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POR LA PESCA (FOR FISHERIES)

Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing threatens the sustainability of important artisanal fisheries and associated biodiversity, as well as the livelihoods and resilience of coastal communities. This new partnership will promote sustainable and profitable fishing practices in Ecuador and Peru.

Through the partnership between the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), a coalition of environmental NGOs led by the Sociedad Peruana de Derecho Ambiental (SPDA), and the Walton Family Foundation (WFF), the *Por la Pesca* (For Fisheries) project will significantly reduce IUU fishing by national and foreign fleets in the jumbo-flying squid, mahi-mahi or dorado, tuna, and octopus fisheries.

HOW DOES THE ACTIVITY WORK?

- Facilitating and reducing bottlenecks to formalization of fishers and their organizations with clear socioeconomic benefits.
- Empowering and strengthening the capacity of fisher organizations and other key value-chain actors.
- Leveraging market demand for seafood from formal and responsible fisheries to incentivize better

fishing practices.

- Providing technical support to key government agencies and private sector actors to improve data-sharing and transparency for decision-making.
- Promoting science-based and participatory fisheries policies and regulations and providing technical assistance to national and sub-national authorities to support enforcement.

RESULTS ACHIEVED

- **Increased formality in the four fisheries.** In Peru, 458 artisanal jumbo-flying squid and mahi-mahi vessels and 179 artisanal octopus divers completed their formalization process. In addition, 18 jumbo-flying squid vessels can now fish legally in international waters. In Ecuador, *Por la Pesca* reached an agreement with the Directorate of the Galapagos National Park to support the participatory revision of the Fishing Regulations, which will enable new fishing permits to be issued and the fishers' registry to be updated,
- **Increased the organizational capacity of fisher organizations.** More than 20 fisher organizations in Peru and Ecuador are benefiting from *Por la Pesca*'s comprehensive organizational strengthening program. In addition, more than 2,400 fishers were trained in the sustainable management of natural resources and/or biodiversity conservation,
- **Trade agreements for formal and responsible fishing.** In Peru, a commercial agreement was reached between the San José fishing cooperative and the Oceano Seafood processing plant, generating 80 direct sales (714 tons of jumbo-flying squid), which meant an increase of 9.6% in the profits of the shipowners. These successes demonstrate the benefits of formal fishing,
- **Promotion of responsible fishing and consumption.** In Peru, *Por la Pesca* developed criteria for responsible fishing and domestic consumption as part of the "La Buena Pesca" initiative, while in Ecuador, a market study is being completed for the Galapagos tuna fishery,
- **More and better information is available for fisheries management.** A collaborative relationship was strengthened between the Aquaculture and Fisheries Public Research Institute (IPIAP) Ecuador and the Institute of the Sea of Peru (IMARPE), and between these scientific institutions and fisher organizations to generate and exchange information for better fisheries management decisions,
- **Improved fisheries policies and regulations.** In Peru, six legal reforms were adopted

based on scientific evidence and participatory processes. In addition, eight regulatory proposals were presented to national and regional authorities to promote formalization and discourage IUU fishing,

- **Best practices for fisheries management.** A total of 1,120 people applied best practices and/or technologies for fisheries management. For example, the use of logbooks and on-board monitoring cameras, digital mechanisms for departure and catch registration, and bycatch management. In addition, in Peru, the Marcona Artisanal Fishing Community submitted the first Declaration of Interest to obtain a benthic extraction plan.

PROJECT INFORMATION

IMPLEMENTER: Sociedad Peruana de Derecho Ambiental (SPDA)

PARTNERS: The Nature Conservancy, World Wildlife Fund, Sustainable Fisheries Partnership, Environmental Defense Fund, Redes-SP, ProDelphinus, WildAid and Future of Fish

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