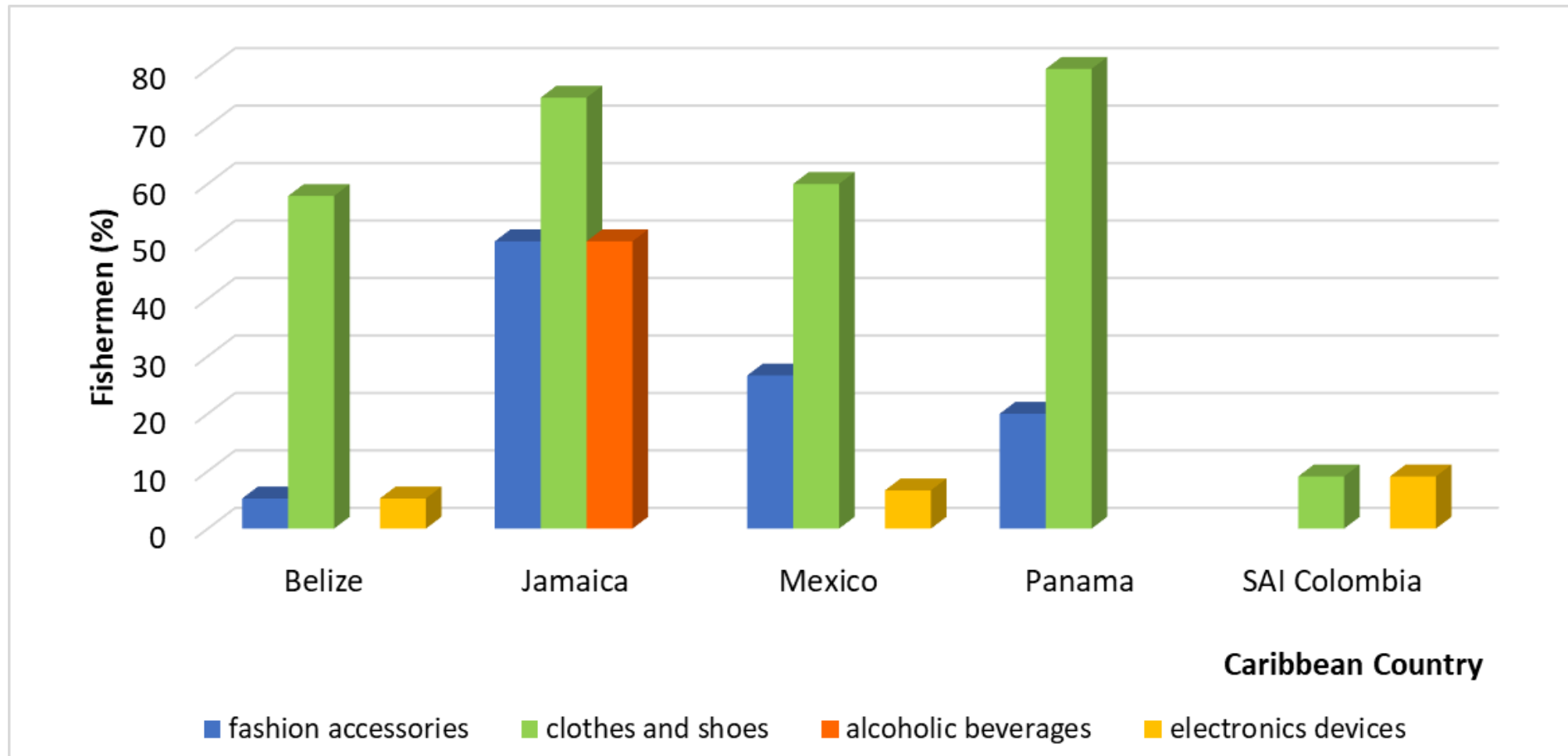


# What personal supplies did you stop buying?

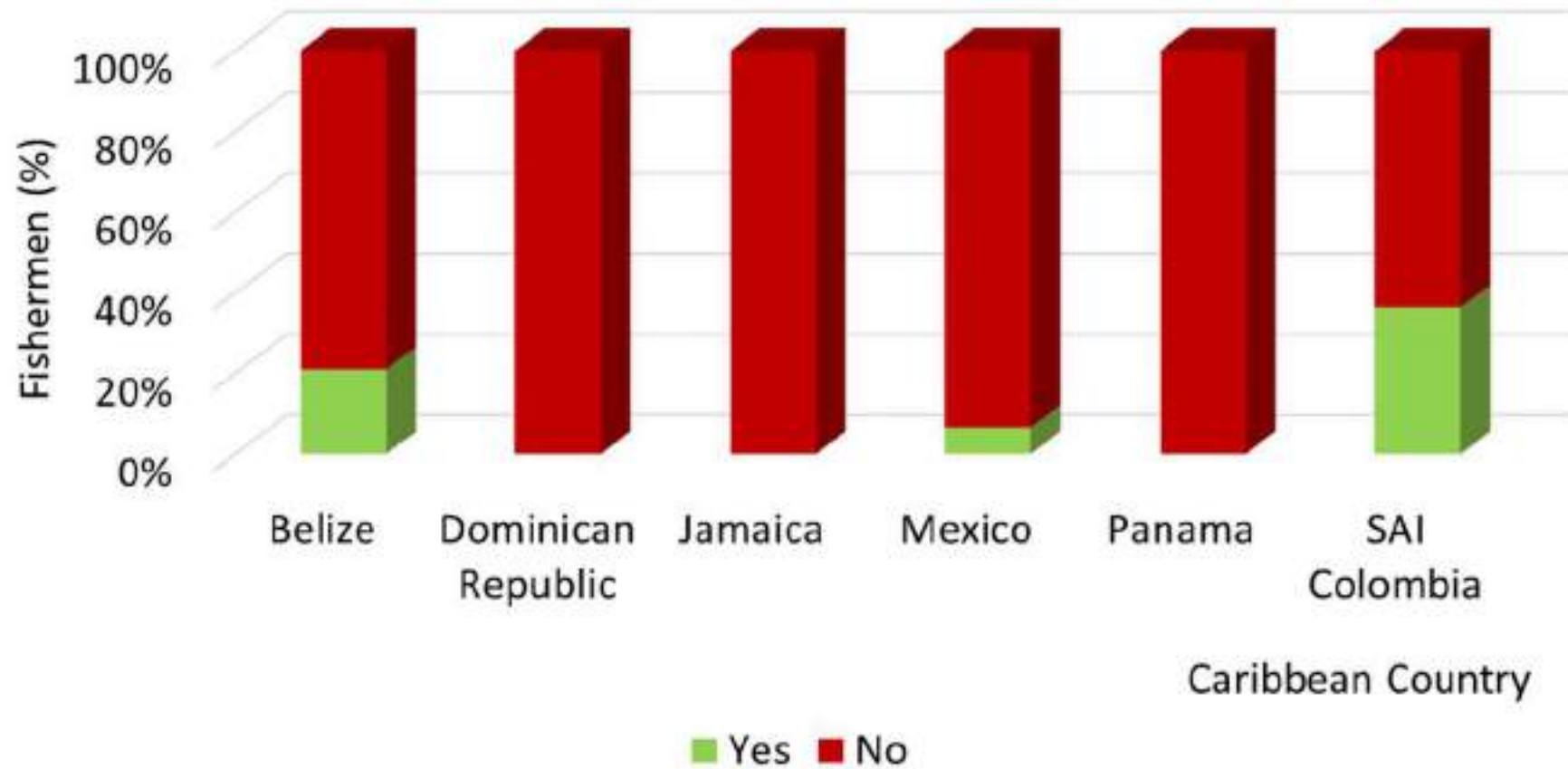
fishermen stopped buying clothes and shoes



