



ATLAFCO AND THE FISHERIES REGIONAL COOPERATION



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Presentation Plan



- I. Cooperation framework
- II. 2018 Activities carried out
- III. 2019 planned activities





I. Cooperation framework

- ❑ The memorandum was signed on 29th May 2013 in Tangier, Morocco

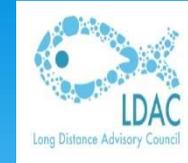
Priority: improving fisheries governance

- ❑ To fight Illicit, Unregulated and Undeclared (IUU) fishing
- ❑ To promote responsible and sustainable fishing.





2018 Activities carried out by ATLAFCO



| Date and Venue | Title | Outputs |
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| <p>10-12 December 2018, M'DIQ (Morocco)</p> | <p>Towards the development of Marine Aquaculture in the ATLAFCO zone</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> To provide a diagnosis of the marine aquaculture sector in the ATLAFCO region <input type="checkbox"/> To exchange experiences and good practices, <input type="checkbox"/> To propose actions to be undertaken <input type="checkbox"/> To develop recommendations <p>➔ Development of sustainable marine aquaculture, respectful of the environment in the countries of the Region</p> |
| <p>1-3 October 2018, Rabat-Morocco</p> | <p>Advanced training session on saving lives at sea</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Training held in collaboration with the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and the International Maritime Rescue Federation (IMRF) <input type="checkbox"/> To strengthen the capabilities of the rescue services to provide better life-saving assistance at sea in African maritime waters |



2018 Activities carried out by ATLAFCO

11-12 June 2018
Rabat-Morocco

“The RAFEP, a sustainable initiative, for recognition of the role and place of women in the fisheries sector in Africa “

□ The organization of this workshop aims to identify **ways and means to boost the RAFEP for the benefit of African women operating in the fisheries sector**, given their undeniable socio-economic role.

□ The workshop lead to the formulation of clear and realistic recommendations to strengthen this network in its action for women in the sector for **better recognition of their place by the public authorities, more autonomy and an increased defense of their interests**

24-25 April 2018,
Larache,
Morocco

Training session " New information and communication technologies - TIC- serving African women operating in the fisheries sector ' "

□ Strengthening managerial capacities **for women members of the African Network of Women in Fisheries (RAFEP)**

□ Promote the use of **new information and communication technologies** by women in, post-harvest activities ,to **improve their income and living conditions**



2018 Activities carried out by ATLAFCO



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| <p>12-13 March 2018, Rabat, Morocco</p> <p>2-3 May 2018, Casablanca, Morocco</p> | <p>Restitution meeting " Study for the establishment of a Harmonized Regional Program for Port Inspection in ATLAFCO zone "</p> <p>REFMA: " Maritime Training and Strengthening of the Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) System for Fisheries Activities in the ATLAFCO Zone " and REFMA Bureau Meeting</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> To capitalize on regional initiatives and coordination of institutions' interventions for the implementation of the regional harmonized port inspection program and capacity building of States for the transposition of the Agreement on Port State Measures into their national laws <input type="checkbox"/> To raise the awareness of the training institutes, members of the REFMA to the IUU fishing problem in the ATLAFCO zone, for a greater involvement of this network in the capacity building of the staff responsible for surveillance <input type="checkbox"/> To support the implementation of regional programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Regional program for on-board observation <input type="checkbox"/> Harmonized Regional Program for Port Inspection |
| <p>23-26 May 2018 Funchal, Portugal</p> | <p>Participation in the meeting of the Working Group to amend the ICCAT Convention</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The participation in this intervenes in the framework of the reinforcement of the African position within the international bodies dealing with questions relating to fisheries and for the defense of the Member States interests. |
| <p>23/04/- 08/05/2018 Bled, Slovenia</p> | <p>Support by ATLAFCO of two African scientists to the Scientific Committee of the IWC</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Participation is part of strengthening the African countries position in the International Fisheries Management Organizations through the involvement of African researchers in the deliberations of the scientific committees and hence in the decision-making process |



