

Sri Lankan Blue Swimming Crab FIP (*Portunus pelagicus*): Gulf of Mannar, Palk Bay & Bay of Bengal (Gill Net & Trap)
FIP Development Plan 2013
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Sri Lankan Blue Swimming Crab FIP Activities	Completion Date			Details of Progress / Output Achieved	Independent Means of Verification
	Planned	Status	Actual		
SLBSC FIP Stage 0 Pre planning the Sri Lanka Blue Swimming Crab FIP					
✓ Exploratory discussion with prospective stakeholders, convened by Seafood Exporters' Association of Sri Lanka (SEASL)	10.05.13	Completed	10.05.13	A half day workshop was organised by SEASL with representatives processors, exporters, regulators and NGO associated with blue swimming crab fisheries in Sri Lanka. A presentation on fisheries improvement planning was made by Jeremy Crawford of the National Fisheries Institute Crab Council (NFI CC)	Workshop Report Photographs
✓ FIP project proposal submitted & approved by the NFI CC	13.06.13	Completed	13.06.13	Sri Lankan Blue Swimming Crab Fishery Improvement Project Proposal	SLBSC FIP Proposal
✓ Recruitment of an independent evaluator	01.08.13	Completed	01.08.13	Dr. Steve Creech was recruited to undertake an assessment of the BSC fishery and prepare a Scoping Document and Detailed Work Plan for 2012 – 2013, in consultation with all relevant stakeholder	Consultancy Agreement
➤ Finalise the methodology for the research and development of the blue swimming crab FIP <i>i.e.</i> , the scope of the FIP & name; a preliminary supply chain analysis; stakeholder mapping and potential participants for the FIP; formulation and publication of the Sri Lankan BSC FIP Development Plan'	23.08.13	Completed	23.08.13	Methodology finalised and agreed with SEASL for the research and development of the blue swimming crab FIP.	Research Rationale, data collection formats; development plan formats
➤ Design, develop and upload of a website for the SEASL	23.08.13	Completed	31.10.13	The SEASL website was launched by the Dr. Rajitha Senarathne MP Honourable Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources at the Ministry of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, in the presence of Jeremy Crawford from the NFI CC and members of the SEASL.	www.seasl.lk

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SLBSC FIP Stage 1 Research, design and launch of the SLBSC FIP					
➤ Independent pre assessment of the SLBSC fishery including a review of 2° data and the collection of quantitative and qualitative 1° data from the four principal SLBSC fishery areas in accordance with the SFP's FIP Guidelines and the MSC's Fishery Assessment Criteria and Indicators.	01.08.13	Ongoing	30.11.13	Draft Scoping Document by 20.09.13 Translation into Sinhala and Tamil Final Scoping Document in 3 Languages by 30.09.13 Draft Fishery Assessment Report by 30.09.13 Final Fishery Assessment Report by 15.10.13	Copies of all documents
➤ Launch of the SEASL web site (www.seasl.lk) and the SLBSC FIP	30.08.13	Completed	31.10.13	The SEASL website was launched by the Dr. Rajitha Senarathne MP Honourable Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources at the MFAR, in the presence of Jeremy Crawford from the NFI CC and members of the SEASL.	www.seasl.lk

SLBSC FIP Stage 2 Formation of the SLBSC Steering Committee; Planning & budgets for the implementation of the SLBSC FIP					
➤ Draft a copy of the Sri Lankan BSC FIP Partnership Agreement, translate into three languages	15.11.13	Planned			Partnership Agreements
➤ Presentation and discussion of the draft Scoping Document with representatives of each of the three proposed SLBSC partner groups <i>i.e.</i> , fishing communities, seafood companies and the ministry of fisheries and aquatic resources development.	15.11.13	Planned			Presentation materials, attendance sheets and meeting minutes
➤ Presentation and discussion of the draft Scoping Document with representatives of SLBSC partners <i>i.e.</i> , local universities and civil society organisations.	18.10.13	Completed			Presentation materials, attendance sheets and meeting minutes
➤ Drafting and publication of the SLBSC Development Plan, Annual Implementation Plan (2013 – 2014), communications strategy and budget for the SLBSC FIP	15.11.13	Planned			Copies of all documents
➤ Submission of the SLBSC FIP Budget for 2012 – 2013 to the NFI CC, by the SEASL	30.11.13	Planned			Covering letter

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➤ SLBSC FIP Inauguration Workshop (2 days). Formation of the SLBSC FIP coordinating body. Signing of FIP Partnership Agreements	15.01.14	Planned			Signed Partnership Agreements and meeting minutes
FIP Stage 3					
Implementation of the FIP Annual Work Plan					
➤ Publication and updating of relevant FIP documents on the SEASL website (www.seasl.lk)	31.12.13	Planned		See FIP Annual Implementation 2012 - 2013	FIP Annual Implementation Plan
➤ Implementation of activities to improve Fishing Practices Activities; the status of the stock; bycatch reduction; to reduce other environmental concerns; policy & legal framework activities (FIP4); of social equity (FIP4); economic equity (FIP4); (FIP 5) and (FIP5)	01.11.12	Planned		See FIP Annual Implementation 2012 - 2013	FIP Annual Implementation Plan