- Effect on-fishing catch

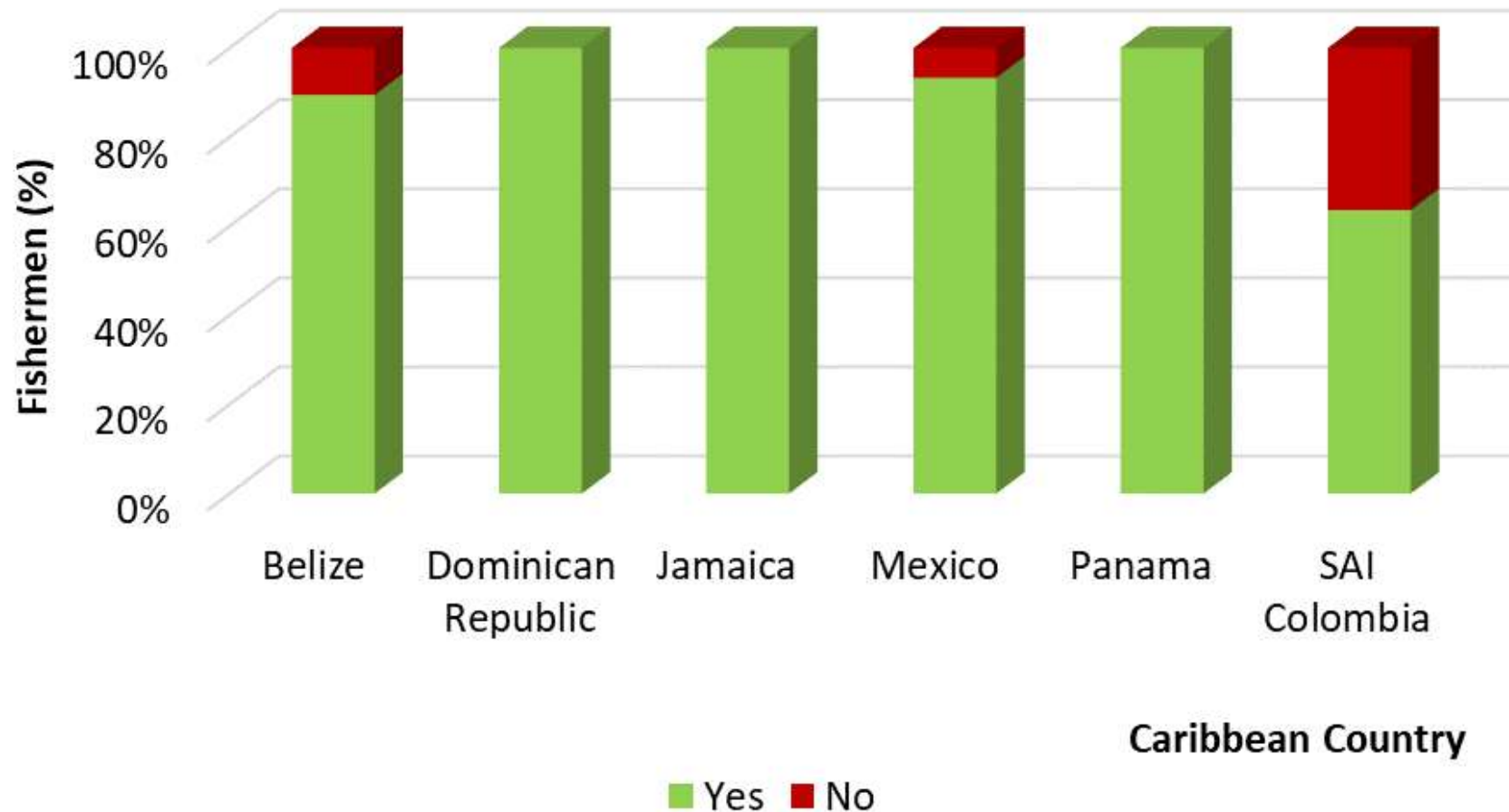


# Catch decreased during COVID



Most fishermen said the catch did not decrease during COVID

# You had mobility restrictions during COVID



although in most countries there were mobility restrictions

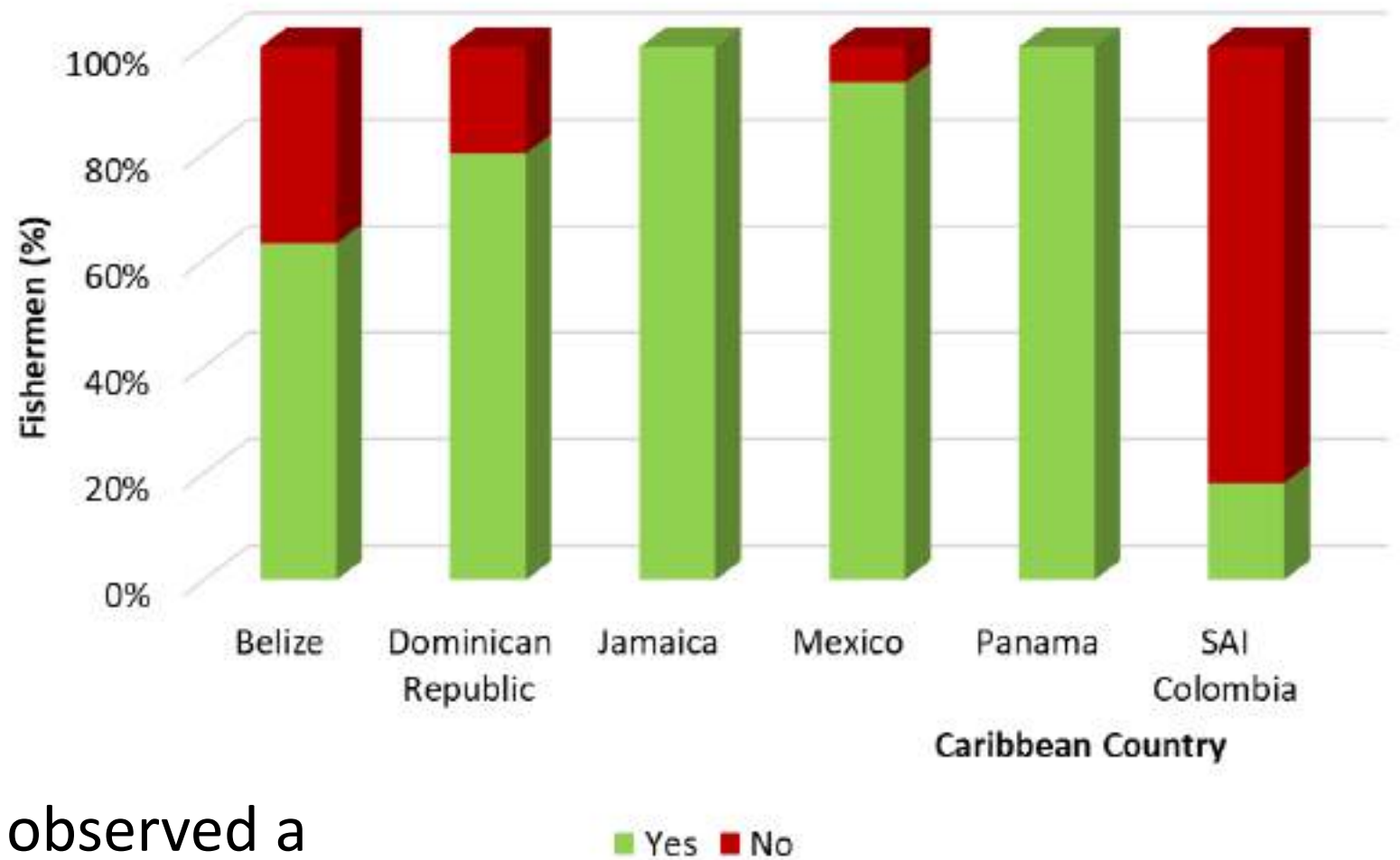
times/days that the fishermen went fishing

