



MINISTRY OF FISHERIES AND WATER RESOURCES

REPUBLIC OF THE GAMBIA



PRESENTATION ON THE PROGRESS AND CHALLENGES OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PSMA IN ATLAFCO MEMBER STATES

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PORT STATE MEASURE AGREEMENT (PSMA)

ACCESSION

THE REPUBLIC OF THE GAMBIA RATIFIED PSMA ON THE

29TH OF JULY 2016



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PROGRESS

The Republic of the Gambia benefitted from FAO project

GCP/GLO/1047/(GER)

On the implementation of the PSMA. (5 Years)



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PROGRESS

- Gap analysis was done to look at the strength and weaknesses in the implementation of PSMA in The Gambia.
- MCS Audit was also conducted to assess the needs of the Unit.

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- **LEGAL**
- REVISION OF THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK
- Fisheries Act 2007
- Fisheries Regulation 2008 preceded PSMA
- Draft Fisheries Act 2025 (Validated)
- Draft Fisheries Regulation 2025 (validated)





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INSTITUTIONAL AND OPERATIONAL ARRANGEMENT

- Bilateral MOU'S entered with 12 relevant institutions (including GMA, Navy, Ports, Immigration, Police, Justice etc.) Awaiting clearance from the Ministry of Justice
- Establish TWG-IUU
- Developed 12 Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's)
- Drafting National MCS plan 2026-2030
- Designated Port





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INSTITUTIONAL AND OPERATIONAL ARRANGEMENT cont.

- Designated focal point for PSMA
- Focal point for Global Information Exchange System



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CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

➤ Risk Assessment Training

➤ 14 Personnel underwent training in inspection procedures

- ❖ 10 Fisheries Inspectors
- ❖ 2 Navy officers
- ❖ 1 Port Authority Staff





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CHALLENGES

- Contact with Flag state.
- Regional cooperation on Information sharing



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