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The Case of Small-scale Fisheries
Data Collection to Support Fisheries
Management, Resource Conservation, and
Coastal Community Livelihoods in Panama

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