

Course 7 Key Takeaways

Stages 4 and 5: FIP Progress and Impact

Best Practices

Keep these best practice guidelines in mind as you evaluate FIP progress and impact:

- Consider having a third party experienced with applying the MSC Fisheries Standard to conduct an annual FIP review and determine if MSC PI scores have changed.
- Annually report FIP progress back to FIP stakeholders. This ensures that stakeholders are aware of the progress the FIP is making or any roadblocks that need to be addressed. This can also help keep stakeholders accountable to each other.

Keep these best practices in mind throughout the entire FIP process:

	<h3>FIP Management</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Establish a FIP core team or FIP Steering Committee to oversee the FIP process and ensure it continues to advance.• For basic (recommended) and comprehensive (required) FIPs, hire a credible, independent Conformity Assessment Body (CAB) or FIP consultant with experience applying the MSC Fisheries Standard.• Develop a robust FIP budget that includes costs of FIP actions as well as management costs—important for attracting investors to help fund FIPs.
	<h3>Stakeholder Engagement</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Engage with the government early in the process.• Conduct stakeholder mapping before the needs assessment or MSC pre-assessment, to identify key stakeholders.• Meet annually with FIP stakeholders.• Hold small meetings throughout the year with key stakeholders.• Ensure that all stakeholders contribute to the FIP via in-kind support or funding where possible.

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Communication

- Conduct FIP meetings and prepare FIP documents (needs assessment or MSC pre-assessment, workplan, etc.) in the local language.
- Develop a communications strategy for the FIP.
- Be transparent about FIP progress and issues.

7 Key Drivers of FIP Success

The following key drivers have been shown to contribute to FIP success:

1. Use of on-the-ground local FIP Lead—ideally a third-party implementer
2. Strong government engagement, commitment, and fisheries management capacity
3. Strong technical understanding of FIP process, the end goal, and market dynamics by FIP Leads
4. Consistent market demand
5. Engagement of the right stakeholders
6. Continuity of FIP Leads
7. Sufficient funding

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Resources

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



Resources for Evaluating FIP Progress and Impact

- [MSC FIP Consultants list](#)
- [MSC Conformity Assessment Bodies \(CABs\)](#)
- [Guidance for Using the MSC Benchmarking and Tracking Tool \(BMT\)](#)
- [MSC BMT Excel spreadsheet](#)
- [SFP FIP Progress Rating Methodology and Guidance](#)
- [List of FIP Consultants](#): See “FIP Capacity Resource” link. A list compiled by FisheryProgress in 2020 which is not endorsed by FisheryProgress or regularly reviewed or updated.
- EDF Sustainable Fisheries Toolkit
 - [Fishery Performance Indicators](#) - Measure the performance of a fishery in order to understand the impacts of a fishery reform project.
 - [FISHE Framework](#) - The Framework for Integrated Stock and Habitat Evaluation (FISHE) is a step-by-step process for providing scientific guidance for the management of data-limited fisheries.