



Report about the project: the sustainable octopus fishery of Ancon

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After that, we drove to the “Marisqueros” association headquarter to take some more images and, finally, to the Conciencia Marina headquarter, to interview Maria Fernanda, from The Nature Conservancy institution. We talked about the scientific data about the monitoring, the research and the female participation in the fishery in Ancon. Here are some of the questions:

How does the management work? Who’s monitoring?

Have you seen the impact with the regulation of the “Marisqueros” association? How is the population? Healthy?

How did the incident with the oil affect the octopus fishery?

How is female participation in the fishery?

She explained to us the results about the monitoring, that started in 2015, and the influence of El Niño costero (2016) and La Niña (2017 and 2021) in the populations, since the first causes a rainy season, making the rivers get inside the sea, causing mortality of the octopus; and the second, brings the cold waters to the region, reducing the octopus populations (since they are a hot water species). Other than that, the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 and the oil spill in 2022 got the beaches closed and affected the fisheries, impacting the life of those populations that depend on this.



Image 05 and 06: Pulmoneros gear.

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