

Course 4 Key Takeaways

Stage 1: FIP Development



Best Practices

Keep these best practices in mind as you develop your FIP:

1. For comprehensive FIPs, an entity experienced in applying the MSC Fisheries Standard must conduct or audit/review the MSC pre-assessment and develop the scoping document.
2. For basic FIPs, it is recommended, though not required, that an independent third party conducts the needs assessment.
3. If the scoping document is very detailed, it is recommended to create a summarized version before sharing it with stakeholders.
4. Throughout the FIP development process, it is important to translate materials into the local language used by stakeholders and to adapt the materials to local situations. This will increase understanding and support of the FIP.

Resources

Here are resources to help you succeed on your FIP journey:

	Stakeholder Mapping Resources and Tools <ul style="list-style-type: none">• WWF-US FIP Handbook (p. 23: Scoping)• EDF's Sustainable Fisheries Toolkit<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Fishery Systems Mapping Tool - A tool to identify stakeholders and their role within a fishery system
	Basic FIPs: Needs Assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rapid Assessment Tool<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Methodology○ Template• FishSource Profile• MarinTrust (Formerly IFFO RS) Assessment• Monterey Bay Aquarium Seafood Watch Assessment Report• WWF Common Assessment Methodology

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Comprehensive FIPs: MSC Pre-assessment

- [MSC FIP Consultants List](#)
- [MSC Accredited Certification Bodies](#)
- [Marine Stewardship Council Pre-Assessment Reporting Template v2.0](#)
- [FisheryProgress.org Comprehensive FIP Consultant Criteria](#)
- [WWF-US MSC Handbook](#)



FIP Scoping Document for Basic and Comprehensive FIPs

- [FIP Scoping Document Templates](#)