

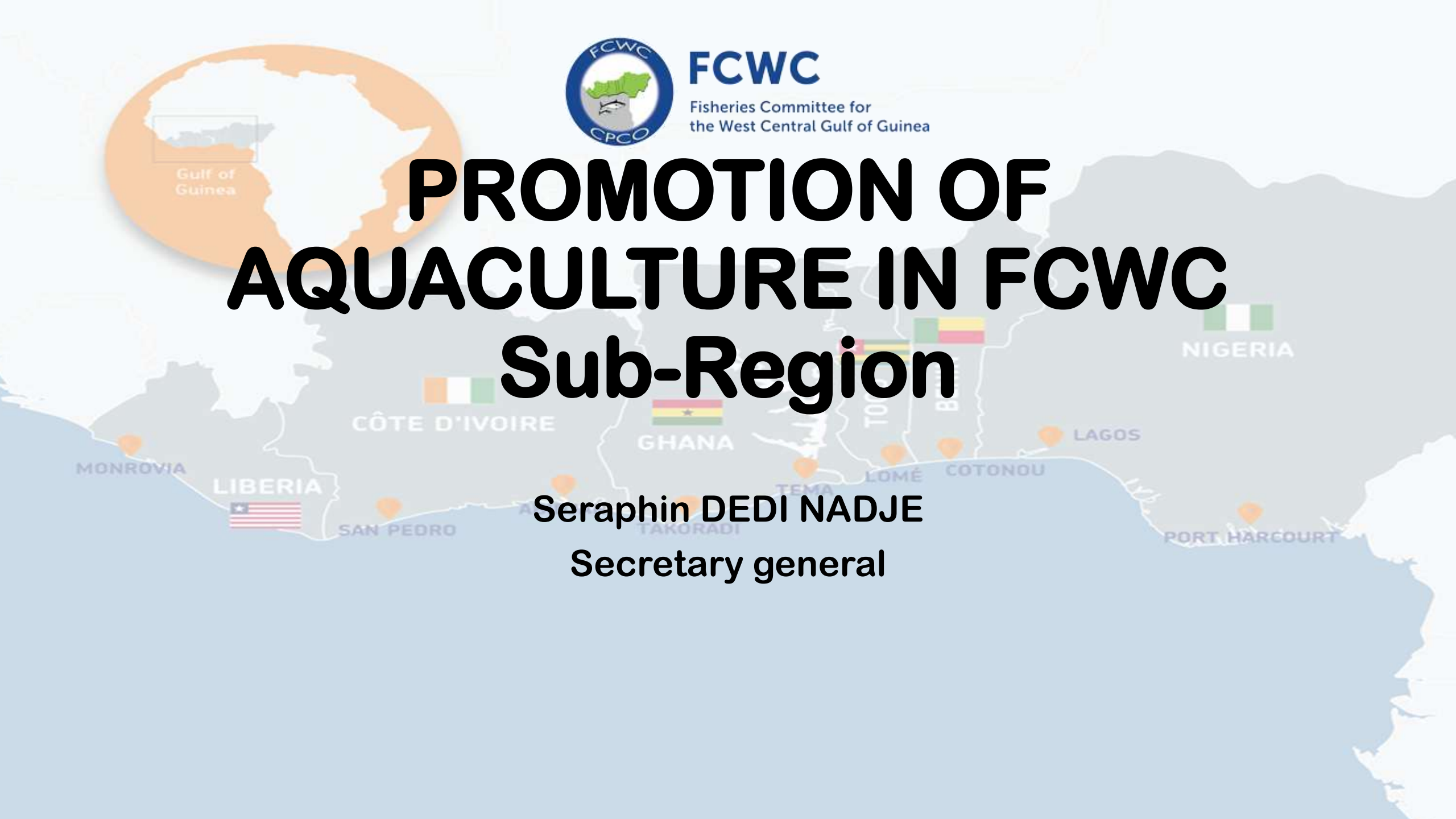


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PROMOTION OF AQUACULTURE IN FCWC Sub-Region

