

SPINY LOBSTER INITIATIVE



REPORT ON COMMON GROUND AND ACTION PLANS

“ Working together for a sustainable use, profitable and safe fishery of the Spiny Lobster in Honduras”

Hotel Palma Real, La Ceiba, Honduras

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General objective of the Workshop

The Workshop "*Working together for a sustainable use, profitable and safe fishery of the spiny lobster in Honduras*" had several objectives:

1. **Create a space for reflection and analysis among those involved in the field of the lobster fishery in Honduras**
2. **Strengthen existing communication networks, to identify synergies and promote new partnerships.**
3. **Innovation strategies and identify guidelines for action plans in the future.**
4. **Commit to concrete actions in the short, medium and long term towards common goals.**

The workshop aimed to gather very diverse interests and perspectives of the entire system and people that could commit to undertake concrete actions for the sustainable, profitable and safe system of the spiny lobster in Honduras.

To achieve the objectives of the workshop those principles were followed:

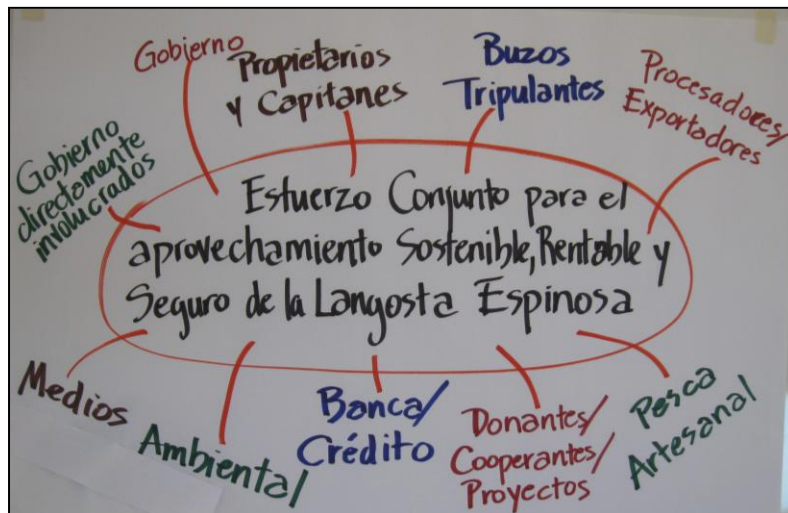
- The entire system join the workshop the whole time (three days) the workshop.
- The future scenarios are put into a historical and global perspective. This increases understanding and shared commitment to action.
- Participants self-manage their work.
- Participants use dialogue as the main tool.
- Instead of "conflict resolution", points in common, are the frame of reference. It means recognizing our differences rather than reconcile them.
- The participants take responsibility during and after the workshop and commit to specific actions to achieve common goals.

CONTENTS OF THIS REPORT

- Themes agreed and compatible in SHARED COMMON FUTURE, NOT AGREED AND POTENTIAL PROJECTS
- Themes identified in ON COMMON GROUND
- Categorized by common themes of shared in relation to SCALE
- ACTION PLANS for short, medium and long term generated by 8 stakeholders interest group at the workshop
- Photography with the information generated at the mental map during the workshop

TABLE OF WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS WSR LOBSTER HONDURAS

Interest Group	Number of participants originally invited to the workshop (last update)	Actual number of participants in the workshop
DIRECT GOVERNMENT	5	7
INDIRECT GOVERNMENT	5	5
ARTISAN FISHERMEN	8	4
DIVERS AND CREW	10	10
OWNERS AND BOAT CAPTAINS	8	1
EXPORTERS AND PROCESSORS	11	6
ENVIRONMENTAL	8	9
BANKING AND FINANCES	7	4
COOPERANTS / PROJECTS	8	7
TOTAL	70	53



The ten groups of interest originally identified WSR Spiny Lobster Initiative in Honduras. June 2009

RESULTS

SHARED FUTURE AND COMMON GROUND

Participants as groups made diverse artistic and creative interpretations illustrated future scenario of the lobster issue. Then in mixed groups were consulted to identify and make a list of items in SHARED COMMON FUTURE, POTENTIAL PROJECTS AND NOT AGREED

