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REPORT OF

MEETING OF RESTITUTION AND VALIDATION OF THE STUDY ON "*THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGIONAL HARMONIZED PROGRAM PORT INSPECTION (RHPIP) IN THE ATLAFCO AREA*"

Rabat, March 12-13 2018

PRESENTATION OF THE DOCUMENT

This document was elaborated following the presentation of the conclusions of a study, commissioned by ATLAFCO, on "the establishment of a regional harmonized port inspection program (RHPIP) in the ATLAFCO zone" which took place in Rabat (Morocco) on March 12 and 13, 2018, and subsequent debates.

It contains (1) the summary of each of the 3 sessions of the of restitution and validation of the study meeting, and (2) focuses on the main elements of discussions, to present (3) the recommendations, from the meeting, for the effective implementation of a regional harmonized port inspection program.

The study contributes to Strategic Objective 1 of COMHAFAT (Conservation and sustainable use of fishery resources), Component 2: Strengthening fisheries management capabilities, 1-Strengthening monitoring, control and surveillance systems (MCS).

This document was prepared by the secretariat of ATLAFCO, under the supervision of the Executive Secretary, Mr. A. Benabbou, and then submitted to all participants before its final version.

Their reviews provided very useful comments, ideas and suggestions that helped to significantly improve the quality of the document.

ABSTRACT

The international community is committed to strengthening the fight against IUU fishing through port inspection through adoption in 2009 and entry into force in 2016 following a sufficient number of ratifications of the FAO Port State Measures Agreement (PSMA).

So far, ten ATLAFCO member States have formally acceded to this binding instrument, and others are preparing to deposit their instruments of ratification. Longtime before PSMA came into force, Atlantic coastal states had already committed to strengthening port inspection through ICCAT Recommendation 12-07, which provides port control, broadly aligned with those promoted by the PSMA but only for tunas.

The full implementation of the measures provided for by the PSMA, however, imposes high demands on the States concerned

The problem is not to create a new regional program, but to help States and RFOs to make the best use of existing regional programs, taking into account future developments such as the creation of a global information exchange mechanism by FAO.

The coordination of the interventions and the promotion of the cooperation are the key words of the achievement for a successful operationalization.

THANKS

The ATLAFCO Secretariat thanks all the delegates and experts who were willing to participate in this meeting entitled "Towards the establishment of a regional harmonized port inspection program in ATLAFCO region", carried out as part of improving the governance of the fisheries sector in ATLAFCO region.

It particularly thanked the speakers for the quality of their presentation and their contribution to the discussions.

The Secretariat expressed its gratitude to JICA and the Ministry of Agriculture, Maritime Fisheries, Rural Development and Forestry of Morocco for their support in organizing this workshop.

It also wishes to acknowledge the active participation of FAO, AU / IBAR, ICCAT, sub-regional organizations FCWC, COREP and SRFC as well as the Advisory Council for Long Distance Fisheries (LDAC) in this meeting.

Introduction

1. From 12 to 13 March 2018, a meeting under the theme of "*Towards the establishment of a Regional harmonized Port Inspection Program in ATLAFCO region*" was held in Rabat (Morocco).
2. This meeting intends:
 - To inform the main actors of the region (Member States, RFOs, technical and financial partners ...) on the main conclusions and recommendations of the study on the establishment of a regional harmonized inspection program in the ATLAFCO area;
 - To discuss and validate conclusions and recommendations ; and
 - To make collective proposals for their implementation, within the framework of coordination at national, sub-regional and regional levels.
3. Attended this meeting :
 - The delegates of the following Member States: Benin, Cabo Verde , Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Congo, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, , Morocco, Mauritania, Nigeria, , Sao Tome and Principe , Senegal, Sierra Leone and Togo
 - FAO, AU / IBAR and ICCAT
 - Sub-regional organizations FCWC, COREP and SRFC.
 - The LDAC and ARTSM.
4. The list of participants is attached in Annex I.