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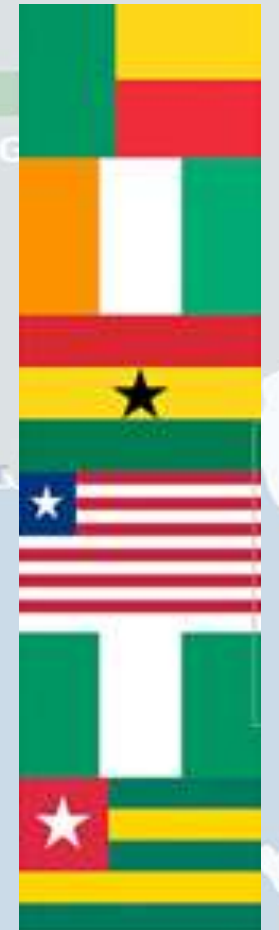
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The Fisheries Committee for the West Central Gulf of Guinea (FCWC)



- Established by Cotonou Convention in 2007 by six member states (Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria, Togo) under FAO support. It is based in Tema, Ghana.
- Mission: to promote cooperation among Member-States and to ensure through appropriate management, the conservation and optimum utilization of living marine resources in the marine waters under jurisdiction of the Member States, and encouraging sustainable development of fisheries based on such resources.
- FCWC providing a robust regional framework, clear communication channels and a cooperative culture to provide regional response in fighting IUU fishing.



Fisheries in the FCWC Region



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- A major hub for importing and transiting fish that has originated from other regions.
- Fish production is estimated at 1,293,000 tons per year; Artisanal canoes account for over 70% of fish production.
- Fish accounts for 60% of animal protein intake in the FCWC Region and the per capital consumption of fish is between 10 – 25 kg.
- A large amount is simply transferred from fishing vessels or reefers to containers for onward transport to global destinations.
- Exports (2016) of fish and fishery products: USD 489.61 million
- Imports (2016) of fish: USD1.434 billion (FCWC/WAFT, 2017).
- *The supply of fish from natural waters declines while demand for fish from growing population increases year by year.*



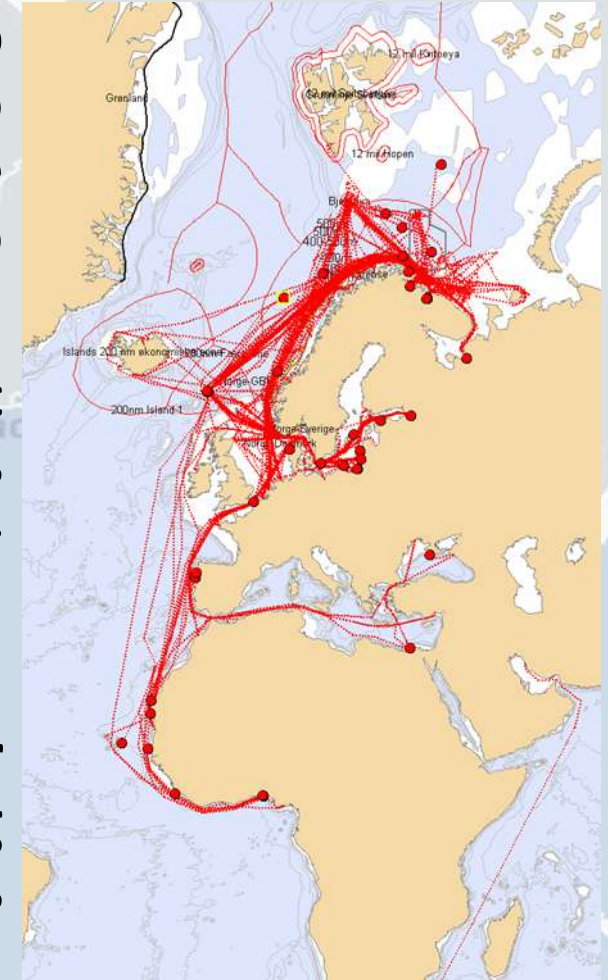
Background of the Aquaculture Working Group