SHARED FUTURE ITEMS (identified by the participants)

- Intersectorial Working
- Good resource management
- Extended Market/ search for new markets
- Regional integration
- Lobster fishing industry is sustainable and profitable
- Regional cooperation and binational
- Improve health conditions
- Mutual aid between interest / acceptance of responsibility
- Improving quality of life in communities of Moskitia
- Harmonization of management measures
- Industry prosperity and development with mutual benefits for all stakeholders
- Fishing regulations
- Rearrangement of fishing
- Labor rights and corporate responsibility
- Sustain and increase the population of lobsters
- Fisheries management based on interdisciplinary research

TOPICS: POTENTIAL PROJECTS (identified by the participants)

- Limits for fishing licenses
- Education and training for divers / fishermen
- Ecological reserves and areas of no fishing / fishing zones
- Livelihood / Alternative Work
- Structured database / more scientific research
- The Diving School
- Professionalization of the business of diving
- Changes in fishing gear (little Cuban houses)
- Development Research
- Promote alternative aquaculture and ecotourism
- Creation of protected areas
- Creating Community fishing reservations
- Establish national fisheries policy
- Development of infrastructure and equipment of the craft sector of pots and artificial reefs
- Zoning of the marine platform
- The security of property rights over land and its resources
- Establish the basis for certification of lobster / Certification Europe
- Certification for national marketing
- Study of populations of important species
- Access to bank credit
- Environmental awareness

TOPICS: NOT AGREED

- Elimination of diving
- Manage the recovery of fishing banks
- Gradually processing lobster

After a series of talks and agreements between the participants, based on the themes **of a shared common future** were identified eleven (11) bases or in common areas for the future of the lobster fishery in Honduras based on a common future elected:

- **Market expansion**
- **Development of the Moskitia**
- **Integrated intersectoral**
- **The lobster fishery regulated and orderly**
- **Certification activity for lobster**
- **The lobster fishery management based on interdisciplinary research**
- **Sustainable and profitable industry in the lobster (Best Practices)**
- **Awareness and education**
- **Compliance to the regulatory framework**
- **Conservation and protection of marine resources through management tools**
- **Regional and bilateral integration**

CATEGORIZATION OF ITEMS OF RELATIONSHIP WITH SHARED FUTURE STRATEGY TO SCALE

Issues relating to Shared Future strategy SCALE



1. SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES LOBSTER

- The lobster fishery regulated and orderly
- Certification of the lobster activity
- Market lobster expansion
- Sustainable and profitable of the lobster industry (Best Practices)

2. MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

- The lobster fishery management based on interdisciplinary research
- Awareness and education
- Compliance/ fulfillment to the regulatory framework
- Conservation and protection of marine resources through management tools

3. DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVE LIVELIHOODS

- Integral Development of the Moskitia

4. COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE KEY PLAYERS

- Integrated intersectoral working
- Regional and bilateral integration

RESULTS

Level action plans of interest groups

Based on the themes of common ground, participants in their interest groups, they designed and proposed action plans **in the short, medium and long term** on those aspects which they agreed would apply:

INTEREST GROUP	SHORT TERM (Before July 1 2009)	MEDIUM TERM (July 2009 to March 2010)	LONG TERM
DIRECT GOVERNMENT			
Common theme: INTEGRATED INTERSECTORAL WORK			
Activities	Meeting to discuss a system for monitoring and control fishing activity in the spiny lobster		
Responsables	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capt. Efrain Mann / Navy • Lic Gabriela Pineda / DIGEPESCA • Abog. Vera Sofia Rubi / Shipping • Abog. Vanessa Melgar / CONADEH • Abog. Ilsa Lorena Torres / Governor of Atlantida <p>Date: June 22</p>		
Common theme:	SHORT TERM (Before July 1 2009)	MEDIUM TERM (July 2009 to March 2010)	LONG TERM
Activity		Join patrols	
Responsables		DIGEPESCA / Honduras Naval Forces / Merchant Marine	
		Date: 2010	
Item in common: FISHERIES REGULATED AND ORDERLY			
Activity			Developing a management plan for the lobster fishery
			Date: 5 years
Lecturers			DIGEPESCA
Item in common: AWARENESS AND EDUCATION			
Activity		Seminars within the institutions to present the current status of the lobster	
Responsables		Shipping / Governor / Navy / External Affairs Council	