Country	Time (days)
Belize	2
Dominican Republic	3
Jamaica	2
Mexico	2
Panama	2
SAI Colombia	4

- Impact on fishing market

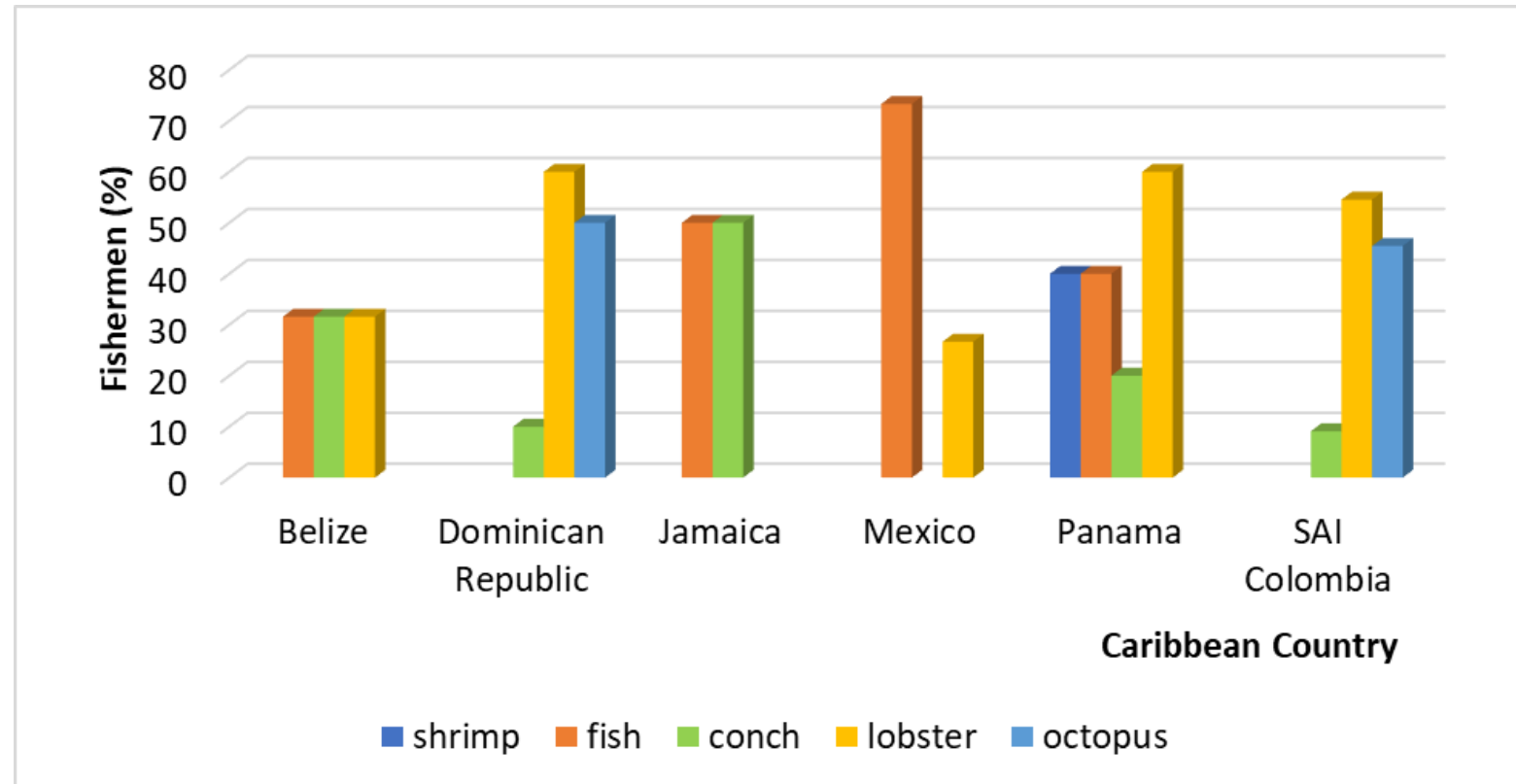


# Demand for fish fell during Covid



In all countries, fishermen observed a decrease in demand for fish and seafood. Except in San Andres

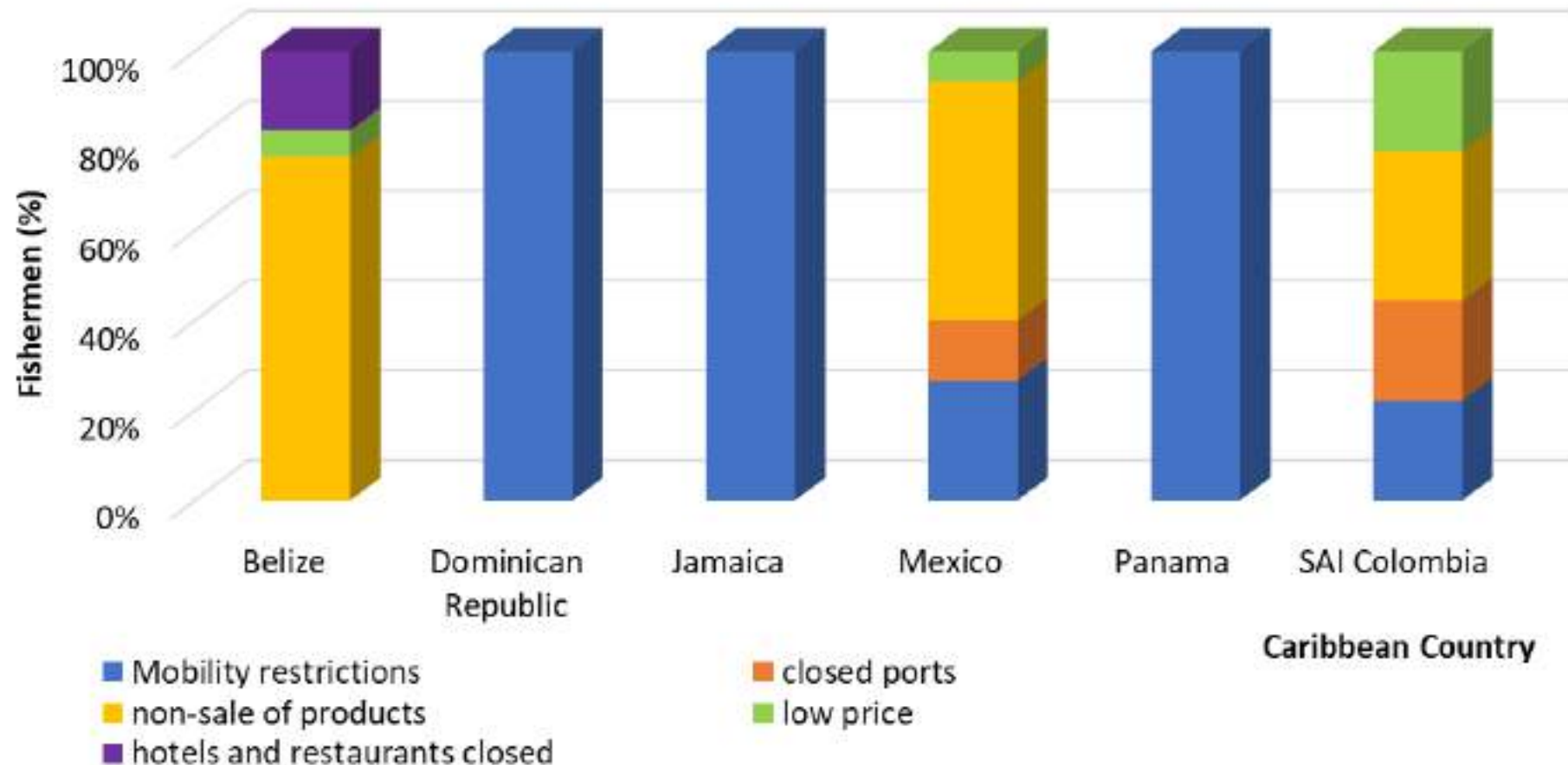
# Products that presented low demand?



