



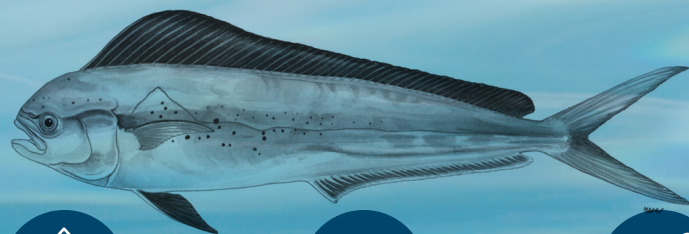
Unlocking the potential of sustainable fisheries and aquaculture in Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific

Dominican Republic

WHAT WE **focus**
on

Mahi-mahi

(*Coryphaena hippurus*)



PRODUCTION METHOD

VOLUMES *

VALUE *

Wild caught, artisanal

485 tonnes

USD
680 000
(est.)

* estimated primary production





Facts & figures

Mahi-mahi is fished along the southern coast of the Dominican Republic.

Captures **increased** from **255 tonnes** in **2000** to **485 tonnes** in **2018**

Mahi-mahi is a fish that grows and matures rapidly. It can be **harvested more frequently** than other species.

Fish consumption in the Dominican Republic is estimated to be around **8 kg per person per year**. This is low compared to other countries in the region and below alternative sources of animal protein, such as chicken (28 kg per person), beef (10 kg per person) and pork (9.5 kg per person).

Mahi-mahi is **exported** in small quantities, mainly to the US with **15 tonnes in 2019**, but also to Canada and to other Caribbean islands.

Also known as dolphinfish, mahi-mahi is a highly appreciated food fish common to most of the world's warm and temperate seas. It is one of the principal catches of artisanal fishers in the Dominican Republic.

The fishery provides local fishermen with an income and is an important source of food that sells well on local markets and in the capital of Santo Domingo. Improvements to the cold chain and post-harvest handling could increase economic returns, but they require investments in human capital and the processing facilities.

FISH4ACP aims to boost the mahi-mahi fishery by supporting efforts to improve product quality and product diversification. It will explore ways to strengthen links to the tourism sector and develop new products for urban consumers, as well as to increase exports.

FISH4ACP will also foster social integration by working with local fisher associations and organized groups of women fish vendors. Activities will seek to promote participation of artisanal fisherfolk in the value chain by improving access to loans, social security and education, and through capacity building.



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