

Highlights –

1. A national FIP review meeting conducted in March 2014 revealed that 10 out of the 21 estimated scores previously listed as “likely to fail” or “likely to pass with conditions” in the pre-assessment had improved.
2. As of March 2014, an estimated 78 vessels had exchanged their J-hooks for circle hooks to reduce bycatch. Additionally as of March 2014, 77,000 T-floats were delivered to a total of 594 vessels to help reduce turtle entanglements.
3. The first ever Ecuador-Peru bi-national workshop on the current state of knowledge of mahi-mahi was conducted in September 2014.
4. The first-ever international workshop to review the current state of knowledge of mahi-mahi in the EPO was held and work towards the development of a regional mahi-mahi stock assessment was conducted in October 2014.

Sea Delight’s FIP Membership and Contribution – Sea Delight, LLC sources mahi from Muisne, Manta, and Esmeraldas, Ecuador. Prior to signing a MOU with WWF-US in October 2014, Sea Delight stated it’s desire to join the FIP and subsequently worked with WWF on implementing several improvement efforts within their supply chain, including work to increase its suppliers’ involvement existing FIP activities and to verify that its mahi products were being sourced from fishermen implementing FIP activities. In October 2014, Sea Delight became an official FIP participant by signing a MOU with WWF.

2014-2015 Sea Delight FIP Activities -

1. **Signing FIP MOU** - In October 2014 WWF-US and Sea Delight signed an MOU in which Sea Delight became an officially recognized participant. As part of the MOU, Sea Delight contributed \$5,000 to support the international mahi-mahi workshop held in October 2014 and WWF’s FIP coordination efforts.
 - a. **FIP Activity Supported** – Although not an official FIP activity, signing the MOU and contributing financially to support FIP implementation efforts was a precursor for Sea Delight becoming recognized as a FIP participant.
 - b. **Importance** – As an officially recognized FIP participant, Sea Delight has now been tasked with list of activities that will be tracked over time to measure progress.



Sea Delight Next Steps – As part of the newly signed MOU with WWF, Sea Delight has received a list of activities to work on over the next year. Progress on these activities will be monitored by WWF and sustained participation within the FIP will depend upon verification of activities completed. FIP activities include:

1. Sending letters to the Ecuadorian government in support of the FIP and MSC full assessment once WWF finalizes the letter templates;
2. Sea Delight will work with WWF-US and WWF-Ecuador to implement a pilot traceability project for the mahi-mahi fishery;
3. Sea Delight will work with its local suppliers to develop a billback program to generate funds that will help support Ecuador mahi-mahi FIP activities; and
4. Sea Delight will work to try to procure and supply circle hooks that can be distributed to Ecuador mahi-mahi fishermen to exchange them for J-hooks that are currently being used.