The fishermen observed that conch and lobster were the ones that presented low demand

# Why the seafood market was affected

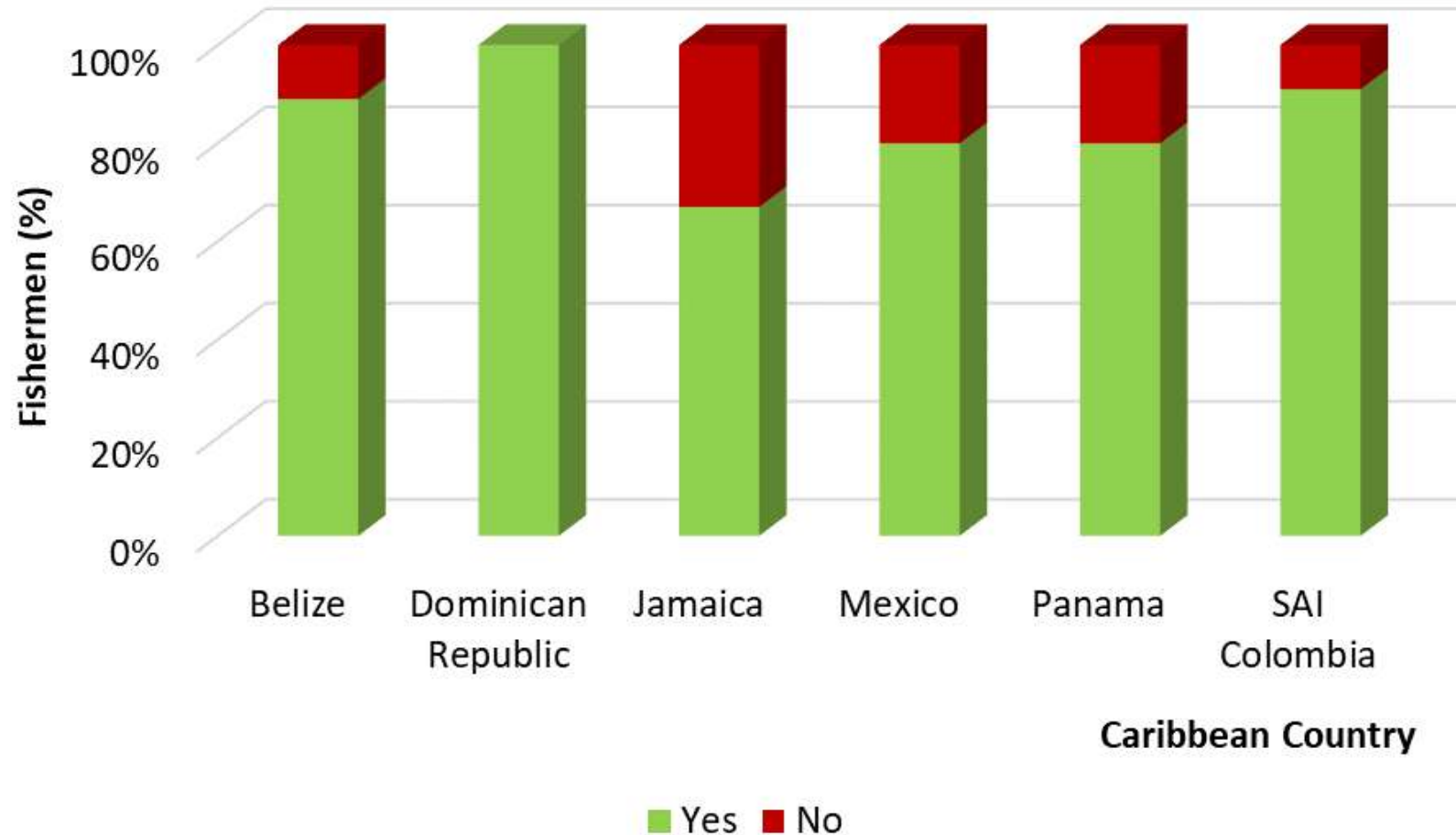
The fishermen said these reasons



A photograph of a beach scene. In the foreground, a blue surgical mask with white ear loops and a black pen lie on the sand. The background shows the ocean with waves and a person standing near the water's edge. An orange horizontal bar is in the top left corner.

