



# ATLAFCO AND THE FISHERIES REGIONAL COOPERATION



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# Presentation Plan



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## I. Cooperation framework

- ❑ The memorandum was signed on 29th May 2013 in Tangier, Morocco

**Priority: improving fisheries governance**

- ❑ To fight Illicit, Unregulated and Undeclared (IUU) fishing
- ❑ To promote responsible and sustainable fishing.





## 2018 Activities carried out by ATLAFCO



Date and Venue	Title	Outputs
10-12 December 2018, M'DIQ (Morocco)	<b>Towards the development of Marine Aquaculture in the ATLAFCO zone</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> To provide a diagnosis of the marine aquaculture sector in the ATLAFCO region</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> To exchange experiences and good practices,</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> To propose actions to be undertaken</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> To develop recommendations</li></ul> <p>➔ Development of <b>sustainable marine aquaculture, respectful of the environment</b> in the countries of the Region</p>
1-3 October 2018, Rabat-Morocco	<b>Advanced training session on saving lives at sea</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Training held in collaboration with the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and the International Maritime Rescue Federation (IMRF)</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> To strengthen the capabilities of the rescue services <b>to provide better life-saving assistance at sea in African maritime waters</b></li></ul>



## 2018 Activities carried out by ATLAFCO

11-12 June 2018  
Rabat-Morocco

**“The RAFEP, a sustainable initiative, for recognition of the role and place of women in the fisheries sector in Africa “**

- ❑ The organization of this workshop aims to identify **ways and means to boost the RAFEP for the benefit of African women operating in the fisheries sector**, given their undeniable socio-economic role.

24-25 April 2018,  
Larache,  
Morocco

**Training session " New information and communication technologies - TIC- serving African women operating in the fisheries sector ' "**

- ❑ The workshop lead to the formulation of clear and realistic recommendations to strengthen this network in its action for women in the sector for **better recognition of their place by the public authorities, more autonomy and an increased defense of their interests**
- ❑ Strengthening managerial capacities **for women members of the African Network of Women in Fisheries (RAFEP)**
- ❑ Promote the use of **new information and communication technologies** by women in, post-harvest activities ,to **improve their income and living conditions**



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<p>12-13 March 2018, Rabat, Morocco</p> <p>2-3 May 2018, Casablanca, Morocco</p>	<p><b>Restitution meeting " Study for the establishment of a Harmonized Regional Program for Port Inspection in ATLAFCO zone "</b></p> <p><b>REFMA: " Maritime Training and Strengthening of the Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) System for Fisheries Activities in the ATLAFCO Zone " and REFMA Bureau Meeting</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> To capitalize on regional initiatives and coordination of institutions' interventions for <b>the implementation of the regional harmonized port inspection program</b> and <b>capacity building of States for the transposition of the Agreement on Port State Measures into their national laws</b></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> To raise the awareness of the training institutes, members of the REFMA to the IUU fishing problem in the ATLAFCO zone, for a <b>greater involvement of this network in the capacity building of the staff responsible for surveillance</b></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> To support the implementation of regional programs:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Regional program for on-board observation</b></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Harmonized Regional Program for Port Inspection</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>23-26 May 2018 Funchal, Portugal</p>	<p><b>Participation in the meeting of the Working Group to amend the ICCAT Convention</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The participation in this intervenes in the framework of the reinforcement of <b>the African position within the international bodies</b> dealing with questions relating to fisheries and for <b>the defense of the Member States interests.</b></li> </ul>
<p>23/04/-08/05/2018 Bled, Slovenia</p>	<p><b>Support by ATLAFCO of two African scientists to the Scientific Committee of the IWC</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Participation is part of <b>strengthening the African countries position in the International Fisheries Management Organizations</b> through the involvement of <b>African researchers in the deliberations of the scientific committees and hence in the decision-making process</b></li> </ul>



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<p>15-20 March 2018, Dakhla, Morocco</p>	<p>Participation of ATLAFCO in Crans Montana forum of Dakhla</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❑ The representatives of ATLAFCO member countries and the sub regional organizations of the zone were able participate in numerous exchanges with senior government officials and representatives of the business community</li></ul>
<p>11 March 2018, Rabat, Morocco</p>	<p>4th Coordination Meeting between Regional Fisheries Institutions and Organizations operating in ATLAFCO Zone</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❑ Strengthening Regional Integration between RFOs, Regional Economic Integration Communities (ECOWAS, ECCAS), AU / IBAR</li><li>❑ Implementation of a common program that defines the regional priorities displayed by the MoU parties.</li></ul>



## The 10th Ordinary Session of the Conference of Ministers on Fisheries - Abidjan Declaration -

- ❑ The fight against IUU fishing
  - ❑ Commitment to the coordinated fight against IUU fishing by strengthening the (MCS) mechanisms, by adopting the **conclusions and recommendations of studies on the implementation of regional programs**
    - ❑ On-board observers
    - ❑ Harmonized Port State Inspection in the ATLAFCO region
- ❑ The principle of sustainable use of marine living resources
  - ❑ Reaffirm that the sustainable use of marine living resources based on the **best scientific evidence** available is essential to **the food security, livelihood and harmonious development of all member countries,**
  - ❑ Commit to adopting this **principle in the fisheries management policies**





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## ☐ Strengthening ATLAFCO

- ☐ commit to strengthen the ATLAFCO Institution:
  - ☐ Study the mechanisms for institutional anchoring of ATLAFCO to the **African Union institutions (MoU with AU/IBAR)**
  - ☐ Support the operationalization of **coordination mechanisms** established between ATLAFCO and relevant regional and international institutions
  - ☐ Examine the legal mechanisms to elevate our Conference to the status of a **Regional Fisheries Management Organization (RFMO)** with binding management measures



## ☐ The consolidation of the African cooperation

- ☐ Strive for better securing the Member States' interests, consolidating **the African position** in international bodies dealing with fisheries, and ensuring **effective and active participation**:
  - ☐ Take concerted actions at every international organization in order to better reflect the interests and concerns of **African countries**.



