

Brazil Is Mapping Country's Fishing Sector

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A Brazilian government survey will map the fishing sector to help plan the country's fishing development. The Structural Census of the Fishing Sector in the Southeast and South represents the first phase of this survey.

The work is being conducted concurrently with an update of the registry of the fishing fleet along the coasts of the North and Northeast of Brazil. The third and final phase will involve the monitoring of fishing activity to gather data on production.

According to João Staub, general coordinator of statistics and information of the Special Secretariat of Aquiculture and Fishing (Seap), the results of the two initial phases should begin to appear in four months.

Jair Valentim, the engineer in charge of research for the census in the state of Espírito Santo, said that the idea is to do the mapping in detail, encompassing the entire infrastructure related to fishing.

"We hope it will serve as a basis for the formulation of a plan that will bring support and benefits for the sector. It will cover every locality, registering the number of fishermen, the fleet, fishing equipment, infrastructure, and access," he said.

Valentim explained that the difference between this and other studies is that aspects of infrastructure will be treated in detail.

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