

Fisheries Committee for the West Central Gulf of Guinea

**PSMA Regional Coordination Meeting for
Africa, Near East and the Mediterranean**

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Background

- FCWC is an intergovernmental organization created by the Cotonou Convention on 7 November 2007 by six member states (Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria, Togo) under FAO support.
- FCWC's headquarters and offices are located in Tema, Ghana.
- The FCWC bodies include a Conference of Ministers (COM), an Advisory and Coordinating Committee (ACC) and a Secretariat .
- FCWC implemented its first Strategic Action Plan (SAP) from 2010-2020 and currently implementing a second SAP for 2021-2030.

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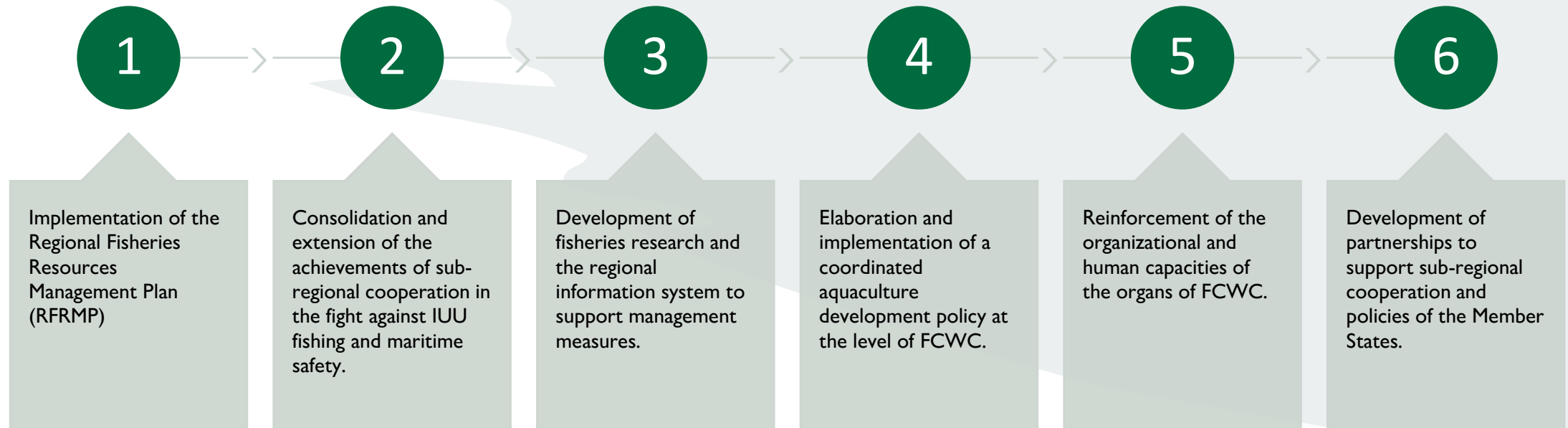
- Mission

Promote and support cooperation among Member States to build a sustainable fisheries sector and derive high levels of social and economic benefits in harmony with the environment and in line with international standards.

- Vision

FCWC to work together to achieve an efficient, very dynamic, inclusive and participative organization for the sustainable development of fishing in the central west of the Gulf of Guinea.

Areas of Intervention



Sub-regional cooperation in the fight against IUU fishing and maritime safety



1/ Establishment of West Africa Task Force (WATF) in 2015 as well as a regional communications platform;

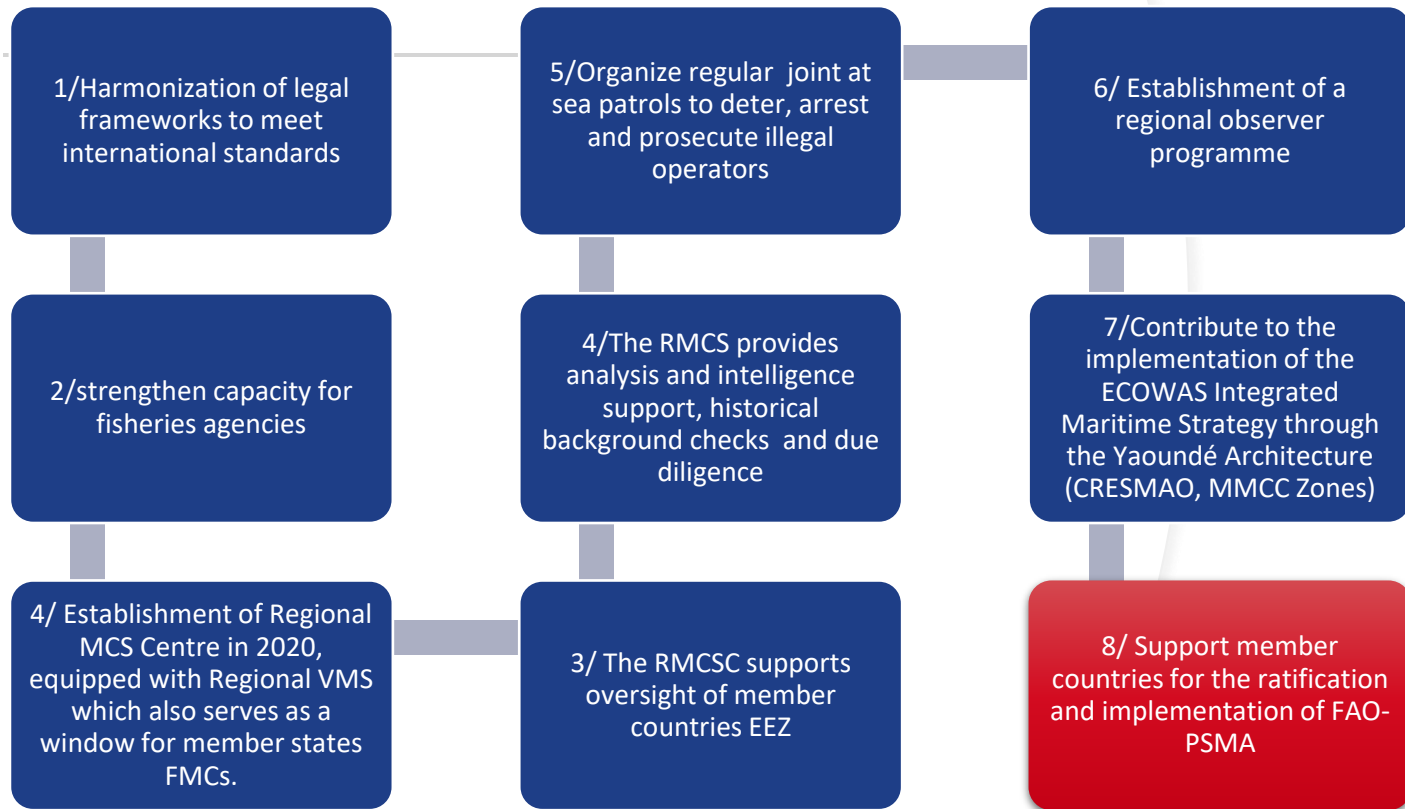
2/ Operationalization of key FCWC Conventions;

