

PetroTal receives Sustainable Development Award in social category and a special award in environmental

- *Fishing Innovation Project and the company's Biodiversity Monitoring Program were awarded by SNMPE.*

PetroTal, a company led and operated by peruvians that operates Block 95, won two important awards from the National Mining, Oil and Energy Society (SNMPE) for two of its initiatives, one social and the other environmental.

In Social Management category, PetroTal received the Sustainable Development Award for the Fishing Innovation Project, a successful experience of articulation, diversity and inclusion that enhances the productive infrastructure and the capacities of fishing population of Puinahua district (Requena, Loreto), where Bretaña Norte field of Block 95 is located.

The project has three components: the first is the "adaptation of technological tools to improve the cold chain for artisanal paiche fishing", which includes the construction of a flake ice plant whose energy is generated with photovoltaic panels that allows to conserve and market the fish in optimum conditions. The plant is operated and managed by 20 women from the district who make up the organization "Punchi Warmi" (Women's Strength). The production of ice benefits more than 350 fishermen from Puinahua.

The second component is the "strengthening of capacities to improve fishing practices with quality and safety management instruments in the harvest and post-harvest of paiche in natural environments"; while the third is the "fishery production innovation and marketing", which has allowed the transformation of paiche into value-added products such as nuggets, hamburgers, chorizos and special cuts that have a significant demand in gastronomic market.

In Environmental Management category, PetroTal received a special award in biodiversity conservation for its Biodiversity Monitoring Program (PMB), which allowed the registration of a new species in Peruvian Amazon: Batará de Cocha.

The program is part of its environmental management policy, which is committed to the development of its environment and compliance with Sustainable Development Goal N° 15. The PMB provides periodic information on the state of the ecosystem and detects variations in the behavior of the flora and fauna.

In 2021, PetroTal incorporated automatic detection equipment called "camera traps" that strengthened the detection and recording of the behavior of fauna that, together with other strategies, manage to attract species that live around the oil operation to carry out the recording.

Thus began the process to obtain the first documented report of *Thamnophilus praecox*, popularly known as Batará de cocha, in Peruvian territory. This effort culminated in the registration of the species in the List of Birds of Peru of the Union of Ornithologists of Peru (UNOP) and with the preparation of the first technical note of its discovery in the scientific journal "Amazon Science".

Luis Pantoja, general manager of PetroTal, pointed out that, in compliance with the company's sustainability policy, the winner projects and other initiatives have been developed seeking to generate shared value in the country, Loreto and in Puinahua district to improve the quality of life and provide opportunities for all, without any discrimination.