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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 a partnership between 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 artisanal fishing fleets targeting four socio-economically important artisanal fisheries in Peru and Ecuador, including the Galapagos Marine Reserve.

HOW DOES THE ACTIVITY WORK?

This activity will apply a combination of five strategies for the flying jumbo squid, mahi-mahi, tuna and octopus' fisheries:

- Facilitating and reducing bottlenecks to formalization of artisanal 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 sustainably harvested seafood from formal and responsible fisheries to incentivize better fishing practices.

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- 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.

WHAT RESULTS ARE EXPECTED?

- Increased level of formalization in the flying jumbo squid, mahi-mahi, tuna and octopus fisheries - At least 1,000 artisanal vessel owners will have completed required vessel licensing and registration processes.
- Increased organizational capacity of at least 20 fisher organizations to engage effectively with government authorities to set equitable fishing regulations, promote compliance with these regulations and improve fishing practices.
- Increased power of fisher associations to bargain with intermediary buyers, and at least four agreements with strategic buyers for legal, traceable, and responsible seafood.
- More and better information is publicly available for fisheries management
- Improved fisheries policies, regulations and government capacities to facilitate effective participation of fishers in fisheries management, streamline formalization processes, and strengthen transparency, public access to information and enforcement.

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

COMPONENT DURATION: September 2022 – September 2027

USAID FUNDING: \$8.6 million

WALTON FAMILY FOUNDATION FUNDING: \$12.5 million

LOCATION: In Ecuador: Galápagos and Manta; and in Peru: Arequipa, Ica, Lambayeque, Lima, Moquegua and Piura.

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