CONTEXT OF THE MEETING

5. The present meeting follows the delivery of the findings of the study for the *establishment of a harmonized port inspection program in the ATLAFCO region*.
6. This study was commissioned by ATLAFCO, following the entry into force of the Agreement on Port State Measures (PSMA) and its ratification by several Member States of ATLAFCO.
7. It is a contribution to strengthening existing capacity monitoring, control and surveillance matters of maritime areas of the countries of the African Atlantic area
8. The establishment of this program is one of the flagship recommendations of the Marrakech workshop organized by ATLAFCO in October 2015 ¹ , and fits perfectly in "*the policy framework and reform strategy for fisheries and aquaculture in Africa*"

¹ Workshop on "Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) as an effective tool in the fight against IUU fishing"

October 27-28, 2015 Marrakech - Morocco. Workshop documents : <http://www.atlafco.org/en/news.php?id=20>

OBJECTIVES OF THE MEETING

9. Several objectives are assigned to this meeting :
- The restitution of the main conclusions and recommendations of the study for their appropriation and validation by the stakeholders;
 - Exchanges around successful experiences in West Africa (FCWC Working Group, the regional coordination unit in charge of the MCS of the COREP, the specific MCS convention which provides among other things, the provisions for the implementation of the port inspection in the SRFC sub-region and the Abuja MoU on Port State Control) and in other parts of the world;
 - A review of current and future port inspection capacity building programs and the identification of mechanisms to make the best use of them in the spirit of regional cooperation.
 - The proposal of an action plan roadmap to assist States and their RFOs in developing port inspection capacities including the implementation of shared data, essential for the effectiveness of inspections as the registers of authorized fishing vessels

OPENING CEREMONY

10. Opening the meeting on behalf of **Mr. Kobenan Kouassi ADJOUANI**, Minister of Animal and Fisheries Resources of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire and acting Chairman of ATLAFCO, **Mrs. Hema Catherine** welcomed all participants. She then noted that the effective establishment of a RHPIP is timely, in the context of the fight against illegal fishing practices in our region. She finally declared open the work of this meeting
11. Taking the floor, **Mr. Youssef, Kecha**, Head of Monitoring of the control and inspection operations division, wished on behalf of the Moroccan Minister of Agriculture, Maritime Fisheries, Rural Development and Forestry welcome to the representatives of member countries of ATLAFCO, as well as the distinguished guests to this workshop. Then he called for the setting up of joint control devices and traceability as the Regional Program of Port Harmonize inspection ATLAFCO area
12. **Mr. Cherif TOUIEB**, on behalf of Mr. Michael HAGE FAO representative in Morocco expressed warm greetings and sincere thanks to the secretariat of ATLAFCO for the kind invitation to this important meeting which brings together member countries and their partners to deal with a fundamental question for the sustainability of the fish heritage. He recalled the relevance of the choice of the theme which, in more than one way, raises the issue the problems of port inspection in a context of the fight against IUU fishing and the need to be involved in the framework of a joint effort of regional and international co-operation for the establishment of a harmonized regional

program, without which none of the member countries would be able to ensure alone, an effective port inspection able to face challenges and threats to the sector.

13. In his turn, **Mr. Kwame Mfodwo** on behalf of the AU / IBAR has expressed the deep gratitude of **Mr. Moussa Mahatma** Chairperson of the African Union Commission, and **Mrs. Josefa Sacko** Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture of the African Union Commission to His Majesty Mohammed VI, King of Morocco and that the Government and people of Morocco for their effective commitment to the strengthening of the South-South cooperation. He also congratulated the Secretariat of ATLAFCO for this brilliant example of institutional cooperation with the African Union, by inviting its Institution to this event and giving it a place of choice in the modalities of the meeting.

He added that the presence of all parts of the continent and beyond is a clear testimony of the shared commitment to the objectives and aspirations of the ATLAFCO, which together with the African Union is working to achieve the goal of achieving for the continent "*A prosperous Africa, based on inclusive growth and sustainable development*".

14. For his part, **Mr. Abdelouahed BENABBOU**, the Executive Secretary of ATLAFCO, expressed, on behalf of His Excellency **Mr. Adjoumani KOBENAN Kouassi**, Minister of Fishery and Animal Resources of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, acting Chairman of ATLAFCO, and in his own name, is pleased to welcome in Rabat all participants in this meeting on a topic of great important. He also thanked the Moroccan authorities through **Mr. Aziz AKHANNOUCH**, Moroccan Minister of Agriculture, Maritime Fisheries, Regional Development and Water and Forestry of Morocco, for his constant support for ATLAFCO and his permanent commitment to for fisheries cooperation in Africa.

He reminded that the entry into force of the FAO Port State Measures Agreement (PSMA) was the culmination of efforts worldwide to fight against IUU fishing, by setting minimum standards for port inspection measures.

He then noted that many ATLAFCO Member States have ratified or started the process of ratification of this agreement. However, the region still faces the need for effective implementation of this tool, one of the most effective in combating the scourge of IUU fishing.

