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.

Background. cont.

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

Implementation of the Regional Fisheries Resources Management Plan (RFRMP) Consolidation and extension of the achievements of subregional cooperation in the fight against IUU fishing and maritime safety.

Development of fisheries research and the regional information system to support management measures.

Elaboration and implementation of a coordinated aquaculture development policy at the level of FCWC.

Reinforcement of the organizational and human capacities of the organs of FCWC.

Development of partnerships to support sub-regional cooperation and policies of the Member States.

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



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

1/Harmonization of legal frameworks to meet international standards

5/Organize regular joint at sea patrols to deter, arrest and prosecute illegal operators

6/ Establishment of a regional observer programme

2/strengthen capacity for fisheries agencies

4/The RMCS provides analysis and intelligence support, historical diligence

background checks and due

4/ Establishment of Regional MCS Centre in 2020, equipped with Regional VMS which also serves as a window for member states FMCs.

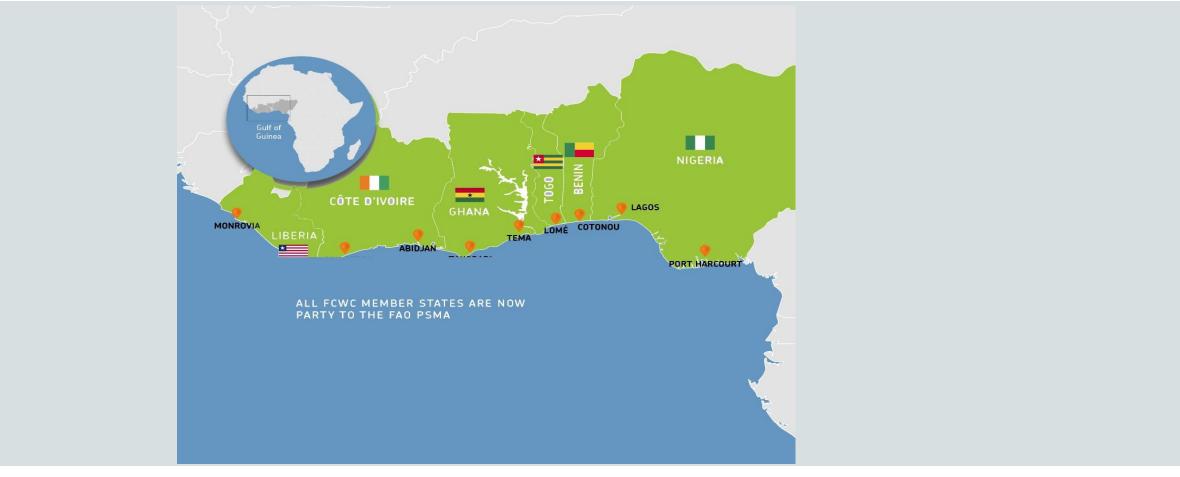
3/ The RMCSC supports oversight of member countries EEZ

7/Contribute to the implementation of the **ECOWAS Integrated** Maritime Strategy through the Yaoundé Architecture (CRESMAO, MMCC Zones)

8/ Support member countries for the ratification and implementation of FAO-**PSMA**



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 I: 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 strenghten 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	Premiminary 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		
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Support progress: trainings

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