description of activity, including background and rationale for completing this activity, as discussed at the FIP stakeholder meeting.

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| Working Group |  |
| Priority |  |
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| Timeframe |  |
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| Milestones | Starting date | Ending date |
| List of significant milestones that are related to this activity | Starting date for each milestone | Ending date for each milestone |

### 2.2 Activity

Description of activity, including background and rationale for completing this activity, as discussed at the FIP stakeholder meeting.

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| MSC Performance Indicator(s) |  |

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| Milestones | Starting date | Ending date |
| List of significant milestones that are related to this activity | Starting date for each milestone | Ending date for each milestone |

**2.2.1 Sub-Activity** (*if needed*)

Description of activity, including background and rationale for completing this activity, as discussed at the FIP stakeholder meeting.

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| Working Group |  |
| Priority |  |
| Status |  |
| Timeframe |  |
| MSC Performance Indicator(s) |  |

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| Milestones | Starting date | Ending date |
| List of significant milestones that are related to this activity | Starting date for each milestone | Ending date for each milestone |

**2.2.2 Sub-Activity**

Description of activity, including background and rationale for completing this activity, as discussed at the FIP stakeholder meeting.

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| Priority |  |
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| Milestones | Starting date | Ending date |
| List of significant milestones that are related to this activity | Starting date for each milestone | Ending date for each milestone |

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| 3. HIGH LEVEL CATEGORY DESCRIPTION |

### 3.1 Activity

Description of activity, including background and rationale for completing this activity, as discussed at the FIP stakeholder meeting.

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| Working Group |  |
| Priority |  |
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| Timeframe |  |
| MSC Performance Indicator(s) |  |

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| Milestones | Starting date | Ending date |
| List of significant milestones that are related to this activity | Starting date for each milestone | Ending date for each milestone |

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### 3.2 Activity

Description of activity, including background and rationale for completing this activity, as discussed at the FIP stakeholder meeting.

*3.2.1 Sub-Activity*

*3.2.2 Sub-Activity*

*3.2.3 Sub-Activity*

*3.2.4 Sub-Activity*

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| Working Group |  |
| Priority |  |
| Status |  |
| Timeframe |  |
| MSC Performance Indicator(s) |  |

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| Milestones | Starting date | Ending date |
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### 3.3 Activity

Description of activity, including background and rationale for completing this activity, as discussed at the FIP stakeholder meeting.

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| Working Group |  |
| Priority |  |
| Status |  |
| Timeframe |  |
| MSC Performance Indicator(s) |  |

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**Appendix A.** Log Frame for FIP activities.

Template:

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| **Goal:** | | | | | |
| **Results** | **Objectively Verifiable Indications** | **Timeline** | **Responsible Organizations** | **Means of Verification** | **Assumptions** |
| **Outcome:** | | | | | |
| **Activity:** |  |  |  |  |  |
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**Example:**

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| **Goal 2: To ensure the implementation of a monitoring system with the aim of providing information about the impact of the fishery on P2 species and on the effectiveness of the management strategy in minimizing any impact.** | | | | | |
| **Results** | **Objectively Verifiable Indications** | **Timeline** | **Responsible Organizations** | **Means of Verification** | **Assumptions** |
| **Outcome 2.1: Implementation of a long-term observer program to monitor fishery interaction with ETP~~s~~, Primary and Secondary species.** | | | | | |
| **Activity 2.1.1** Review of available information/bibliography on interaction of ETP species with the fishery | Meetings with responsible Stakeholders to carry out activity | 6 months | RIMF/Research Institute, Fishermen Organizations | Review of available information report | Adequacy of data collection design and process |
| **Activity 2.1.2** Design of an observer program to monitor fishery related mortality of Primary, Secondary and ETP species. | The design of the program by relevant stakeholder. | 1 years | RIMF/Research Institute, Fishermen Organizations | Interview with relevant stakeholders | Relevant stakeholders capacity to undertake monitoring program |
| **Activity 2.1.3**: Implementation of observer program | Employment of observers for the implementation of the program. | 2-3 years | RIMF/Research Institute, Fishermen Organizations | Data collected through verifiable means (e.g. logbooks) | Relevant stakeholders capacity to undertake monitoring program |
| **Activity 2.1.4**: Providing results regarding fishery impact on Primary, Secondary and ETP species with the aim of changing the management strategy as necessary. | Workshop between relevant stakeholders to present information collected on fishery interactions on P2 species. | Ongoing | RIMF/Research Institute, Fishermen Organizations | Introducing management measures with the aim to minimize the impact of the fishery on P2 species | Willingness of stakeholders to engage  Adequate resourcing by Institutions |

**Appendix B.** FIP activities linked to MSC performance indicators.



1. The Unit of Assessment (UoA) defines the full scope of what is being assessed. It may include other eligible fishers that may not be covered by the fishery certificate). The UoA is therefore equal or larger than the Unit of Certification (UoC). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. The UoC is defined as what is to be covered by the certificate. MSC certification is specific to the fishery holding the certificate, defined as the UoC. MSC Fishery assessments may be defined as a wider unit, as the UoA, which may include other eligible fisheries. The MSC certification sharing mechanism allows other eligible fisheries assessed under the UoA to join the fishery certificate. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)