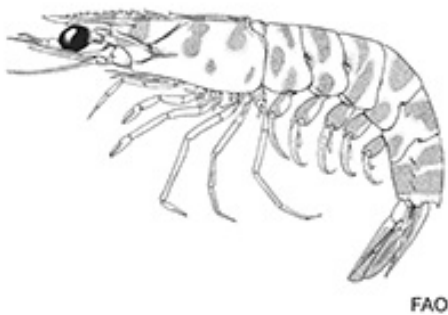


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# Western white shrimp Costa Rica

 Fishery:  Costa Rica  Costa Rica  Bottom trawls

**IDENTIFICATION**

**SCIENTIFIC NAME**
*Penaeus occidentalis*
**SPECIES NAME(S)**

Western white shrimp, camarón blanco

**STOCK IDENTIFICATION**

Species is distributed in the Eastern Pacific Ocean from Mexico in the Gulf of Tehuantepec to Lobos de Tierra Island, Peru and Galapagos. Occurs at depths from 2 to 20m in bottom soft mud. Adults are found in the marine environment. Juveniles are found in the estuarine environment (*SeaLifeBase n.d.*). Stock structure is not known, the map regards the species' distribution.

Costa Rican trawling has strongly reduced the abundance of this species in the Gulf of Nicoya, such that the fleet has moved onto targeting other species (*Noguera, L.H. et al. 2016*).


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- [Costa Rican Institute of Fisheries and Aquaculture \(INCOPECA\)](#)
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**ASSESSMENT**

No related analysis

**SCORES**
**Management Quality:**

Management Strategy	Managers Compliance	Fishers Compliance
NOT YET SCORED	NOT YET SCORED	NOT YET SCORED

**Stock Health:**

Current Health	Future Health
NOT YET SCORED	NOT YET SCORED

**FIPS**

No related FIPs

**MSC**

No related MSC fisheries