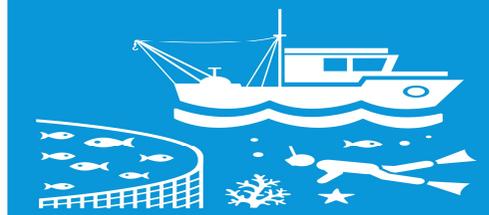


## 2019 planed activities



- ❑ Defining the orientations and the priorities of action to be undertaken with a view to **maximizing the socio-economic benefits of sustainable exploitation** of the fishery resources in the **African Atlantic region**.
- ❑ The strategic axis selected concern topics that **transcend national borders** and require a **committed regional cooperation and solidarity** between the States and between the regional institutions by pooling the efforts and means

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**INCREASE THE ECONOMIC BENEFITS FROM SUSTAINABLE USE OF MARINE RESOURCES**

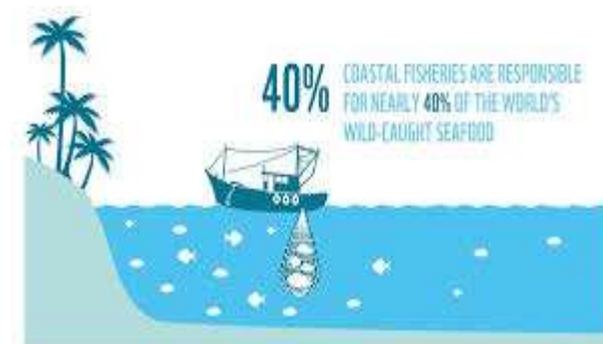




## 2019 planed activities

### ☐ Conservation and sustainable use of fisheries resources

- ☐ **Workshop** on Fisheries as an essential component of the blue economy in the ATLAFCO zone
- ☐ **Study** on the relevance and the practical modalities to move the ATLAFCO towards an RFMO
- ☐ **Activity** for the research institutes of the RAFISMER network on the characterization of marine ecosystems and assessment of their vulnerability to disturbances
- ☐ **Training** session for the trainers of maritime fisheries training institutions on MCS tools
- ☐ **Reflection** on the use of new technologies (ICT) to ensure sustainable fishing in the ATLAFCO region
- ☐ **Seminar** on Sustainable development of aquaculture in the context of the United Nations SDGs





## 2019 planed activities

- ☑ Improving the sector performance
  - ☑ **Workshop** on Traceability and certification of fishery products marketed in Africa: Strengthening the capacity and role of women operating in the fisheries sector
- ☑ Promotion of intra-regional trade of fishery products
  - ☑ **Workshop** on Encouraging innovation and commercial promotion of seafood for the fish industries
  - ☑ **Training** session in fish processing manufacturing and other fishery products





## 2019 planed activities

- ❑ **Strengthening ATLAFCO's group within international fisheries bodies**
  - ❑ **Participating** in different international conferences and events dealing with fisheries activities(CITES, ICCAT,FAO,IWC,,)
  
- ❑ **Maritime Safety and Security**
  - ❑ **Reflection** on improving safety and health standards in the fisheries sector in the ATLAFCO zone
  - ❑ **Training Session** on the improvement of the performance of the regional rescue coordinator
  - ❑ **Workshop** for an effective action by regional mechanisms for combating piracy in the ATLAFCO zone





# Regional program for on-board observation Harmonized Regional Program for Port Inspection

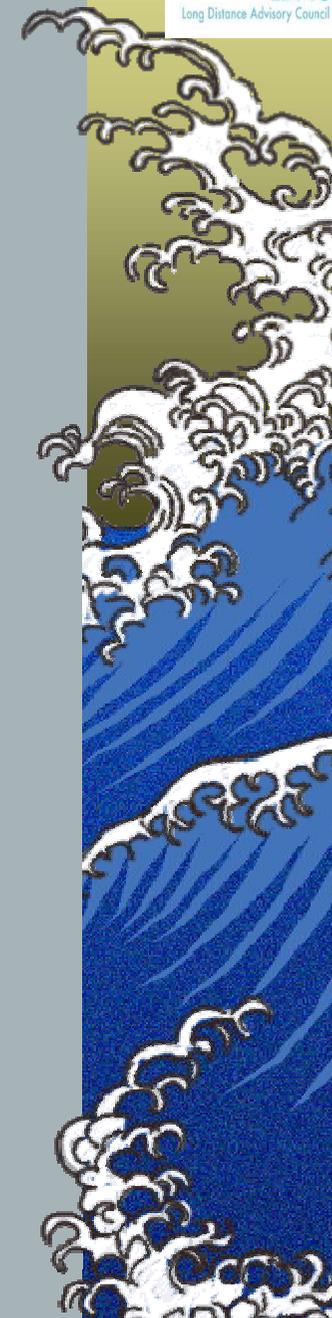




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