## Marine pollution by Covid

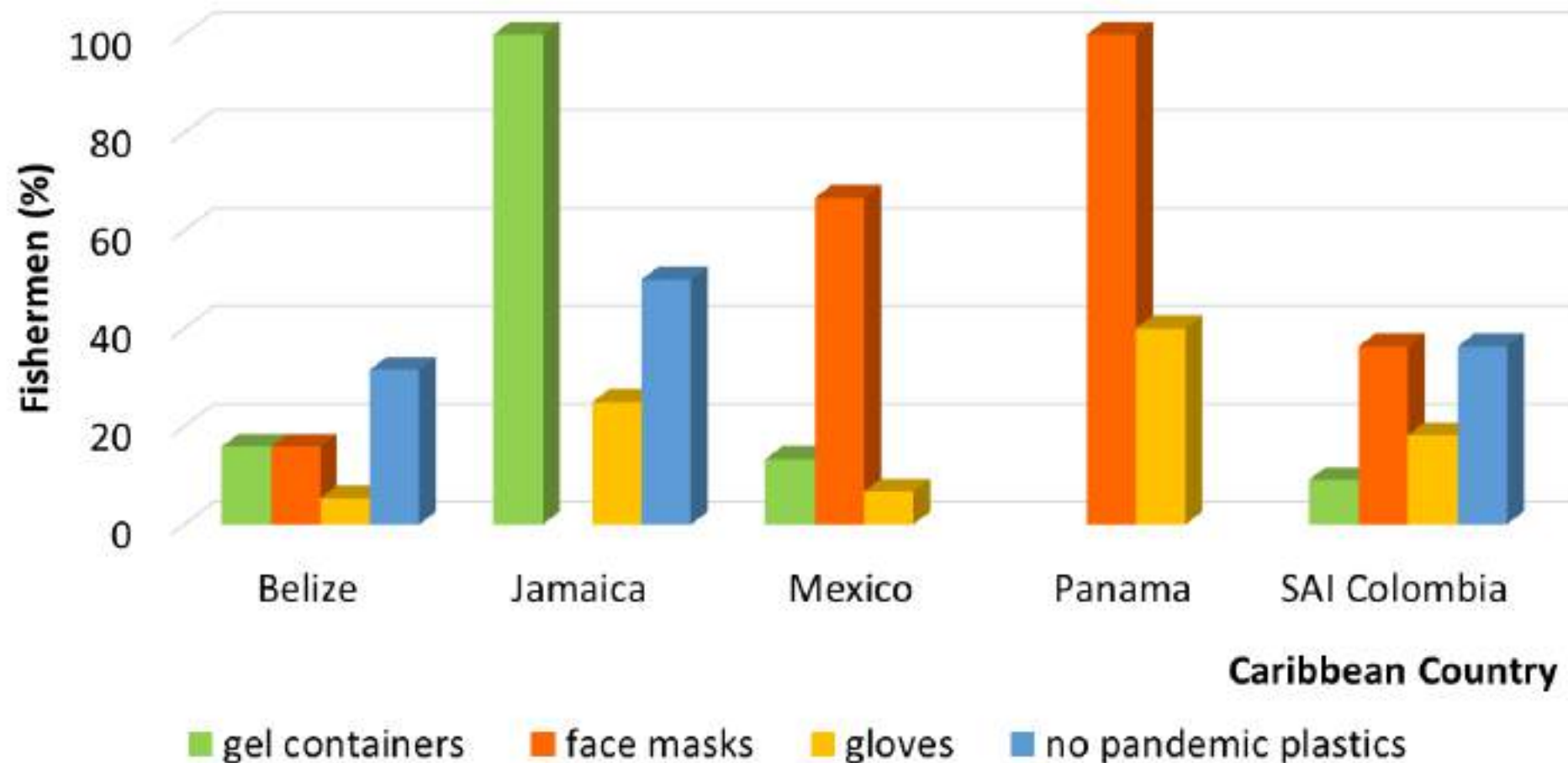
# Did you notice plastic waste on your catch?



80 – 100 % of fishermen observed plastic pandemic.  
Except in Jamaica

# Do you observe pandemic plastics?

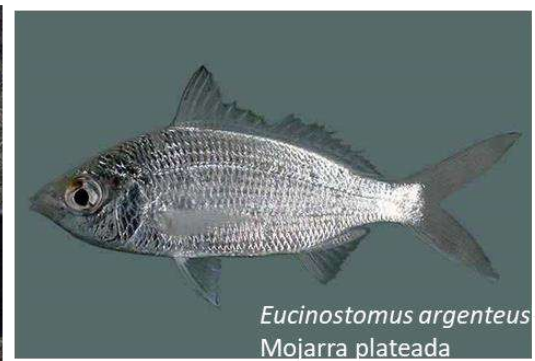
Most of the fishermen observed face masks and gel containers. Except Republic Dominican