INTEREST GROUP	SHORT TERM (Before July 1 2009)	MEDIUM TERM (July 2009 to March 2010)	LONG TERM
INDIRECT GOVERNMENT			
Common theme: LOBSTER FISHERY REGULATED AND ORDERLY			
Activities		1. Inspections to industrial ships (fishing licenses, fishing licenses, fishing tools, number of fishermen on board) 2. Medical reports for divers 3. Inspection of sites for sale on consignment (size, date, purchase) 4. Inspection of industrial lobster boat (departures). Licenses, permits, many fishermen, fishing tools, appropriate equipment 5. Inspection of hotels, restaurants, supermarkets etc.	
Responsables		Gabriela Pineda / DIGEPESCA and inspectors	
Common theme: INTEGRAL INTERSECTORIAL WORK			
	1. Verification that the vessels on industrial products in season and at the harbour 2. Compared with the initial list of vessels and product 3. Must not have illegal tools on board (aperos) for fishing		
Responsables	DIGESPECA La Ceiba. Inspectors and DIGEPESCA Central Captain Marine / Port Captain		
Subject: PROFITABLE AND SUSTAINABLE FISHING INDUSTRY			
		1. Inspección of industrial vessels and captured product at arrival to port: size lobster/ double activity etc. 2. Identificación artisanal producer of lobster: - Operational documents in legal order	
Responsables		DIGEPESCA / Inspectors	
Theme: AWARENESS AND EDUCATION			
		Give talks such as: "Importance of the spiny lobster, and marine resource" and "Regulatory capture spiny lobster"	
		Extending a medical report for divers (Carlos Aguilar, Secretary of Health)	
Responsables		Sonia ASPRA / INFOP La Ceiba	

INTEREST GROUP	SHORT TERM (Before July 1 2009)	MEDIUM TERM (July 2009 to March 2010)	LONG TERM
PROCESSORS AND EXPORTERS			
Item in common: EXPANSION MARKET			
Activities	To inform to the market abroad about the production of lobster in Honduras.		
responsables	Packing and processing businesses of this activity Mr. Jimmy Koutsofious / Caribbean		
Common theme: LOBSTER FISHING ACTIVITIES OF ORDERED			
Activity	Enforce the laws by the government		
responsables	Packing and processing businesses of this activity Mr. Jimmy Koutsofious / Caribbean		
Common theme: AWARENESS AND EDUCATION			
Activities	Development of brochures and other printer material related to the topic of spiny lobster		
Responsables	Jimmy Koutsofious / Caribenna Mike Powers / DARDER Karla Aguilar / Hotel Association and Allied Honduras		
Common theme: INTEGRAL DEVELOPMENT OF LA MOSKITIA			
Activity		Fishing for lobster- traps (small devices) Production of traps for lobster	
responsables		Jimmy Kousofious / Mike Powers (DARD) with the support of Hugo Galeano (PPD)	
Common theme: AWARENESS AND EDUCATION			
Activity		Education through videos and brochures	
responsables		Jimmy Koutsofious / Caribenna Mike Powers / DARDEN Karla Aguilar / Hotel Association and Allied Honduras	

