



# ***RESTITUTION WORKSHOP***

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**“Study for the establishment of a Harmonized Regional Program of harbor inspectors in the COMHAFAT region”**

**----FCWC PRESENTATION---**

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# Fisheries Intelligence and MCS support in West Africa

Initial NORAD funded project towards TMT  
Foundation

**to support implementation of the FCWC  
convention on pooling together and information  
sharing in fisheries**



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# Key Features of the initiative

- Facilitate regional cooperation, established a West Africa Task Force
- Support a regional communication and information sharing platform, Basecamp
- Provide fisheries intelligence and analytical support, and capacity training
- Provide broader MCS and legal support for specific operations and cases
- Target fishery for support – industrial, and particularly offshore



# Key Structures

Operationalize **key FCWC conventions** and processes and in particular to support the formation and maintenance of a Task Force to stop illegal fishing in the FCWC area.

Support the establishment of structures and processes that will be the foundations of long term MCS cooperation in the region beyond the lifetime of the Project itself.

The core groups that will be established for Project implementation are:

- **A Task Force**
- **National Working Groups**
- **A Technical Team**
- **A Coordinating Team**





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# Implementing Partners

- National Fisheries Enforcement agencies of Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria and Togo. Possible future members from the region. The fisheries agency is the lead implementer, in cooperation with other relevant agencies.
- **The FCWC Secretariat**
- **Trygg Mat Tracking (TMT)**
- **Stop Illegal Fishing (SIF),**
- Initial 3 year funding provided by the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation - Norad



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# Activities

- Establishment of the WATF
- 5 Task Force meetings,
- 3 regional trainings,
- 6 National Working Groups
- Exchange of personnel
- Provide IUU evidence (INTREP)
- and equipment for fisheries inspectors



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# Achievements

- Strong collaboration between **the 6 members countries of the FCWC** through the communications platform, Basecamp
- Strengthen **cooperation between national agencies** through NWGs
- **Sharing of Fishing licences on a quarterly basis**
- Success cases
- Legal review of countries legislations
- Development of guidelines for fishing vessels of the FCWC
- **WATF countries to apply for IMO numbers. Implemented already at 90%**
- Development of a transshipment strategy
- Toolbox, made of various presentations, manuals,
- **Combine licensed vessels list since 2017**
- **Additional support for the next 5 years from NORAD, EU-PESCAO, Ocean5**





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# WAY FORWARDS

- Task Force model and methodology introduced and operational in other regions :
  - 1) SRFC MCS Unit
  - 2) COREP MCS coordination model
  - 3) RFMO in the Caribbean
  - 4) FISH-i Task Force in Eastern Africa



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