

An underwater photograph showing a large school of fish swimming in clear blue water. In the lower right corner, two divers are visible near the sandy seabed. The text is overlaid on a dark blue horizontal band across the middle of the image.

# OPAGAC Fishery Improvement Project (FIP)

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A photograph of several fishermen on a boat, wearing bright orange waterproof gear. One fisherman in the foreground is holding a large, silvery fish. The background shows a blue sky and a fishing net. A thin blue horizontal line is positioned above the text.

# Fishery Improvement Projects: A stepwise approach to sustainability.

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## Overview

A fishery improvement project (FIP) draws together fishers, industry, researchers, government and NGOs to help improve fishing practices and management. Through a transparent and comprehensive approach, the FIP will increase a fishery's level of sustainability and help it meet the requirements of the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) standard.

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# The Ideal Purse Seine Vessel

A Guide to Demonstrating Best Practices  
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The PVR tracks this specific list of verifiable best practices and is a transparent source regarding a vessel's adherence to those practices available to all stakeholders.

Any large-scale purse seine vessels that ISSF participating companies source from must be on the PVR.



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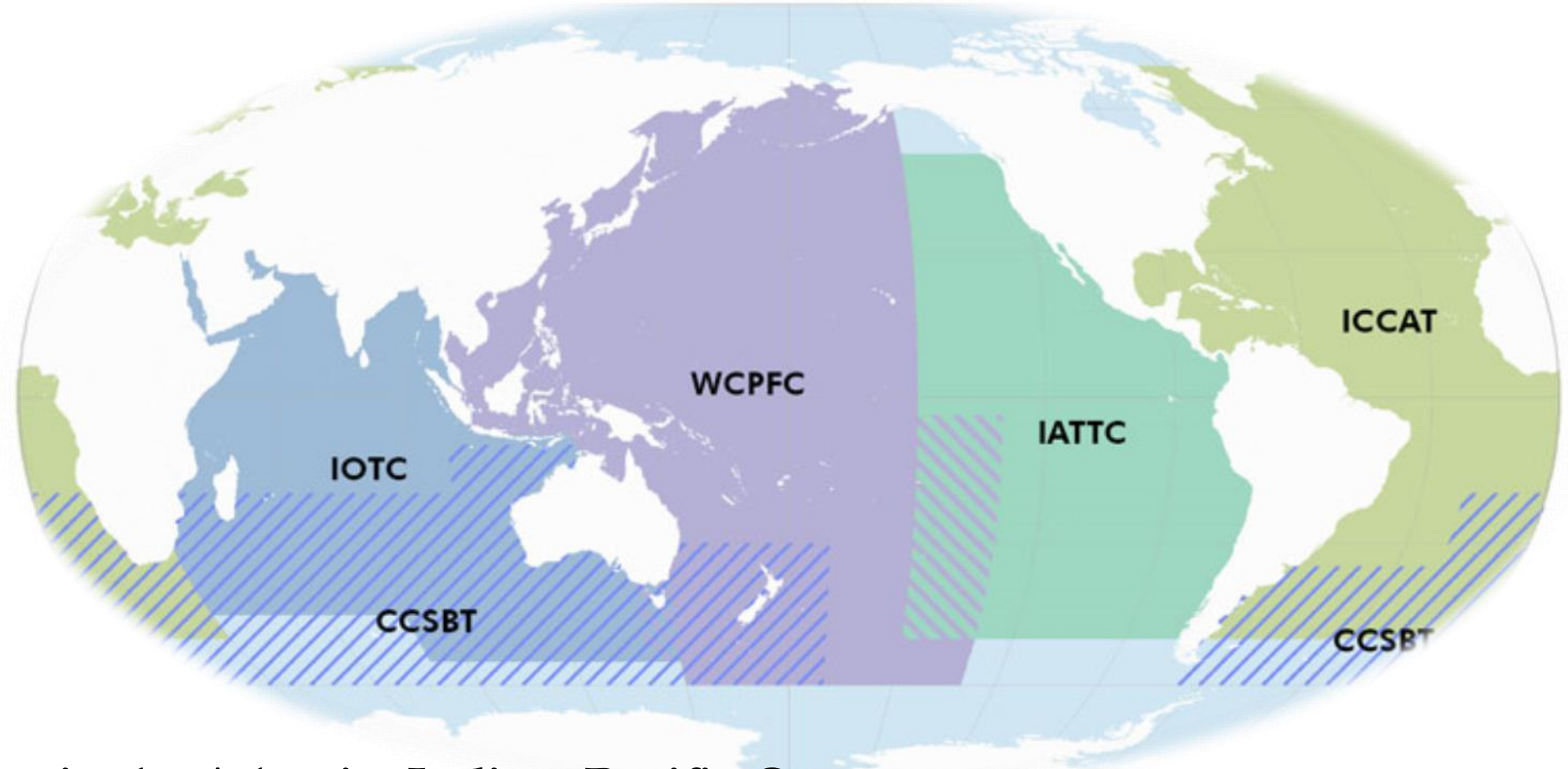
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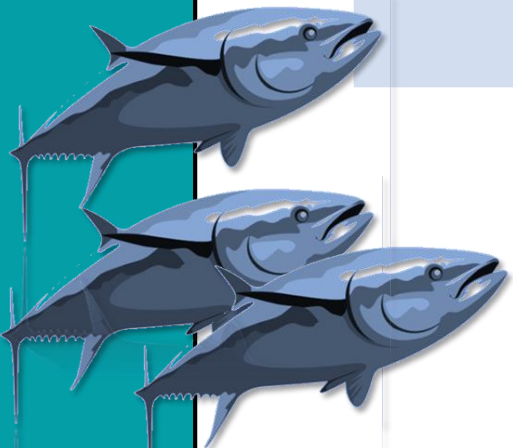
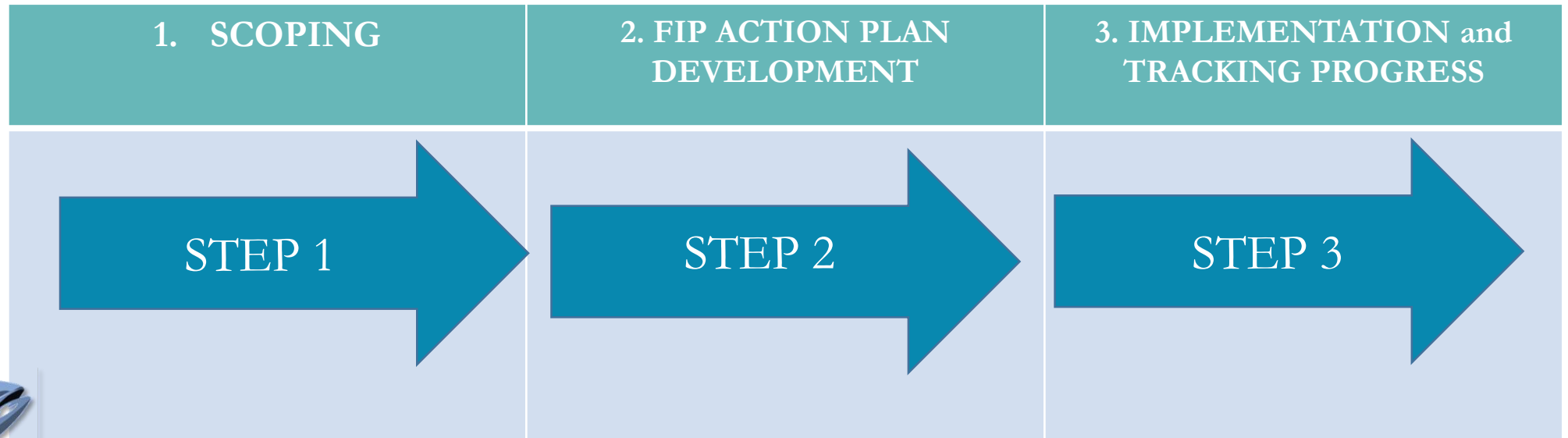
# The OPAGAC FIP: 13 Units of Assessment