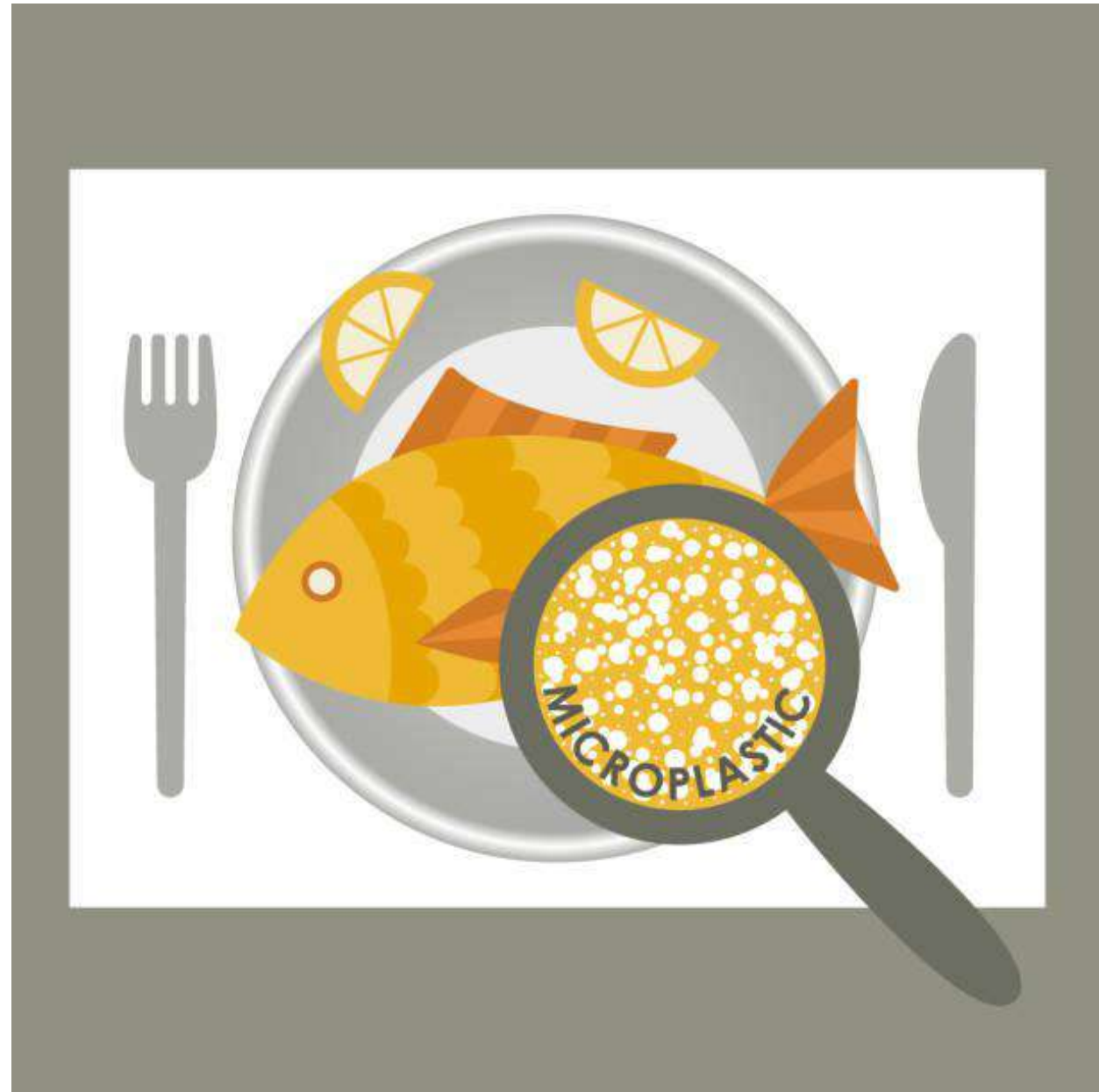


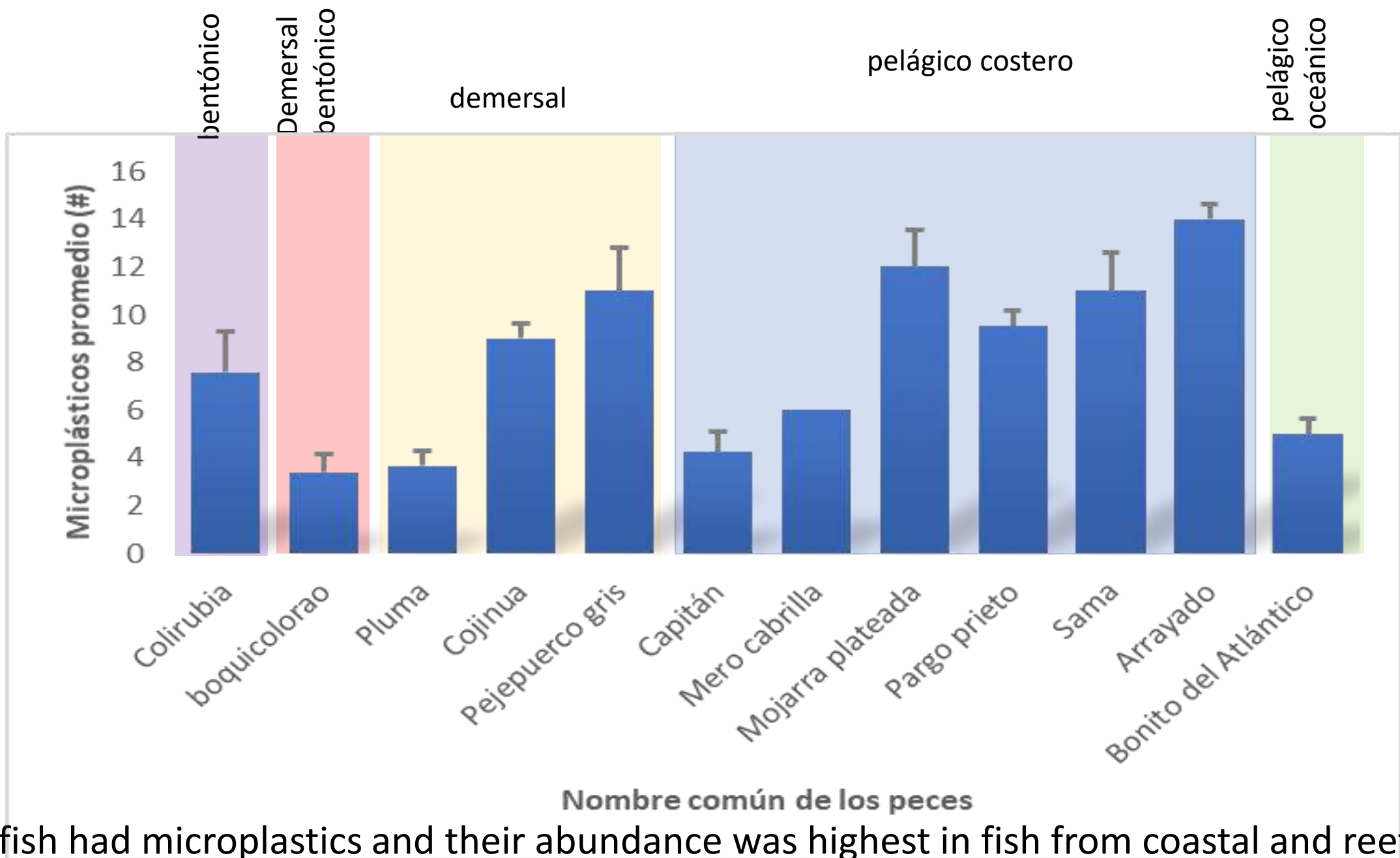
Today's microplastics are not yet the MP derived from the plastics used during Covid, However,...

