



MarinTrust Improver Programme

FIP 6-month report : Oman small pelagics

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Overview

In this document the applicant should outline progress made towards the actions listed in the Fishery Action Plan (FAP) as part of the Fishery Improvement Project (FIP). This should be aligned with the MarinTrust Assessment criteria where possible. The progress actions should be updated in the following tables, and the relevant evidence linked to. It is important that evidence documents are publicly available. This will be checked by MarinTrust and then verified by the peer reviewer during the annual peer review process based on evidence submitted by the applicant.

For the 6-month report, it is not required to provide an update on all actions. The FIP is required to provide updates on actions where demonstrable progress has been made since the last reporting (the last 6 months).

FIP name	Oman small pelagics FIP
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Template guidelines

To help ensure the review process can be carried out effectively and efficiently:

- Include specific citations to the evidence that substantiates it. This should include the exact page numbers and paragraph references where the evidence can be found.
- Where possible, include a hyperlink to any evidence referenced.
- Ensure that the supporting evidence documents are easily accessible and well-organised. They should be available in a format that allows for easy navigation, such as a table of contents, bookmarks, or an index.
- Use clear and concise language when referring to evidence to make it easy for readers to grasp why a particular piece of evidence supports a specific progress claim.
- If evidence documents have been submitted during previous reports, this should be clearly identified.
- Each activity being reported on should be clearly linked to the relevant MarinTrust clause and FAP.

Note: MarinTrust will host all evidence documents on the MarinTrust FIP profiles. If there are any confidential and or draft documents that the applicant does not want made public, this should be made clear in the report.

IP 6-month update

Use the below tables to provide an update on actions in the Fishery Action Plan with links to relevant evidence documents. Additional lines may be added where necessary.

Definition of UoA

MT clause	Action ref.	Action details	Action update / progress made	Evidence	Status of action	Additional comments
	Action 0	Clearly define the UoA	We obtained 3 years of raw material data (species, source (vessel type) and quantity), plus a species list from each factory, which allowed us to more clearly define the UoA. I have marked this as complete, although some minor clarifications are still needed on species identification for the less common species (see most recent version of fishery assessment). The data collection is ongoing.	1 - Factory purchase data spreadsheet 23-24 to 25-26 2 - blank data sheet for factories to complete for 2026-7 season	Complete	

M – Management framework and surveillance, control and enforcement

MT clause	Action ref.	Action details	Action update / progress made	Evidence	Status of action	Additional comments
M1.4.1, M1.5.3	Action 1	Legal and policy framework	We asked a fisheries expert and native Arabic speaker, Dr Mohamed Samy-Kamal (University of Alicante), to review the	3 - Samy-Kamal M. 2026. Legal	Ongoing	

			legislative and regulatory framework for fisheries in Oman, based on all publicly-available documents in Arabic and English. This provided us with more reliable and more up-to-date information on the legislation and implementing regulations which apply to this fishery, and the roles and responsibilities of relevant organisations. The legislation has recently been updated, particularly by Ministerial Decision 70/2026 which provides the details for implementing the Living Aquatic Resources Law (English translation provided in the previous submission). This allowed us to update the evaluation of clause M1.4.1 and M1.5.3 (see attached updated fishery assessment) and conclude that they are met. The Action is marked as ongoing because there are other relevant clauses which are still not met.	framework for Oman fisheries.		
M1.5.1	Action 2	Decision-making framework	As above. See updated fishery assessment, evaluation for clause M1.5.1.	As above	Ongoing	
M2.3.1	Action 3	Surveillance and enforcement	As above – see M2.3.1	As above	Ongoing	

A – Category A: Data collection, stock assessment, harvest strategy and stock status

MT clause	Action ref.	Action details	Action update / progress made	Evidence	Status of action	Additional comments
A1.2, A2.3, A2.4, A2.5,	Action 4.3 Action 5 Action 6	Data collection Stock assessment Management	An agreement has been signed with a stock assessment expert, to collect length and age data from the factories on a monthly basis for two years, covering the key target species. Provisionally, the species list is set out in the proposal as oil sardine, mackerel, scad, horse mackerel, anchovies and crescent grunt, which does not fully conform to our revised list of target species, but the proposal was written before the factory data were available, and it has been agreed that the target species list will be refined according to species composition in the ongoing sampling. The agreement covers two years of data collection, with a minimum of one year of data for a provisional assessment. The end product will be stock assessments for the Type 1 species, and management recommendations. The season opened early on 22 September and according to the factories, data collection already started on that day.	4 – proposal methodology (other elements to remain confidential)	Ongoing	

B – Category B Species

MT clause	Action ref.	Action details	Action update / progress made	Evidence	Status of action	Additional comments
B	As above	As above	As above	As above	Ongoing	

C – Category C Species

No category C species

D – Category D Species

All Category D species score a pass (including species added to the scope in 2026 – see revised fishery assessment).

E – Ecosystem requirements

MT clause	Action ref.	Action details	Action update / progress made	Evidence	Status of action	Additional comments
E1.1.2, E1.1.3, E2.1.2, E3.1.3	Action 7 Action 8	Data collection for ecosystem Ecosystem management	The final version of the report from OneOcean is now available and includes a section on recommendations, which we are now using to lay out the next steps for the FIP in more detail. At the meeting in September 2026, it was agreed that we would offer observer training to MAFWR, so that their observers (already present on the Turkish vessels) would be able to	5 – Final report from OneOcean	Ongoing	

			collect data on any interactions with ETP species. OneOcean are experienced at conducting observer training for this purpose so we expect to work with them again. For the artisanal vessels, observers are not possible, and it was agreed to explore the possibility of using cameras and trackers, but acknowledged that this is likely to be a longer-term project. For the meantime, the FIP will explore adapting existing awareness and id materials (posters, apps etc.) for the fishery.			
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Additional information

The following section is for any information provided by the FIP in support of this 6-month update which does not relate directly to any of the information above, but which is relevant to the ongoing monitoring of management status.

We are working on a data collection form to understand and improve traceability, but it is not yet finalised. Likewise, we have requested a vessel list but it is not yet complete.

Index for evidence documents

MT clause	Action in plan	Evidence document	Link
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	Action 0	1 - Raw material data for past three seasons	
	Action 0	2 – Blank data sheet for factory data for forthcoming season	
M1.4.1, M1.5.1, M1.5.3, M2.3.1	Action 1, Action 2, Action 3	3 – Review of legislation by Dr Samy-Kamal	
A1.3, A2.3, A2.4, A2.5, B	Action 4, Action 5, Action 6	4 – Data collection and stock assessment proposal methodology	
E1.1.2, E1.1.3, E2.1.2, E3.1.3	Action 7, Action 8	5 – Final report from OneOcean	