2018 Activities carried out by ATLAFCO

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| <p>15-20 March 2018, Dakhla, Morocco</p> | <p>Participation of ATLAFCO in Crans Montana forum of Dakhla</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">❑ The representatives of ATLAFCO member countries and the sub regional organizations of the zone were able participate in numerous exchanges with senior government officials and representatives of the business community |
| <p>11 March 2018, Rabat, Morocco</p> | <p>4th Coordination Meeting between Regional Fisheries Institutions and Organizations operating in ATLAFCO Zone</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">❑ Strengthening Regional Integration between RFOs, Regional Economic Integration Communities (ECOWAS, ECCAS), AU / IBAR❑ Implementation of a common program that defines the regional priorities displayed by the MoU parties. |

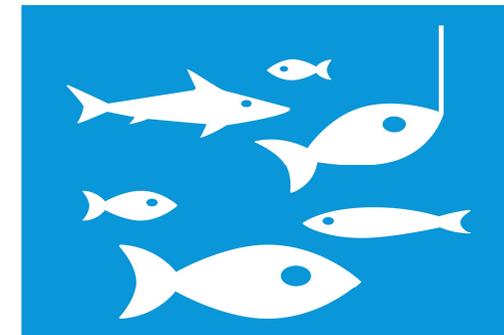


The 10th Ordinary Session of the Conference of Ministers on Fisheries - Abidjan Declaration -

- ❑ The fight against IUU fishing
 - ❑ Commitment to the coordinated fight against IUU fishing by strengthening the (MCS) mechanisms, by adopting the **conclusions and recommendations of studies on the implementation of regional programs**
 - ❑ On-board observers
 - ❑ Harmonized Port State Inspection in the ATLAFCO region
- ❑ The principle of sustainable use of marine living resources
 - ❑ Reaffirm that the sustainable use of marine living resources based on the **best scientific evidence** available is essential to **the food security, livelihood and harmonious development of all member countries,**
 - ❑ Commit to adopting this **principle in the fisheries management policies**



TARGET 14-4



SUSTAINABLE FISHING



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☐ Strengthening ATLAFCO

- ☐ commit to strengthen the ATLAFCO Institution:
 - ☐ Study the mechanisms for institutional anchoring of ATLAFCO to the **African Union institutions (MoU with AU/IBAR)**
 - ☐ Support the operationalization of **coordination mechanisms** established between ATLAFCO and relevant regional and international institutions
 - ☐ Examine the legal mechanisms to elevate our Conference to the status of a **Regional Fisheries Management Organization (RFMO)** with binding management measures



☐ The consolidation of the African cooperation

- ☐ Strive for better securing the Member States' interests, consolidating **the African position** in international bodies dealing with fisheries, and ensuring **effective and active participation**:
 - ☐ Take concerted actions at every international organization in order to better reflect the interests and concerns of **African countries**.



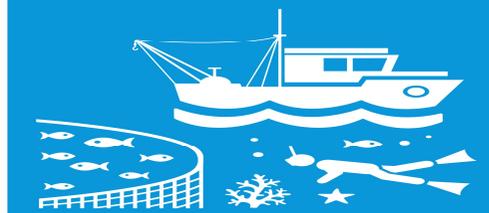


2019 planed activities



- ❑ Defining the orientations and the priorities of action to be undertaken with a view to **maximizing the socio-economic benefits of sustainable exploitation** of the fishery resources in the **African Atlantic region**.
- ❑ The strategic axis selected concern topics that **transcend national borders** and require a **committed regional cooperation and solidarity** between the States and between the regional institutions by pooling the efforts and means