INTEREST GROUP	SHORT TERM (Before July 1 2009)	MEDIUM TERM (July 2009 to March 2010)	LONG TERM
Divers and crew			
Common theme: INTESECTORIAL INTEGRATED WORK			
Activities	Coordinate activities with the institutions or organizations concerned to take responsibility		
responsables	Melvin Greham / APBGADH Gilberto Alvarez / AMHBLI Triminio Guichen / MASTER Feliciano Kirrington Modesto Morales Capt, Martínez Ávila / Naval Base Julian Bluche / DIGEPESCA Merchant Marine National Police CONADEH Date: June 19 2009		
Common theme: AWARENESS AND EDUCATION			
Activity	-Implementation of radio spots -Flyers - Workshops		
responsables	APBGADH / AMHBLI / Miskito association MASTA / Feliciano Kirrington / Modesto Morales / CONADEH Date: June 25th 2009		
Common theme: DELIVERING THE REGULATORY FRAMEWORK			
Activities	APBGADH assume responsibility for coordinating labor contracts, monitoring and evaluating the fishery (Divers)		
responsables	Departmental APBGADH Municipal APBGADH Date: June 30th, 2009		

INTEREST GROUP	SHORT TERM (Before July 1 2009)	MEDIUM TERM (July 2009 to March 2010)	LONG TERM
ENVIRONMENTAL			
Common theme: INTEGRATED INTERSECTORIAL WORK			
Activities and responsibilities	Meeting in Roatan / interagency committee for environment and biodiversity (item lobster)	Plan of action for conservation gaps (Zepeda / DIGEPESCA / DIBI) - The interagency Committee Moskitia (Ernestina Martinez Zepeda and Cubas) Date: August 2009	
responsables	Mrs. Ernestine Martinez / Committee Calina Zepeda / TNC Grazi Matamoros / Roatan Marine Park Adoni Cubas / fnd. Cayos Cochinos Date: 17th to 18th June 2009		
Common theme: SUSTAINABLE AND PROFITABLE INDUSTRY OF CRAWFISH			
Activity	expedition of boat with friendly lobster traps(experiment) Date: July 1 2009		
responsables	Bessy ASPRA (WWF) APESCA / DIGEPESCA		
Common theme: AWARENESS AND EDUCATION			
Activities and responsibilities	Poster-on regulations and best practices Radio Campaign - Launch Video (consumers / fisher) Date: July 01	Campaign ad for lobster fishing (ASPRA / DARDEN/ WWF) - Campaign marine reserve in restaurants in Sandy B. West End (Matamoros) - Festival of lobsters in Roatan (Matamoros and ASPRA) Date: All the time. Campaign in Roatan: December 2009	BFP Promotion / Campaign responsible purchasing Date: Sep 2010 Education program for the sustainable use of lobster (District Education CCIB / Lic Ernestina Martinez)