- Fishing in the Atlantic, Indian, Pacific Oceans
- Three species: Skipjack, Yellowfin, Bigeye
- Purse seine nets used in association with various methods of Floating Aggregating Devices (FAD)

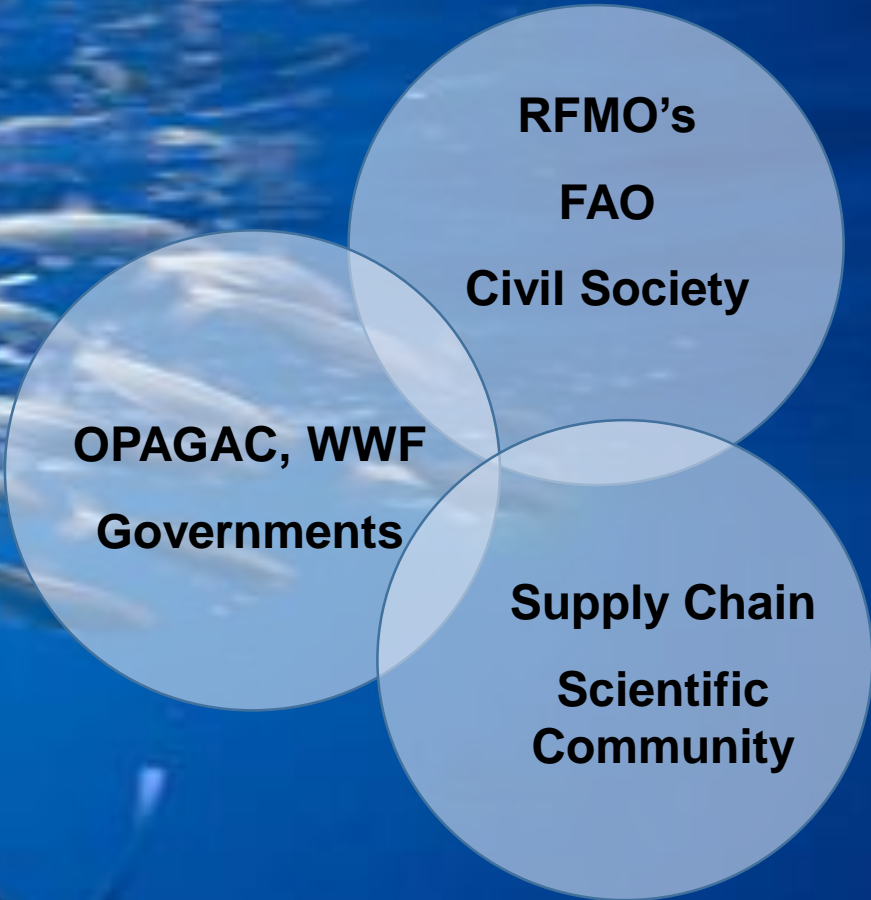
# FIP Process

## A Three-Step Plan for Developing a FIP





# Stakeholder Engagement



# Next Steps

- Advisory group meeting in July to formally engage stakeholders and solicit input on action plan activities
- Implementation of activities





# Thank You

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