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**Announcement of Full MSC Assessment  
Sian Ka'an and Banco Chinchorro Biosphere Reserves Spiny Lobster**

MRAG Americas, Inc. is pleased to announce that a Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) assessment of the Sian Ka'an and Banco Chinchorro Biosphere Reserves (Quintana Roo, Mexico) spiny lobster fisheries has begun. The assessment will evaluate the fishery for compliance with the MSC's Standard for well-managed and sustainable fisheries.

The clients for this assessment are the Federación Regional de Sociedades Cooperativas de la Industria Pesquera del Estado de Quintana Roo, S.C. de R. L. (Regional Federation of Fishing Cooperatives in Quintana Roo) on behalf of the six lobster cooperatives that fish inside Sian Ka'an and Banco Chinchorro affiliated to the Federation, and the World Wildlife Fund US. Alison Cross (+1 (650) 323-3504, [alison.cross@wwfus.org](mailto:alison.cross@wwfus.org)) of WWF-US and Luis Bourillón (+52 (998) 882-2894 of COBI, AC, will serve as contact for the Client.

MRAG seeks to engage stakeholders with an interest in the fishery to provide comments and information for this assessment process. MRAG will also assemble an assessment team, and welcomes nominations of candidates for the team. All comments and inquiries should be directed to MRAG Americas:

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