TARGET 14-7



INCREASE THE ECONOMIC BENEFITS FROM SUSTAINABLE USE OF MARINE RESOURCES

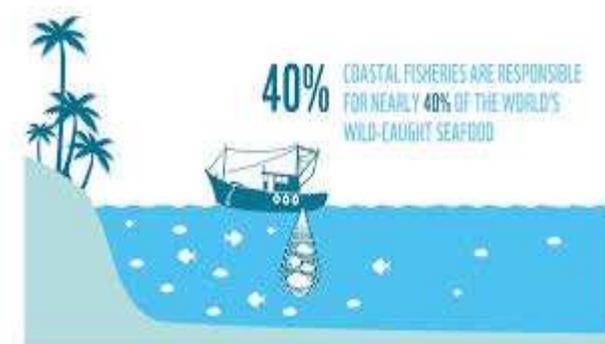




2019 planed activities

☐ Conservation and sustainable use of fisheries resources

- ☐ **Workshop** on Fisheries as an essential component of the blue economy in the ATLAFCO zone
- ☐ **Study** on the relevance and the practical modalities to move the ATLAFCO towards an RFMO
- ☐ **Activity** for the research institutes of the RAFISMER network on the characterization of marine ecosystems and assessment of their vulnerability to disturbances
- ☐ **Training** session for the trainers of maritime fisheries training institutions on MCS tools
- ☐ **Reflection** on the use of new technologies (ICT) to ensure sustainable fishing in the ATLAFCO region
- ☐ **Seminar** on Sustainable development of aquaculture in the context of the United Nations SDGs





2019 planed activities

- ☑ Improving the sector performance
 - ☑ **Workshop** on Traceability and certification of fishery products marketed in Africa: Strengthening the capacity and role of women operating in the fisheries sector
- ☑ Promotion of intra-regional trade of fishery products
 - ☑ **Workshop** on Encouraging innovation and commercial promotion of seafood for the fish industries
 - ☑ **Training** session in fish processing manufacturing and other fishery products





2019 planed activities

- ❑ **Strengthening ATLAFCO's group within international fisheries bodies**
 - ❑ **Participating** in different international conferences and events dealing with fisheries activities(CITES, ICCAT,FAO,IWC,,)

- ❑ **Maritime Safety and Security**
 - ❑ **Reflection** on improving safety and health standards in the fisheries sector in the ATLAFCO zone
 - ❑ **Training Session** on the improvement of the performance of the regional rescue coordinator
 - ❑ **Workshop** for an effective action by regional mechanisms for combating piracy in the ATLAFCO zone





Regional program for on-board observation Harmonized Regional Program for Port Inspection

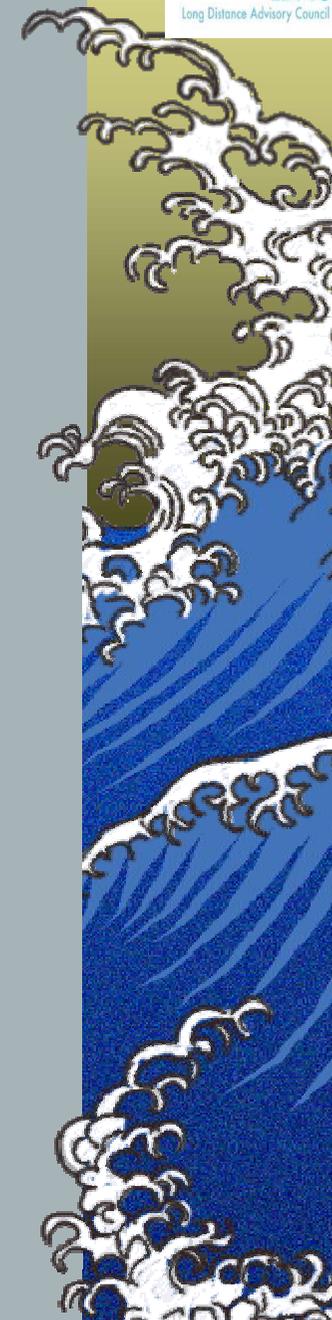




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