



WWF Sustainable Seafood Sourcing Recommendations: **Fisheries**

A tiered stepwise approach to engaging fisheries in their transition to sustainability

Stage	Status	How to check status	What to ask supply chain to do
MSC with all conditions met <i>*For supply chain traceability obtain Chain of Custody (CoC) certification</i>	MSC-Certified Fishery	fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries	Continue to support MSC certified fishery
MSC <i>*For supply chain traceability obtain Chain of Custody (CoC) certification</i>	MSC-Certified Fishery	fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries	Continue to push MSC fishery to meet all conditions
MSC Assessment	MSC Fishery under Full Assessment	fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries	Encourage fishery to complete MSC certification <i>*This recommendation is dependent upon the fishery and the outcome of the fishery assessment</i>
Comprehensive FIP <i>*As verified by FisheryProgress.org</i>	Working to achieve a level of performance consistent with an unconditional pass of the MSC Fisheries Standard	fisheryprogress.org	Encourage suppliers to become FIP Participants and encourage the fishery to address all issues that will enable it to transition to MSC certification
Basic FIP <i>*As verified by FisheryProgress.org</i>	FIP stages 2-5 Starting to address specific environmental challenges	fisheryprogress.org	Encourage the fishery to develop a plan to transition to a comprehensive FIP within a set time-frame or transition to a comprehensive FIP if a transition plan is in place
Prospective FIP	FIP stages 0-1 Aiming to meet the basic or comprehensive FIP criteria	For status information, check in with the Supply Chain members who are developing the FIP. Some Prospective FIPs are on fisheryprogress.org	Encourage suppliers to move to a comprehensive FIP or basic FIP with plan to transition to comprehensive FIP and be listed on fisheryprogress.org
FIP claimed but not on FisheryProgress.org	Unconfirmed	N/A	Have the FIP implementer submit the FIP to FisheryProgress at: https://fisheryprogress.org/how-use-site
Fishery not engaged in a FIP	Not an established FIP	How to Support Fishery Improvement Projects	Request suppliers to work with supply chain members, government representatives, and other stakeholders to develop a FIP and have it posted to https://fisheryprogress.org/how-use-site
Endangered	Endangered or at risk	IUCN Critically Endangered, Endangered CITES Appendix I and Appendix II WWF Endangered Marine Species Guide	Source only if you can verify species is from a MSC certified fishery, otherwise do not source if listed

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