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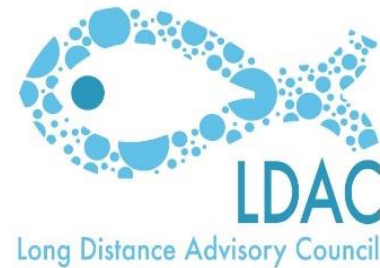


CONFÉRENCE MINISTÉRIELLE
SUR LA COOPÉRATION HALIEUTIQUE
ENTRE LES ÉTATS AFRICAINS RIVERAINS
DE L'Océan ATLANTIQUE

22 états
membres



LDAC - ATLAFCO/COMHAFAT Annual Coordination Meeting Virtual (Zoom), 11th February 2021



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MAIN TOPICS COVERED

- **Covid-19 Pandemic:** Assessing social and economic impacts on fishing sector
- **FAO:** Informing consultation on Social Responsibility in the fish value chains
- **RFMOs:** Submitting advice to DG MARE on NAFO, ICCAT and IOTC
- **UN:** Following processes of implementation of SDG targets / BBNJ (IGC) / ISA
- **IOG:** Contributing to EU public consultation + participating at IOG Forums
- **IUU Fishing:** Developing opinion to better implementation of EU IUU Regulation
- **Level Playing Field:** Carrying out a position paper on LPF of fishing activities
- **Social Dimension of CFP:** Promoting decent work for fishers at sea
- **FarFish H2020 project:** Drafting MRs CS on Mauritania, Senegal, Cabo Verde

5 PROPOSALS FOR COLLABORATION IN 2021

1. Developing joint multi stakeholder events and activities for sustainable fishing in the Atlantic façade of Africa and strengthen the EU role in the IOG (e.g. webinar on SFPAs...).
2. Promoting the level playing field between EU and non EU fishing operators in African countries in terms of social and labour rights, fish trade, traceability of value chains...
3. Implementing the recommendations formulated in the LDAC performance review part 2:
See specific section referred to partnerships and work with COMHAFAT:
<https://ldac.eu/en/publications/815-ldac-performance-review-2020>
4. Collaboration on enhancing role of RFMOs and creation of new ones (e.g. CECAF or similar for demersal and small pelagic fisheries in West Africa)
5. Explore joint collaboration in prospective EU funded studies / projects on fisheries governance, fight against IUU Fishing, SFPAs, fish trade, etc.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION PRACTICES

and valued by the EC unit on international governance, acknowledging also their influence when shaping or drafting their proposals to be defended at the negotiations. Interestingly, this contribution is made out of the usual preparation and writing of advices in a more informal and ad hoc consultation procedure but through a formal delegation of the LDAC supervised and authorized by the Bureau (Chair and Vice Chairs of the LDAC GAV/ExCom), being the Secretary the arbitrator and guarantor of coordinating the views and ensuring an impartial process is observed.

With the Scientific Technical and Economic Committee on Fisheries (STECF)



“The Memorandum of Understanding between COMHAFAT and the LDAC was also a mean to better work with the European Commission. The European Union is a major fishing power which we are interested to work with in the long term as, like us, they promote a fair and sustainable approach to fisheries management”.

COMHAFAT general secretary



INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION PRACTICES

Annual coordination meeting between ATLAFCO and LDAC. Rabat, February 2020.



“We will try to establish closer dialogue with the representative fisheries organizations in the Indian Ocean and the LDAC would be valuable to help us to mobilize the right targeted representatives.”

EC civil servant



IMPLEMENTATION AND IMPACT OF SFPAs

1. Strengthening the evaluation process of SFPAs (*ex ante* and *ex post*):

- Engage third countries stakeholders' and raise awareness about the SFPAs
- Increase transparency during the implementation of the agreement/protocol
- Ensure effective use of funds from sectorial support (capacity building, training...)

2. Improving the quality and content of evaluations of SFPAs:

- Good Governance including transparency of rules, funding and consultation
- Impacts of fishing pressure on ecosystems/by-catch species
- Market and consumer issues (food security, value chain analysis, trade flows...)
- Social issues: visibility of role of women in fisheries; labour and human rights
- Contribution and value of SFPA to achieve UN SDGs targets and promote PCD

LDAC advice published in November 2020:

https://ldac.eu/images/LDAC_Advice_on_improving_SFPAs_evaluationsR.13.20.WG4.pdf

NGOs and industry alignment

NGO Position	Industry alignment
To sustainably manage marine resources, mandate the reporting of all foreign fishing activities in the Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZ) of coastal States	✓
Increase the engagement of civil society in SFPa negotiations and implementation discussions for fair and sustainable Agreements	✓
Improve alignment of SFPAs with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and with European environmental obligations to meet the highest international standards	✓
Ensure SFPAs are contributing to improve compliance with conservation and management measures in regional fora	✓
Improve data collection on impacts of fishing on marine ecosystems and local fishing communities	✓
Ensure systematised and continual assessments of the environmental and social impacts of EU fleets fishing in distant waters are carried out	To be discussed
Prevent negative impacts of fishing activities on non-targeted species	To be discussed
Increase transparency to better tailor sectoral support to the needs of the coastal States https://ldac.eu/images/documents/publications/LDAC_letter_on_Sectoral_Support_for_Fisheries_Agreements_November2016.pdf	✓
Improve EU policy coherence between SFPAs' financial contributions and other policies such as the European international partnerships policy and the neighborhood policy, and rethink their models for supporting sustainable fishing in developing coastal States	To be discussed
Gradually, increase the contribution of European vessel owners for their access to coastal States' waters	To be discussed

Full document available at: https://ldac.eu/images/Presentation_WWF_EPO_SFPAs_LDAC_ALEROY_17Sept2020.pdf



EC CONSULTATION ON EVALUATION OF SFPAs

Roadmap published on DG MARE website (better regulation) – feedback now open from 28 Jan to 25 Feb 2021

Upcoming **public consultation** in first quarter 2021

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12728-Fisheries-evaluation-of-the-EU-s-sustainable-fisheries-partnership-agreements-SFPAs>

The evaluation process will assess:

- The governance framework that the SFPAs create;
- The impacts that they have in the EU and the partner countries
- The extent to which the expected objectives are achieved.

It might also feed into recommendations for improving the agreements in the future, so their impact is stronger.

- LDAC Working Groups 1-4-5 (web conference, 15,16,18 March)
- LDAC WG2 and ExCom (April-May)
- LDAC General Assembly (mid May)
- Participation at RFMO Intersessional & Annual Mtgs (NAFO, ICCAT, IOTC...)
- FARFISH Conference: "Towards a sustainable management for the Atlantic South West (FAO 41): a scientific-based approach" (4th March)
- All-Atlantic Research & Innovation for a Sustainable Ocean: Ministerial High-level & Stakeholders Conference (3RD -4TH June 2021)





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