

Statement of Intent
between the Federal Agency for Fisheries (Russian Federation) and
The Ministerial Conference on Fisheries Cooperation
among African States Bordering the Atlantic Ocean

The Federal Agency for Fisheries (Russian Federation) and the Ministerial Conference on Fisheries Cooperation among African States Bordering the Atlantic Ocean and are referred hereinafter as the Parties;

the Parties have common goals and objectives with regard to the preservation and sustainable use of fish resources and the conservation of marine biodiversity in waters under the jurisdiction of Member States of the Ministerial Conference on Fisheries Cooperation among African States Bordering the Atlantic Ocean;

wish to collaborate to achieve these common goals and objectives within their respective mandates and governing rules and regulations;

the Parties intend to establish a broader cooperation aimed at harmonizing their activities and promoting synergies;

hereby wish to state their mutual intent and have agreed to consider this Statement of Intent as a basis for their mutual intent as a basis of conclusion of a future the Memorandum of Understanding:


1. The Parties would develop and promote cooperation in the following areas:
 - a. sustainable use of living marine resources;
 - b. prevention, deterrence and elimination of illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing;
 - c. protection and preservation of the marine environment;
 - d. surveillance, monitoring and control of fishing operations;
 - e. fisheries data collection, processing and use;
 - f. coordination of joint activity on the fisheries-related issues;

- g. fisheries research and development of scientific programs;
- h. any other activities as mutually agreed by the Parties.

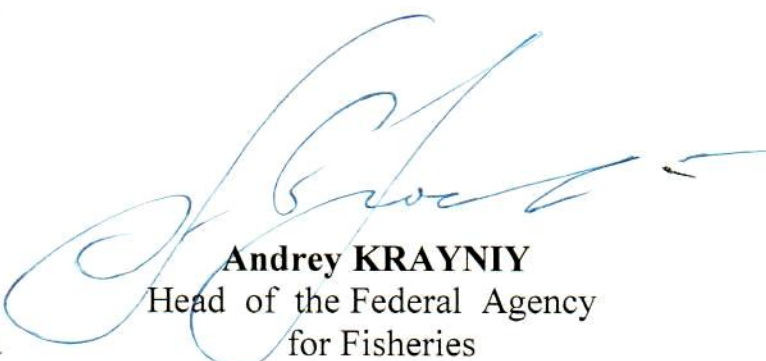
2. The present Statement of Intent is not an international agreement and does not create any rights and liabilities of the Parties which are regulated by international law.

Done at _____ on this ____ day of _____ in the year 2013, in duplicate, each in Russian and English languages.

**For the Ministerial Conference on
Fisheries Cooperation among African
States Bordering the Atlantic Ocean**


Nayon BILJO
Ministry for Fisheries and Aquaculture
Development of the Republic of Ghana

**For the Federal Agency for Fisheries
(Russian Federation)**


Andrey KRAYNIY
Head of the Federal Agency
for Fisheries