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Welcome to the latest edition of the Fishing & Living newsletter! Bringing you recent news of Fishing & Living's international work in sustainable fisheries, including news from the on-going Fair Trade program for Handline fishery in Indonesia, updates from the Vietnam and Micronesia Fishery Improvement Programs, Indonesia's progress towards MSC certification of its Handline tuna fishery and much more!

Indonesia

MDPI as a partner of the OCEANS project

The Oceans and Fisheries Partnership is a collaboration between USAID, the Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC) and the Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF). The partnership launched a 4 year project (USAID OCEANS) which aims to strengthen regional cooperation to combat illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing, promote sustainable fisheries and conserve marine biodiversity in the Asia-Pacific region. MDPI has been selected as one partner organization that will support the design and implementation phase of the project. To learn more about the project visit the project webpage.



Traceability technology being tested in the Indonesia Handline tuna fishery (Photo credit: MDPI)



Map of Fair Trade sites location for the Indonesian Handline Tuna Fishery

Fair Trade premium helps fishermen communities

In 2016, the Fair Trade premium was used in a variety of community improvement projects including: GPS units, life jackets, school supplies, footpaths, public trash can, beach clean ups, turtle conservation projects, tree planting, medicine, improvement of landing sites (steps, lights) support to families of lost fishermen, and improvement of community centers.

Third round of Fair Trade certification successful!

In February, 361 fishermen from Toli-Toli and Seram and Buru Islands successfully passed their first annual surveillance audit. The Fair Trade standard follows a continual improvement model where additional requirements are added each year. This means that fishermen must comply with Year 0 and Year 1 requirements to stay certified. More fishermen will be joining the Fair Trade program in 2017 with the next audit scheduled for November 2017.



Donation of school uniforms and supplies using the Fair Trade premium (photo credit: MDPI)



Indonesia (ctd.)

Electronic Observer Trials & FAD registration

As part of the on-going Fishery Improvement Project (FIP) for the Indonesia Handline Yellowfin Tuna fishery, FIP stakeholders are testing a low cost technology (time-lapse cameras) to collect Independent trip and catch information on small-scale handline fishing vessels. Following a new government regulation on Fish Aggregation Devices (FADs), MDPI is also working on helping fishermen get their FADs registered. Anchored artisanal FADs are used only by some handline fishermen.



MDPI enumerator collects catch and trip information from handline fishermen in 25 sites across Indonesia (Photo credit: MDPI)

Vietnam



Off-loading of FIP Yellowfin tuna in Tuy-Hoa (Phu Yen), Vietnam

Traceability Audit

In April 2017, Anova's main tuna supplier and FIP partner successfully passed a traceability audit. The audit consisted in checking whether the supplier had all the processes in place the factory to ensure tuna from the FIP remains separated from non-FIP tuna. Anova/Fishing & Living had been working for several months prior to ensure that a good traceability system was in place to meet the FIP traceability requirements.

Cook Islands

The Cook Islands Longline caught Yellowfin tuna became MSC certified in February 2017. The fishery catches approximately 1000 MT of Yellowfin tuna every year. The Bigeye portion of the fishery (approx. 300MT) will be the last section of this fishery to remain in a Fishery Improvement Project (FIP).



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