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From Securing Rights for Small-Scale Fishers to Property for ‘Efficient’ Producers: The Privatization of Scallop Production in Sechura Bary, Peru

Sechura Bay in Peru represents the most important location to produce the Peruvian bay scallop. This business emerged from initiative of small-scale entrepreneurial fishers finding ideal conditions in the bay and is by now an important sector of the Peruvian economy, producing mainly for the highly competitive export market. It started as an informal, open access activity, where, as business rose, exclusive extraction and later territorial use rights have been granted formally to small-scale fisher associations. While scallop culture is highly profitable under “normal” conditions, it is, however, investment intensive and an extremely risky business. After a de facto privatisation into the hands of those with the financial means, ability to take the risk, and other capabilities, the latest law has paved the way for large-scale investors to hold all important property rights. This qualitative case study tells the story of the privatisation of the scallop business, using the IADF.

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