# We study the MP in these fishes



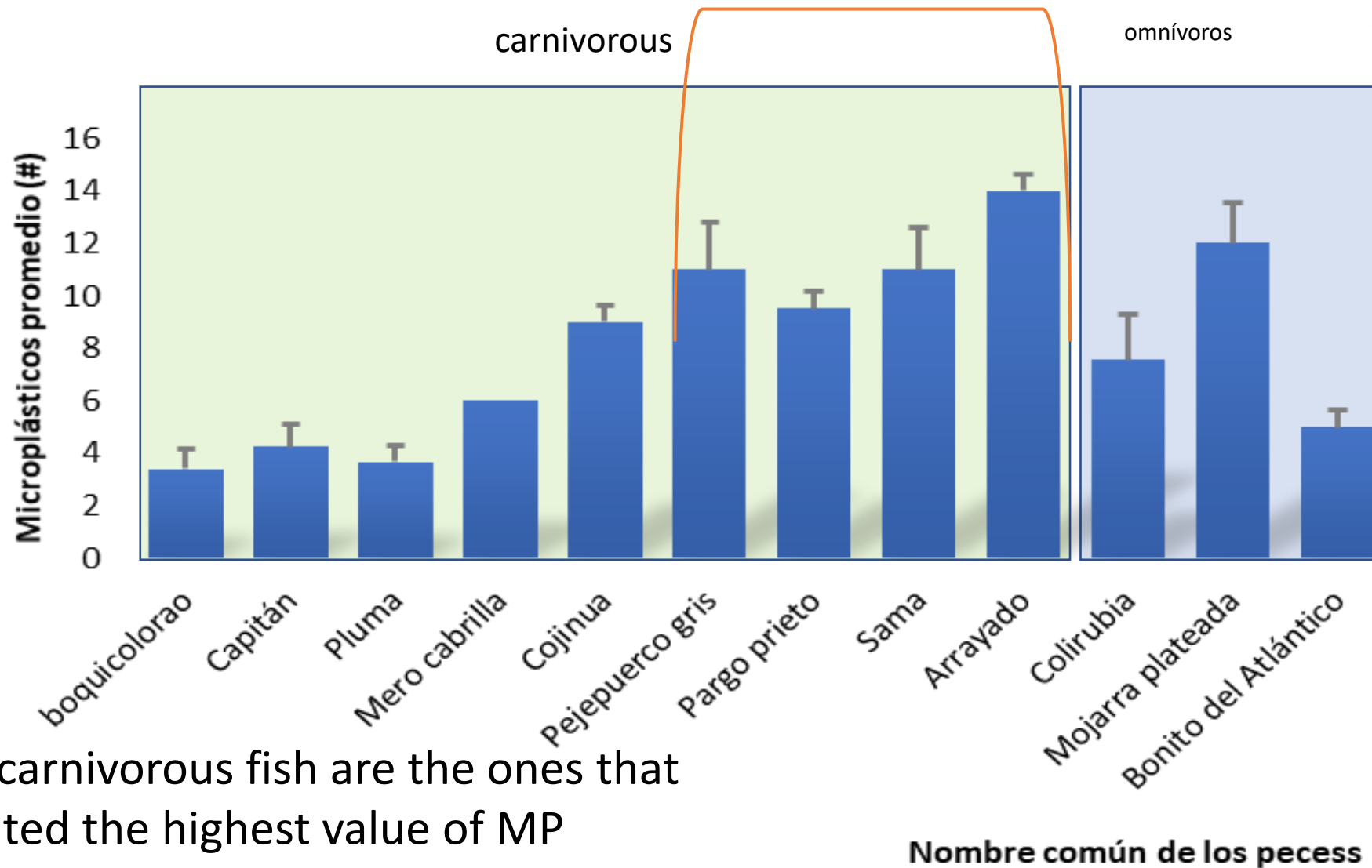
# Results





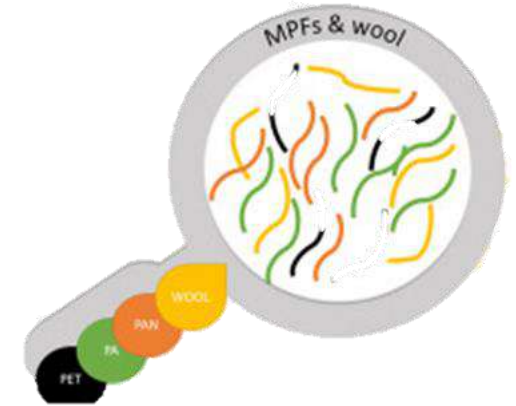
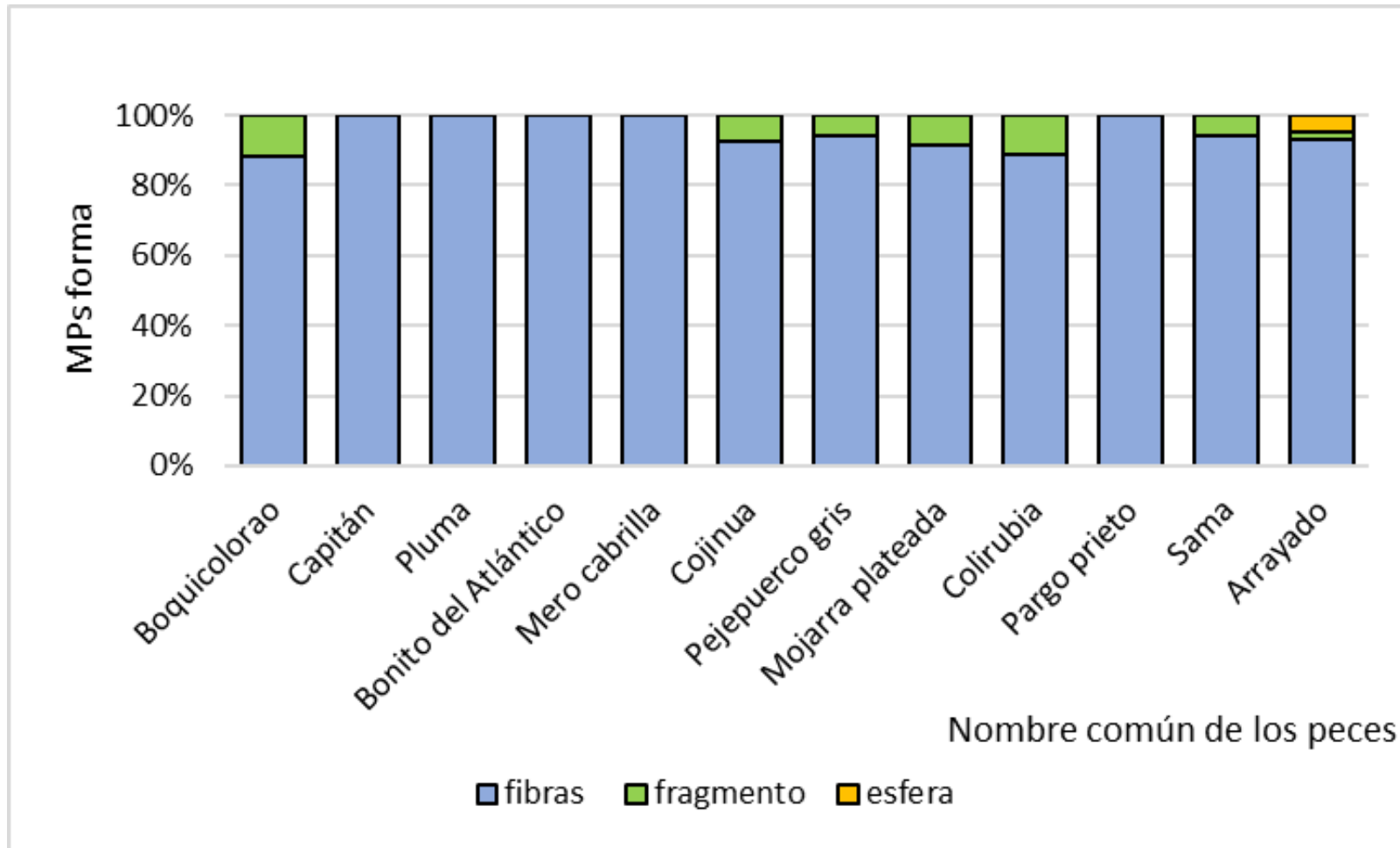
All fish had microplastics and their abundance was highest in fish from coastal and reef waters