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- IUU fishing remains one of the greatest threats to marine ecosystems due to its potent ability to undermine national and regional efforts to manage fisheries sustainably as well as endeavours to conserve marine biodiversity.
- IUU fishing thrives because of the strong economic incentive brought about by the fact that many species of fish are in short supply as a result of over-exploitation coupled with increasing demand for fish, especially those of high value.
- **At the six conference of Ministers on December 2012, held in Togo, the conference took a strong commitment to amend FCWC mandate to address aquaculture development in the region**



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- **A regional seminar on aquaculture development** jointly organized by FCWC and JICA from 03 to 05 march 2020, under the theme: **"Increasing the production of continental aquaculture through a partnership with the private sector"**.
- **Recommendation to the FCWC**
 - a. Strengthen **the coordination of aquaculture development actions** at the level of all the Member States;
 - b. Strengthen the capacities of states in terms of fiscal policy, strategies and reforms to support the development of aquaculture;
 - c. Mobilize resources to support countries in the implementation of their aquaculture development policies;
 - d. Establish **standards and harmonize the promotion of investment** in aquaculture;
 - e. Establish a **dialogue mechanism between private and public actors** by supporting the establishment of dialogue platforms at the national level;
 - f. **Promote and strengthen the dispersion** of adapted efficient techniques and technologies;
 - g. Improve **statistics and profitability** data for aquaculture.

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- The intervention priorities of the 2021-2030 SAP based on the six above areas
- **Area of intervention 1** - Implementation of the Regional Fisheries Resources Management Plan (RFRMP)
- **Area of intervention 2:** Consolidation and extension of the achievements of sub-regional cooperation in the fight against IUU fishing and maritime safety.
- **Area of intervention 3:** Development of fisheries research and the regional information system to support management measures.
- **Area of intervention 4:** *Elaboration and implementation of a coordinated aquaculture development policy at the level of FCWC.*
- **Area of intervention 5:** Reinforcement of the organizational and human capacities of the organs of FCWC.
- **Area of intervention 6:** Development of partnerships to support sub-regional cooperation and policies of the Member States.

Establishment of the FCWC AWG



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The terms of reference of this working group were discussed and validated with all contributions from Member States.

General Objective

To create a coordinated regional networking initiative of all stakeholders to support aquaculture development actions in accordance with ECOWAS regional fisheries and aquaculture strategic framework.

Specific objectives

- a) Serve as a platform for reflection and experience sharing for aquaculture development benefit in FCWC Member States.
- b) Capitalize and promote good practices (technology, scientific research, economics, policy, etc.) for aquaculture development FCWC Member States;

