## RUSSIAN FAR EAST CRABS

**RFE CRAB CATCHERS ASSOCIATION (CCA) AND SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES PARTNERSHIP (SFP)**

**PLAN OF WORK ON THE FISHERIES IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (FIP)**

*2014-2015*

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| 1. Access to stock assessment and fishery data including information on fisheries monitoring and control | Launch the CCA website  
Prepare and publish the following information on the CCA web site  
a) TAC and reported catches for the period 2004(?)-2014.  
b) Summary description of commercial crab species and their fisheries in areas of prime importance for the FIP.  
c) Summaries of officially published materials used to estimate TAC in 2013-2014.  
d) The origin-of-catch certification and its use by Russia for export of crab products to North Pacific trade partners within a framework of bilateral agreements on the reduction of trade in IUU-originated seafood.  
e) A joint work with fisheries research institutes on deployment of their scientists on board CCA vessels for conducting scientific research, in particular, crab stock assessment. | CCA | Jan 2014-completed  
By 30 Jun 2014  
End of 2014  
Jun-Sep 2014  
By 30 Sep 2014  
End of 2014 |
| 2. Supply chain analysis | Analyse a supply chain of Russian crab products officially traded to North Pacific countries.  
Consider opportunities for tracking of crab shipments extended from the country of first landing to the final destination by applying additional trade control documents. | CCA/ SFP | 2014 – 2015  
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| Publicise work of FIP in order to develop interest in improving the crab fishery by those crab-catching companies who are not members of CCA. | CCA | 2014 – 2015 |
| Encourage all parties being interested in FIP to publish in open sources their views in support of FIP or on their intention to cooperate with CCA in the project. | CCA/ SFP | 2014 – 2015 |

3. CCA policy on sustainable fishing
Prepare and adopt a policy of the association in respect of sustainable fishing and a code of conduct for CCA vessel crews | CCA | 2014-2-15 |

II. Stock status

4. Crab fisheries status
Conduct internal review of crab fisheries status and define further improvements required. | CCA/SFP experts | 2014 – 2015 |

5. Status of crab stocks and harvest control rules
Work with fisheries research institutes and persuade them to standardise and apply up-to-date methodologies in crab stock assessment and management based on biological reference points and harvest control rules associated with them. | CCA/fisheries research institutes | 2014 - 2015 |

III. Fisheries environmental impacts

6. Environmental impact of crab fisheries, including by-catches and discards
Involve scientists to be deployed by research institutes on board CCA vessels in systematic collection of data on all types of by-catches and discards as well as any potential impact of crab pot fishing on habitat. Undertake analytical review of fisheries regulations, catch reporting requirements and availability of other sources for data on by-catches, including by-catch of non-target crab species and crabs during fishing for other than crab species. Collect and document information available on crab fishing impact on habitat. | CCA | 2014 - 2015 |

III. Fisheries monitoring, control and enforcement

7. Estimation of current levels of IUU crab catches
Initiate collection of information and estimation of present levels of IUU crab fishing, for example, linked to incorrect reporting of catches and fishing areas as well as substitution in catch reports of high valued crab species by less valued species. | CCA/fisheries regulatory bodies | 2014 - 2015 |

8. National Plan of Action of Russia on IUU Fishing
Engage in the development of normative acts to be adopted in support of the NPOA-IUU implementation, in particular, in respect of crab fishing. | CCA/Fisheries Agency | 2014 - 2015 |
*If necessary, the plan can be adjusted.