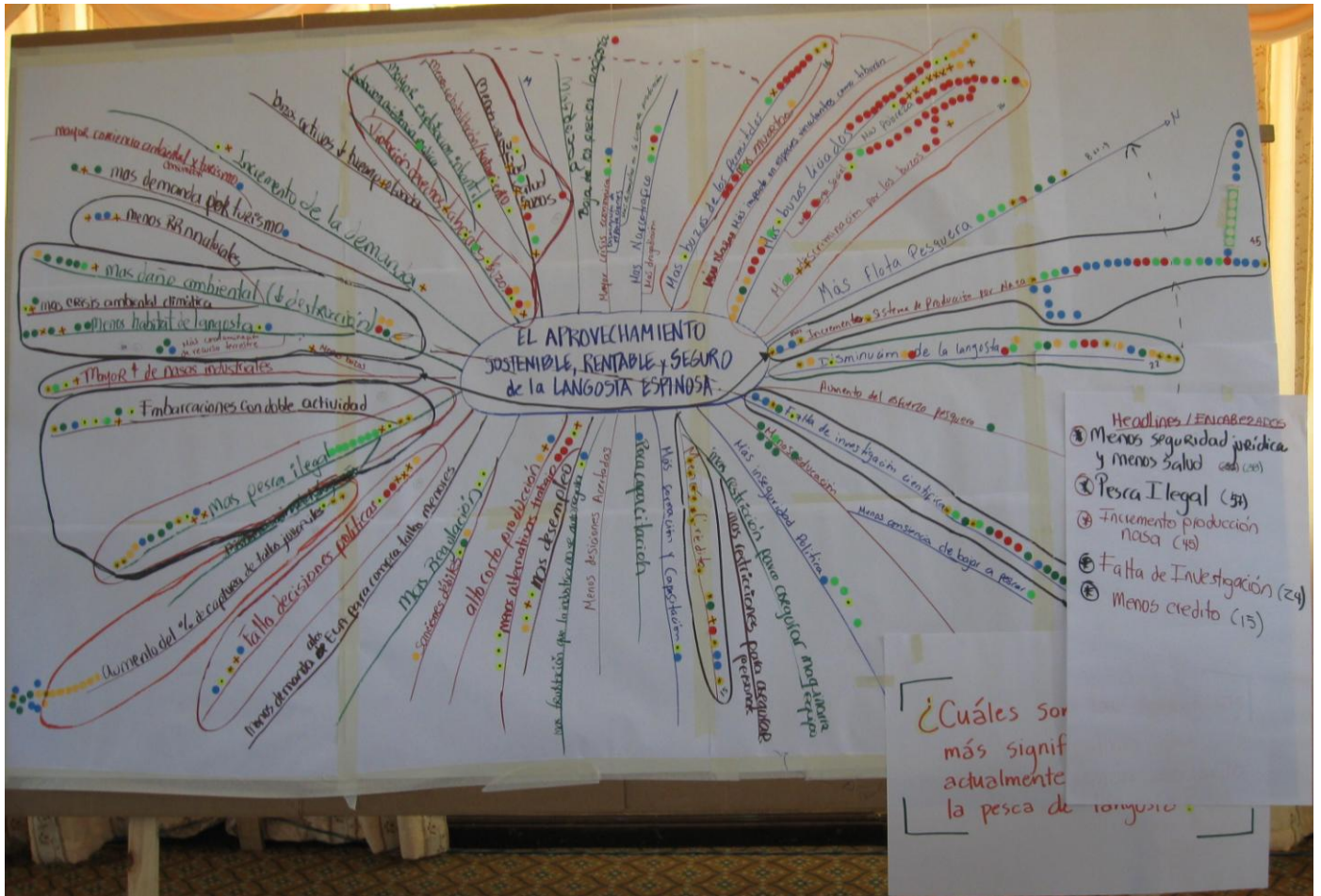
responsables	Bessy ASPRA / WWF Grazzi Matamoros / Roatan Marine Park Adoni Cubas / Cayos Cochinos		WWF / USAID / DARDER
Common theme: CERTIFICATION OF LOBSTER ACTIVITY			
Activity	Preliminary meeting with WWF / CARO-USA Date: June 16 2009		Follow the process SWA Date: Sep 2010
Responsables	Bessy ASPRA / WWF		Bessy ASPRA / WWFA
Common theme: FOLLOW THE REGULATORY FRAMEWORK			
Activities and responsibilities		- Patrolling marine protected areas (<i>Cubas and Matamoros</i>) Community-Monitoring Committees (<i>Cubas and Zepeda</i>) CAFTA-Workshop (<i>Aspra</i>) Workshop SAS (<i>Aspra</i>) August-Sept 2009 Patrols: the whole period	
Common theme: CONSERVATION OF THE MARINE RESOURCES THROUGH MANAGEMENT TOOLS			
Activities and responsibilities		Statement of bank-reef Cordelia (Roatan). (<i>Matamoros and ASPRA</i>) - Identification of critical habitat for lobster. zoning maps (<i>ASPRA</i>) - Consolidation in fishing buffer Cayos Cochinos (<i>Tubs</i>)	
Common theme: INTEGRAL DEVELOPMENT OF LA MOSKITIA			
Activities and responsibilities		Ecological assessment of economic alternatives for divers (<i>ASPRA</i>) Whole period	Identification of alternatives Date: Sep 2010
Common theme: THE MANAGEMENT OF FISHING CRAWFISH BASED INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH			
Activities and responsibilities			Proposed zoning for ecological reserves, fishing areas, areas of community management D ATE: Sep 2010
responsables			WWF