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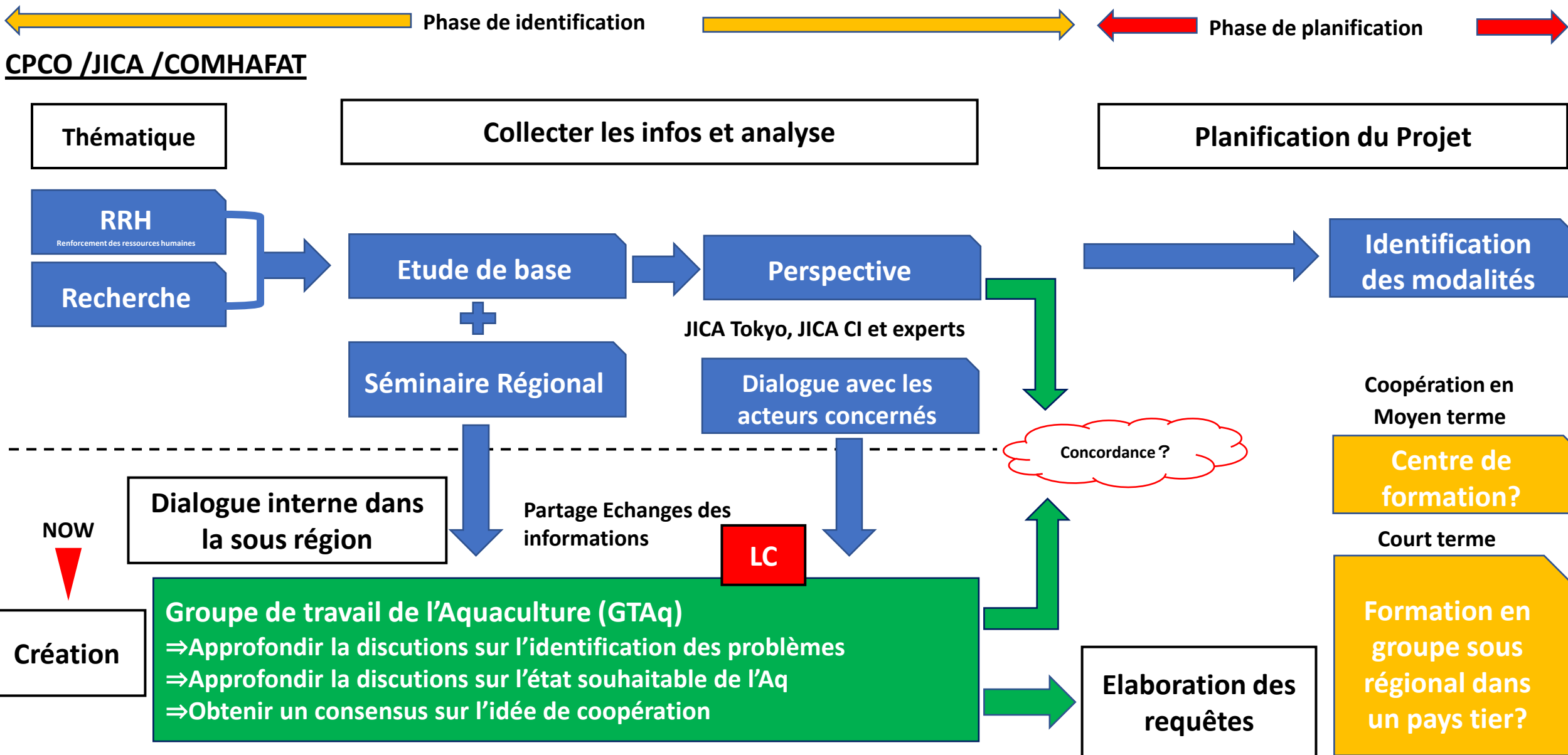
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• Composition of the working group

The working group is composed of **three types** of stakeholders

- ✓ **Institutional actors:** Ministry or Authority in charge of aquaculture, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Ministry of Planning, Environmental Protection Agency and Development (depending on the FCWC Member States), Ministry of Scientific Research, FCWC Secretariat ;
- ✓ **Private sector actors:** Banks, Micro-finance Institutions (MFI), economic operators (representatives of aquaculture associations, heads of aquaculture companies, industrialists (e.g. feed manufacturers or importers, etc.);
- ✓ **Development partners:** FAO, **JICA**, **ECOWAS**, **COMHAFAT**, ADB, AfDB, EU, USAID World Bank, AFD, EICA, WFC, AU-IBAR, ANAF, WorldFish.

MECANISME DE FONCTIONNEMENT DU GROUPE DE TRAVAIL AQUACULTURE



Way forwards



- **Nomination of countries representatives (3 persons) : one (1) from the Ministry in charge of Aquaculture, one (1) from fisheries research institute or universities and one (1) from the private sector.**
- **Engagement of relevant Institutions and Partners**
- **Kick off workshop 10-11 November 2021 with following specific Objectives**
 - a. Officially launch the AWG.
 - b. Identify the priority themes of the AWG.
 - c. Validate the working plan of the AWG activities
- **The newly RAFAQUA to be partners with FCWC AWG to achieve their common objectives**



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