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# SFP and Hilborn Lab update the Fishery Improvement Project Database

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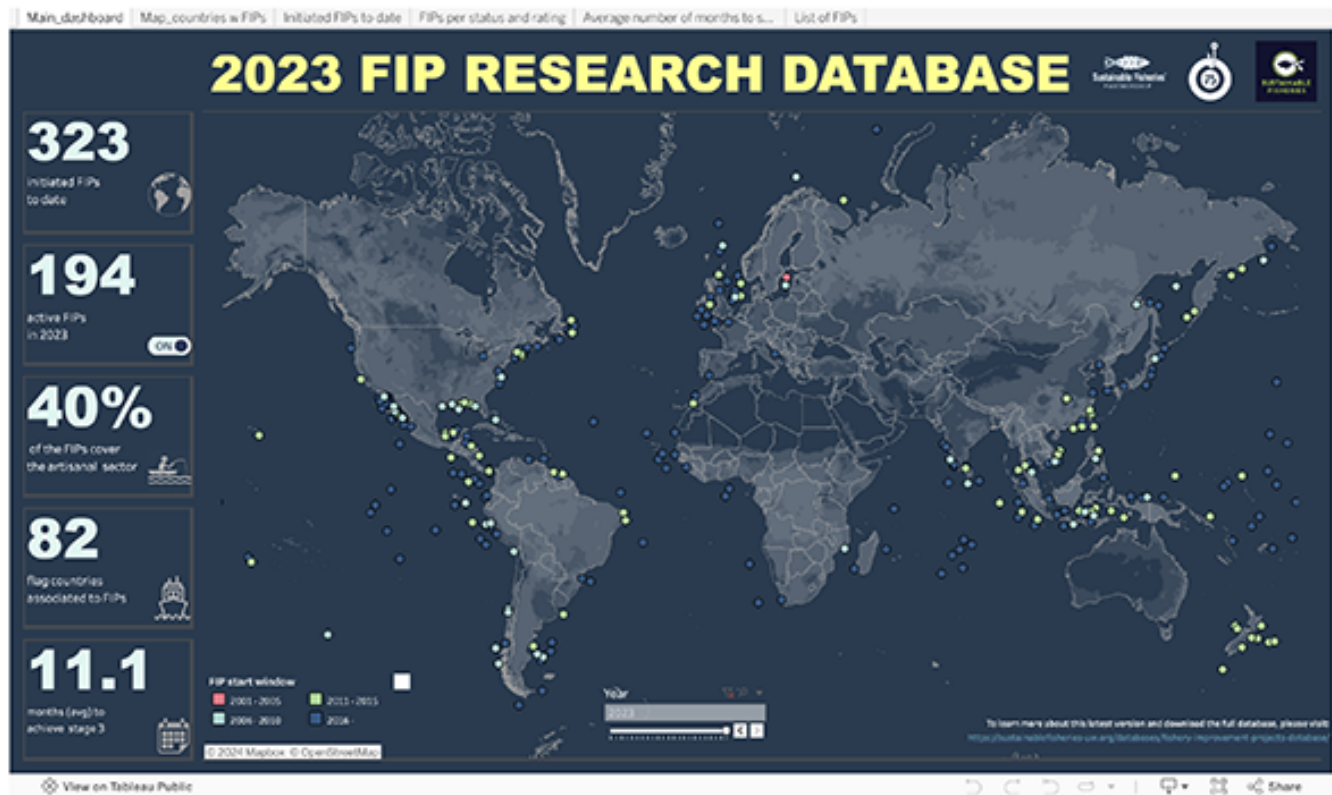
## The most comprehensive database of its kind supports better FIP management, design and implementation

Sustainable Fisheries Partnership (SFP) and the Hilborn Lab at the University of Washington have released an updated version of the **Fishery Improvement Projects Database (FIP-DB)**. (<https://sustainablefisheries-uw.org/databases/fishery-improvement-projects-database/>). This sixth edition of the database is the most comprehensive, with historical time series data on more than 320 fisheries improvement projects (FIPs) reaching back to 2003 when the first FIPs were established.

While mainly intended for use by fisheries management researchers, the database is also an important tool for industry and nonprofit stakeholders to understand how internal and external factors affect FIP performance and success.

“Research using this database may ultimately lead to better management decisions, better FIP design and implementation, and improvements on the water,” said SFP Senior Scientist Pedro Veiga. “Several research outputs, including peer-reviewed articles, have already emerged from data sourced from the FIP-DB.”

The database complements and draws upon existing online resources dedicated to FIPs, including



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the **Improvement Projects tracker** (<https://www.fishsource.org/improvement-project>), by SFP's FIP Evaluation Program and **FisheryProgress.org** (<https://fisheryprogress.org/>), a comprehensive platform offering up-to-date information on FIP progress. Currently, the database encompasses fishery and FIP-specific data attributes and performance indicators for the more than 320 FIPs initiated to date.



(<https://link.chtbl.com/aquapod>).

As in the previous version, users can download a simplified version of the entire database. From the database website, users can access and download multiple Excel tables. Detailed information regarding each included variable can be found in the **database metadata** (<https://new-fip-db.s3.amazonaws.com/index.html>).



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Additionally, an updated version of the **existing Tableau dashboard** ([https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/pedro.veiga/viz/FIPResearchdatabase/Main\\_dashboard](https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/pedro.veiga/viz/FIPResearchdatabase/Main_dashboard)), featuring key insights into FIP-related indicators, is available for consultation by a wider audience, including members of the seafood industry and non-profit organizations.

The FIP Research program also maintains an **open-access resource library** ([https://www.zotero.org/groups/343081/fip\\_resource\\_library/library](https://www.zotero.org/groups/343081/fip_resource_library/library)), aimed at curating and spotlighting scientific research pertinent to FIPs. The overarching objective of this library is to centralize disparate sources of FIP-related information into a single accessible repository. To contribute documents or other resources to the library, interested parties are encouraged to reach out to SFP.

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