INTEREST GROUP	SHORT TERM (Before July 1 2009)	MEDIUM TERM (July 2009 to March 2010)	LONG TERM
BANKING AND FINANCE			
Item in common: fishing industry sustainable and profitable CRAWFISH			
Activities	Funding for working capital	-Adaptation -Refinancing of loans partially and completely defeated - Grant of new loans - Recovery of credit by the courts - Charges due or notices through administrative channels	
responsables	Jose Luis Reyes / Bc. Atlántida Victor Manuel Contreras / BANADESA Ricardo Calix / Fund. Covelo	Jose Luis Reyes / Bc. Atlántida Ricardo Calix / Fund. Covelo	
Common theme: AWARENESS AND EDUCATION			
Activities		Prepare a proposal for the area of corporate sustainability for an environmental project for the lobster fishermen communities	
responsables		Fernando Flores / HSBC Insurance Company	

INTEREST GROUP	SHORT TERM (Before July 1 2009)	MEDIUM TERM (July 2009 to March 2010)	LONG TERM
ARTISAN FISHERMEN			
Common theme: IMPLICATIONS FOR POLICY REFORM LAW AND TRANSLATION			
Activities		Fund management Three inter-meetings (Brus laguna, Kaukira, Wawina) radio spots Legal Advice agriculture minister Meeting	Best-practice use of marine fishery resources - Respect adjacent protected areas
responsables		Danky Tak Aslika MOPAWI / Navy / DIGEPESCA Date: July to December 2009	ODECO / MOPAWI
Common theme: REGIONAL AND BINATIONAL INTEGRATION			
Activity			-Management of funds -Planning -Conduct of meetings
responsables			MOPAWI / Association of Fishers AMBLIH / APBGADH
Common theme: AWARENESS AND EDUCATION			
Activities	-Training		
responsables	-ODECO (Sulma Valencia) -Fundación Cayos Cochinos 15 to 30 July 2009		
Common theme: development of la moskitia			
Activity			Meeting with Fisheries authorities
responsables			MOPAWI / Danky Tak Aslika

INTEREST GROUP	SHORT TERM (Before July 1 2009)	MEDIUM TERM (July 2009 to March 2010)	LONG TERM
COOPERANTS			
Common theme: INTEGRATED INTERSECTORAL WORK			
Activities	Create a network of inter-exchange Date: 30 June 2009	Pilot Project for the Caribbean lobster	Support the work of WWF, to scientific research of natural resources
responsables	Jimmy Andean Initiative and members of the Locust Espinosa / Alliance Global Fisheries	OSPESCA Period 2009-2013	Barbara Best / USAID Washington Period 2009/2010
Common theme: REGIONAL AND BINATIONAL INTEGRATION			
Activity	Regional and bilateral integration (monitoring initiative Lobster Nicaragua) Puerto Cabeza	Supporting the initiative of the spiny lobster to integrate sectors and improve communication and education	
responsables	James Webster / Spiny Initiative lobster Jimerson Anne and Charles Chanya Date: July 4 2009	Barbara Best / USAID Washington Period 2009-2013	
Common theme: CONSERVATION OF THE MARINE RESOURCES THROUGH MANAGEMENT TOOLS			
Activities			Zoning study of the marine platform of Moskitia
responsables			Fishermen Association Dakni Tak Aslika Fishermen Assoc PAMUDEL (Amadeo Lopez) AMHBLI / SGP / UNDP UNDP-observatory millennium goals
Common theme: INTEGRAL DEVELOPMENT OF LA MOSKITIA			
Activity	Feasibility study for production of lobster traps Date: June 30 2009	Start-new Development Cost and Resource Conservation in Moskitia (Development Miskito communities) Period 2010-2015	
responsables	AMBLIH / APBGADH / SGP / UNDP / Millennium Goals	Eduardo Chirinos USAID / Honduras	

MENTAL MAP
Whole System in the Room (WSR). Spiny Lobster Initiative
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Votación grupos de interés

●●●	Medios
●●●●	Gobierno-directamente involucrados
●●●●●	Propietarios/Capitanes
●●●●●	Buzos Tripulantes
●●●●●	Procesadores/Exportadores
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●●●●●	Gobierno indirectamente involucrados
●●●●●	Donantes/Cooperantes/Proyectos
●●●●●	Ambiental
●●●●●	Banca/Credito