He also focused on relevant achievements, often supported by external interventions, that have emerged in the region, such as the initiatives taken by the three sub-regional fisheries organizations (RFOs) operating in the ATLAFCO zone.

15. The conduct of the work of the workshop was entrusted to **Dr. Amadou TALL**, independent consultant.

AGENDA

16. The agenda was discussed and adopted unanimously (Appendix II).

WORK PROCESS

17. The work took place in plenary and the meeting followed various presentations.

- The 1st presentation focused on the synthesis of the study.
- On behalf of the **F&S** firm, which conducted the study "For the implementation of a harmonized regional port inspection program", Mr. **Benoit Caillart** presented the main conclusions and recommendations of the latter.
- He recalled in a first time, milestones, the contextual elements of the study, the inventory and the main components of the PSMA, the institutional landscape in the region and the expectations for the Harmonized Regional Program, as well as current or future cooperation programs for strengthening the MCS.
- In a second part, he presented recommendations and a multiannual action plan (Annex III) for a PRHIP with a budget of nearly **EUR 700 000** over four years, of which EUR 400 000 for the actions to be implemented by the ATLAFCO. The study also proposes a RACI matrix (**Annex IV**), which defines the main actions and the role of each of the actors involved in the implementation of the program.

18. Following this presentation, a debate was opened. The main interventions focused on clarification or additional information relating to:

- The relevance of the representativeness of the replies to the questionnaire;
- The ports in the region authorized to receive landings ;
- A sub-regional or regional vessel registers ;
- National authorities in charge of port inspection

19. Taking the floor, the consultant, while recalling that port inspection is an exclusive sovereign competence of States , and noting the important needs of most Member States of ATLAFCO in this respect, proposes regional and sub-regional mechanisms for supporting countries at the five pillars of the PSMA implementation, namely:

- i) upgrading of national regulations;
- (ii) coordination between the different national agencies;
- (iii) training of inspectors;
- (iv) operational inspection procedures, including the exchange of information;
- (v) the prosecution of offenders.

20. He also recalls that port inspections can only be effective if inspectors have sources of verification such as regional or sub-regional registers of authorized fishing vessels.

21. The participants declare themselves reflected in the findings of the study and validate s recommendations.

22. The other presentations that followed provided an update on successful regional initiatives as well as existing programs that could serve as a model or support for the effective implementation of RHPIP.

23. The representative of ICCAT pointed out that since the end of the 1970s, port inspection has been one of the major concerns of this RFMO. He recalled recommendation 12-07 concerning the ICCAT system of minimum standards for port inspection applicable to ATLAFCO member States, contracting parties of this organization. Thus, several measures have been taken by ICCAT to impose a serious control at the level of the ports which is one of the means to fight the IUU fishing.

He urged the participants to do their best to have their administration ratify the port state agreement to better act and benefit from its impact.

Furthermore, he welcomed the recent cooperation between ICCAT and ATLAFCO, most of which are members of the ICCAT Convention. He hoped that the ATLAFCO would be more involved in the monitoring and management of marine resources in the region.

24. At the end of each presentation, a debate was opened, thus enabling participants' questions to be answered and to clarify certain aspects and concepts, as well as information and lessons learned from initiatives in the region and elsewhere.

25. All presentations are available in the original language on the ATLAFCO website at the following address :

<http://www.comhafat.org/en/actualites.php?id=63>

26. The discussions continued the following day, and particularly concerned:

- The relevance of the association with NGOs for certain recommendations: Some participants expressed doubts about the relevance of association with NGOs for certain recommendations. At this observation, participants agreed that if NGOs are well chosen and the mechanisms for protecting sensitive information are well defined, this should not be a problem.
- The remark that the number of replies to the questionnaire 12/22 might not reflect the tendencies found by the study, and after the explanations of the consultant, the participants while accepting them proposed, to make sure to revive States, the electronic questionnaire with a parallel awareness of the RFOs.
- With regard to assistance to developing countries, it was reminded that as part of the implementation of the PSMA, FAO through its Global Capacity Building Program and Assistance Fund to be established under Part 6 of the Agreement, developing countries and Small Island Developing States (SIDS) have the possibility to get technical assistance, training and capacity building.

27. For its part, the European fleet operating in the ATLAFCO zone, through the representatives of LDAC, committed e to facilitate dialogue with the European

Commission, in particular DG MARE and DG DEVCO to seek administrative and technical support for the implementation of the PSMA.

In this context, the LDAC supports the conclusions and requirements of the study and considers that this could be a cost-effective way of complying with the minimum standards of control procedures in the 22 countries of the region.

