



# Mexico Grouper FIP

A fishery improvement project (FIP) is a multistakeholder effort to address environmental challenges in a fishery

## SUMMARY

In 2013 Sea Delight received funding from Sea Pact and the Sustainable Fisheries Fund to develop a FIP for the grouper fishery located off the northeast coast of the Yucatan Peninsula. The FIP was formalized in 2014 with the end goal of achieving MSC certification status.

Progress was made in many areas in the FIP through December 2019 and will continue. Work is also ongoing with the fishery in the wider scope of Mexican fisheries. FIP Coordinating NGO CeDePesca "worked together with other organizations through Impacto Colectivo por la Pesca Mexicana (ICPMX), with a wide and diverse participation. As members of ICPMX we organized a series of virtual conversations to analyze diverse points of view." Minerva Alonso, FIP Coordinator, CeDePesca.



Red Grouper (*Epinephelus morio*)



Serving suggestion

## KEY QUALITIES

- Active supply chain participation
- Public commitment
- Timebound objectives defined
- Public work plan
- On FisheryProgress.org

<b>Species</b>	Red Grouper ( <i>Epinephelus morio</i> ), Black Grouper ( <i>Mycteroperca bonaci</i> )
<b>Location</b>	Campeche Bank in the Gulf of Mexico
<b>Gear</b>	1. Manually operated longlines and/or handlines (Artisanal fleet) 2. Mechanized longlines with minor use of handlines (Industrial fleet)
<b>Stakeholders &amp; Participants</b>	Netuno USA, Sea Delight, CeDePesca, Pescados y Mariscos del Caribe S.A., Federacion Regional de Cooperativas del Centro-Poniente del Estado de Yucatan.
<b>Start Date</b>	April 2014

## RECENT HIGHLIGHTS



### Species catalog Improvements

A simple logbook was designed for fishers to use with the newly created species catalog and these were made available to fishers.



### Knowledge Development

Data collection practices were introduced to fishers throughout the fishery.

## TIMELINE

2014

- MOU signed
- MSC pre-assessment & FIP Workplan

2015

- Fishery management plan published
- Local committees formed to collaborate on assessment of fishing effort

2016

- "Good Management Practices Initiative"

2017

- 70 workshops in 26 fishing communities to empower fisheries improvement.

2018

- Strategic contribution from Grouper Fishery Committee of Sustainable Management.

2019

- Yucatan census of fisher initiated.
- Logbook design completed
- Data collection practices were introduced to fishers.

2020

- Impacto Colectivo por la Pesca Mexicana (ICPMX) meetings.

2021

- FIP expected to enter MSC Full Assessment (Dec. 2021)

2022

