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FIP Requirements

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FIP Stages

There are six stages in a FIP.
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FIP Participants

A FIP participant is an industry member that is part of the seafood supply chain for the FIP product that is contributing financial or in-kind support to the project and/or working on activities in the workplan. FIP participants may also include:

- Government
- Industry
- NGOs

FIP Stakeholders

A FIP Stakeholder is a person or organization who collaborates with the FIP Participants to implement the project. Common stakeholders include:

- Fishers
- Government
- Industry
- NGOs
- Fishery Experts and Academia

Resources

Here is a resource to help you succeed on your FIP journey:

Conservation Alliance for Seafood Solutions
The Alliance released guidelines for FIPs in 2012—updated in 2015, 2019, and 2021—that have become widely adopted.