3/ Sharing and exchange of information

4/ Establishment of a Regional Record of Authorized Fishing Vessels

5/ Regional Combined License List

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Context of PMSA in the FCWC region



PSMA implementation: Key information

- **Support operational implementation of the Port State Measures Agreement in Developing Port States**
- **In collaboratin with : Trygg Mat Tracking, Stop Illegal Fishing, Global Fishing Watch, EFCA, ECOWAS, SRFC**
- **Funding by: Oak, Bloomberg and Moore foundations / Oceans 5 / Norad**
- **Initiatives: WATF, PESCAO, PSMA programme**
- **Support started date: 2015 to date**

PSMA programme outcomes

Outcome 1: Conduct an initial risk assessment for each PSMA dedicated port

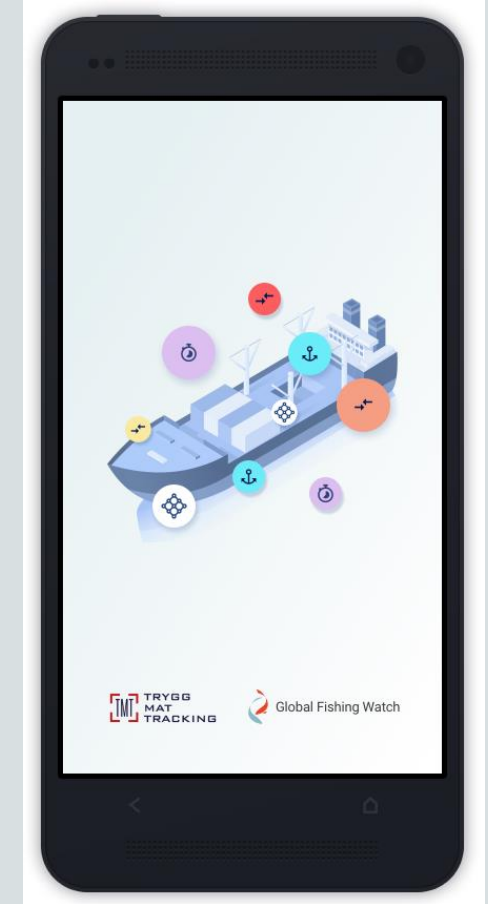
Outcome 2: Support the establishment of an AREP procedure for PSMA designated port

Outcome 3: Provide intelligence and risk assessment support to support the AREP assessment process

Outcome 4: Implement a capacity building program to support the implementation of the AREP process, support utilisation of the Vessel history tool, and strengthen capacity to conduct robust risk assessment

Outcome 5: Support target countries and regional MCS centres with dedicated analyst support

Outcome 6: Develop opportunities to increase transparency in partner countries



Support progress: Port profil

	Preliminary stage	Preparation of data	Data analysis	Report writing	Validation and identification of collective risks
	complete	complete	complete	ongoing	
	complete	complete	complete	ongoing	

Support progress: AREP process

	Documentation of AREP process (or similar existing process)	Preliminary recommendations	Preliminary risk assessment (based on PSMA port profil)	Preliminary risk assessment (based on national data)	Development of AREP matrix	Development of AREP SOP
	complete	complete	ongoing	ongoing		
	complete					
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	complete					

Support progress: trainings

	Training on Vessel Viewer	Training FMC/MDAPs	Training on identity fraud/Document verification	Targetted training	Mentorship
	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete (referees)	complete
	Complete	Complete	Complete	ongoing	
		Complete	Complete	ongoing	
		Complete	Complete	ongoing	

Thank you