# MP per fish



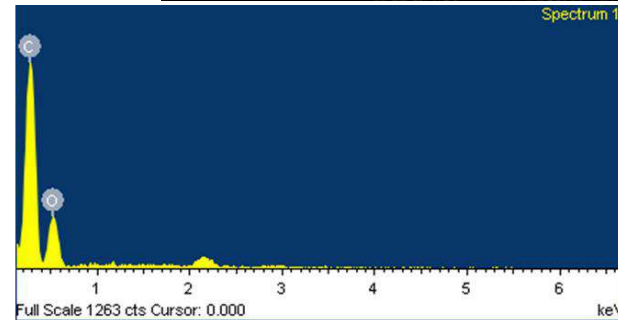
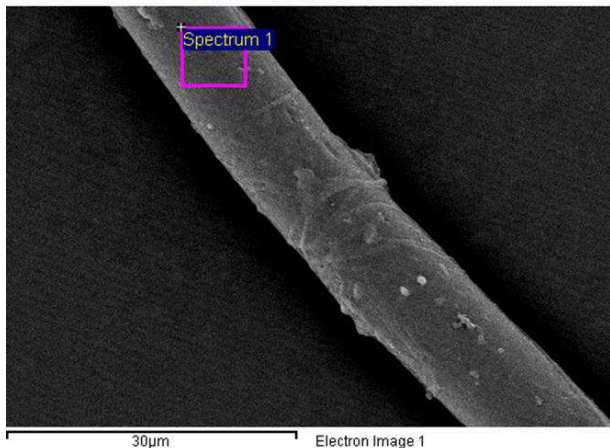
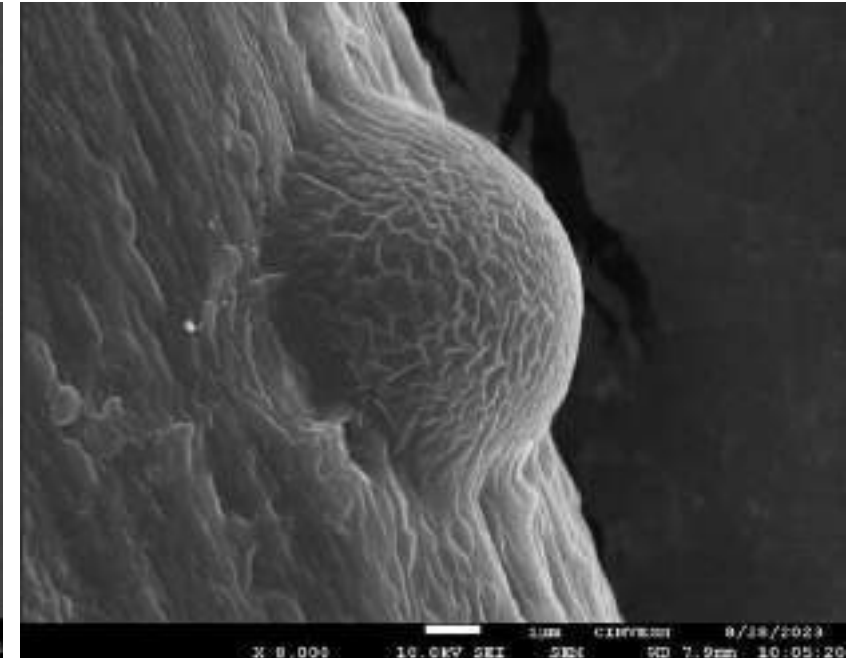
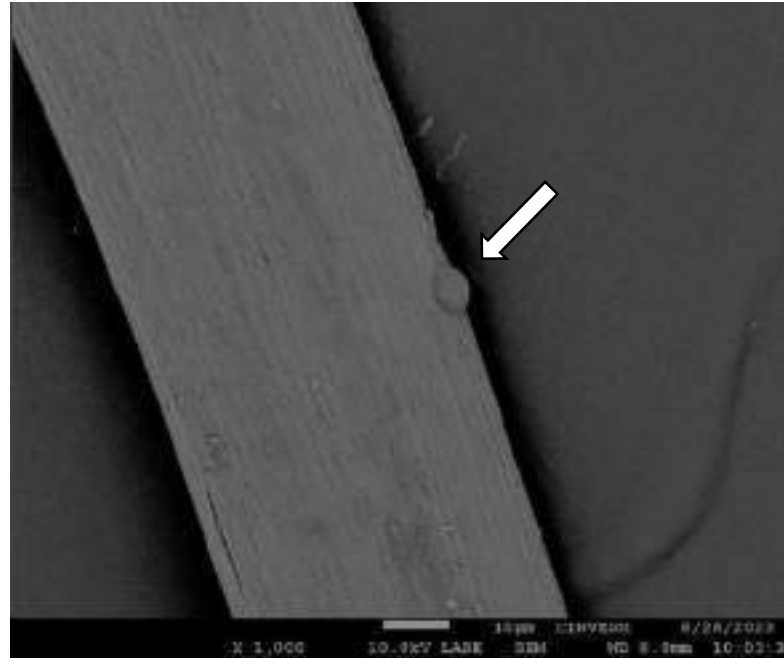
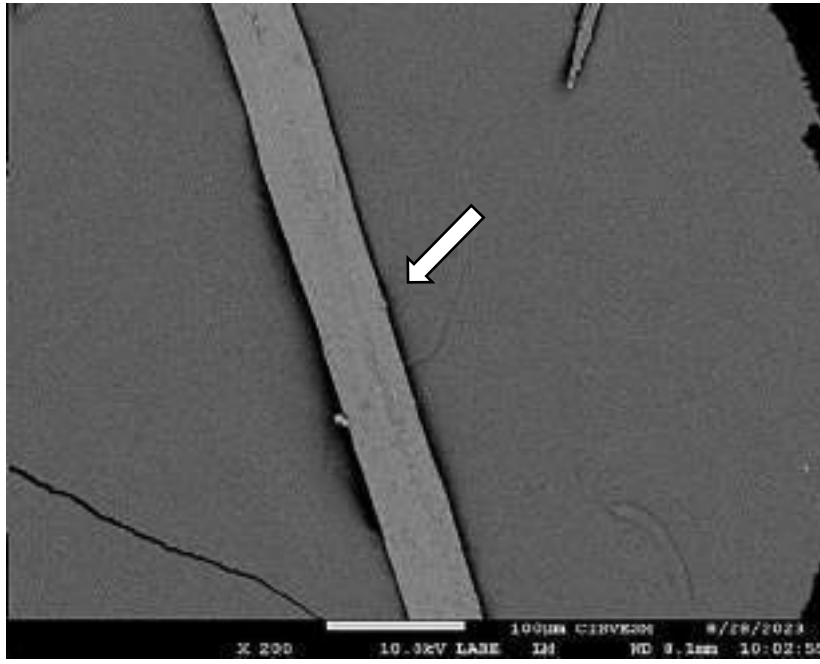
These carnivorous fish are the ones that presented the highest value of MP contamination

# Types of MP



the dominant form of MP was fibers (90%)

MPs are frequently vectors for the transport of microorganisms.



## Effect of COVID on fishermen in the Caribbean

- Fifty percent of the fishing population was infected by Covid-19
- Fishermen spent a lot of money in face masks and medications
- The diet was modified, stopping the consumption of animal protein, shoes, clothes, and fashion accessories.
- The fish and seafood market was affected by mobility restrictions, closed ports, low prices, and the closure of hotels and restaurants.



- All the fish analyzed presented MP, these being more abundant in coastal and reef fishes.
- Fibers are dominants
- Micro plastics frequently showed micro organisms as bacteria



## Markets certification of MP

- Markets are already requesting certification of MP contamination and fish and seafood will not be the exception



# Recommendations



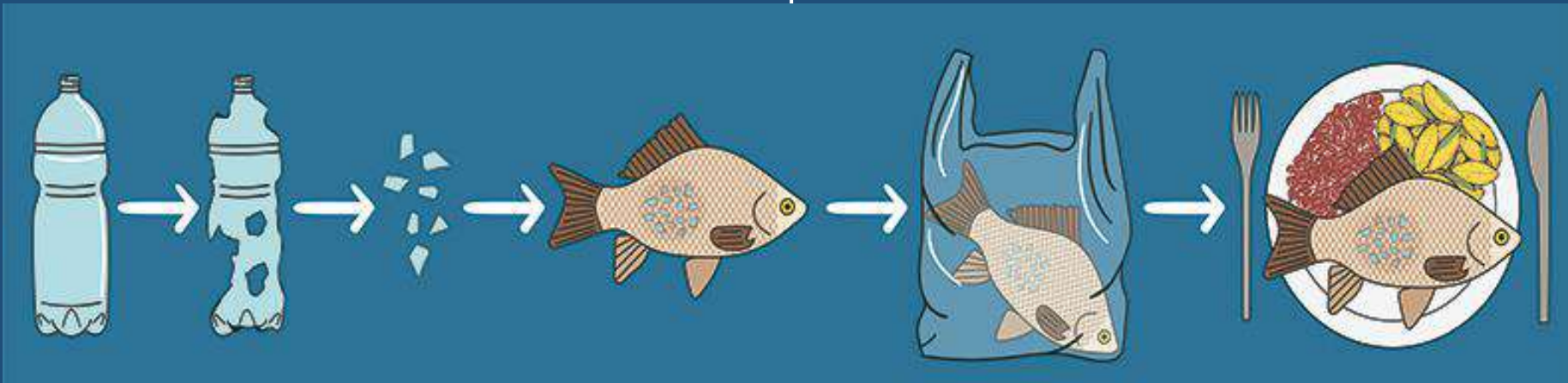
It is important to show the relationship between MP pollution and human activities

At this meeting, I would suggest preparing an exhibition with this topic

# Outreach recommendations



Exhibition on this "invisible pollution" associated with our production model





To live like this



And not like this







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Education  
+  
sustainable  
actions

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Gracias



Humanitos

... Ya no sabemos si somos obras maestras de  
Dios o chistes malos del Diablo.

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