RECOMMENDATIONS

28. On the basis of collaboration between AU-IBAR, the relevant economic integration organizations, ATLAFCO and with the support of relevant regional fisheries organizations, the participants **recommend** the following:









- A. Support to States in their efforts to align national regulations with international standards and to define mechanisms for cooperation between the different national agencies concerned with the control of ships at the port to enable the full implementation of the PSMA;
- B. Technical assistance to Member States for actions to define and implement multi-year training plans for Port Inspectors;
- C. Identification, coordination and harmonization of interventions by different donors or international organizations (ex : FAO, ICCAT, World Bank, NORAD, EU ...) in support of strengthening and harmonizing port inspections;
- D. An active contribution to FAO and ICCAT working groups on operational procedures for port inspection mechanisms ;
- E. The development of regional information-sharing mechanisms including the sharing of sub-regional registers of authorized fishing vessels, to the extent that their availability is essential for the effectiveness of port inspections ;
- F. Encouraging Member States to collaborate with FAO on the establishment of the global fishing vessel register for the same reasons;
- G. Establishment of a specific fund for the mobilization of international legal assistance in order to support the States that need it in the event of a lawsuit of interests suspected of having engaged in IUU fishing practices discovered during inspections in the ports of those States;
- H. Assistance to Member States in the preparation and implementation of multiannual programs on strengthening the technical capacity of port inspectors
- I. Contribution to the identification, coordination and harmonization of the interventions of the various donors or international organizations in support of strengthening port inspections;







J. The active contribution to the promotion of good practices in the implementation of port inspection mechanisms undertaken by States or by the organizations of which they are members.

29. The workshop proceedings are declared closed 13 hours: 00






Annex I: List of participants

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Annex II: Agenda

Day I: 12 March 2018	
08 :00 - 09 :00	Registration of Participants
09 :00 - 09 :45	Official Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. A. Benabbou, Executive Secretary – ATLAFCO - The Representative of Fisheries Department, Morocco - The Representative of FAO in Morocco - The Representative of AU/IBAR - The Representative Côte d’Ivoire, President of ATLAFCO
09 :45 -10 :00	Introduction of the meeting, A. Benabbou
10 :00 -10 :15	Coffee break
First session: The RHPIP, a regional instrument for the fight against IUU in ATLAFCO area?	
10 :15 - 12 :30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of the main conclusions of the <i>Study for the establishment of a Regional Harmonized Port Inspection Program in the ATLAFCO region</i> by Mr. B. Caillart (F&S Fisheries/ Maritime Affairs) - Discussion
12 :30 - 13 :30	Lunch
Second session : The International community's efforts to strengthen port inspection: Experiences and Initiatives at International and Regional Level	
14:30- 17 :00	<p><u>At the international level</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FAO's Global Initiative for the Implementation of the PSMA, Cherif Touileb, FAO - Efforts of the European fleet to implement the PSMA in third countries, Mr.Alex Rodriguez,LDAC/ Dr.Miguel Herrera,OPAGAC - The AU and the strengthening of the MCS , Dr. Kwame Mfodwo AU/IBAR - The recommendation 12-07 of ICCAT and its implementation status, Mr. Driss Meski/ <p><u>At the regional level</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Abuja MoU, experience on the harmonization of control procedures and data centralization, Mr. Abdennaji LAAMRICH - Cooperation between national agencies responsible for port inspection in FCWC member countries, Mr. Dedi Nadjé Seraphin - Towards the creation of a coordination unit in the COREP sub-region , Mr. Emile Essema - - Sub regional Integration of Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) Conditions, Case Study in the SRFC Area, Mr. Malal Sané/Mr. BABACAR BA

17:00 – 18:00	- Discussions et recommandations
18:00	End of the first day
Day II: 13 March 2018	
<u>Third Session:</u> What technical and financial partnership to strengthen port inspection?	
09 :00 – 10 :30	<p style="text-align: center;">Table ronde : Partenariats et mécanismes de coordination</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of the FAO-AU / IBAR -ATLAFCO panel on an action plan to assist the States and their RFOs in the development of port inspection capacities
10 :30 – 10 :45	Coffee break
10 :45 – 12 :30	- Continuation of Discussion
12 : 00 – 12 : 45	- Presentation of the recommendations
12 : 45 - 13 :00	- Closing of the meeting
13 :30	Lunch

ANNEX III : Action Plan

N°	Name of task	Année 1				Année 2				Année 3				Année 4				Année 5
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2	Adaptation of the regulatory framework																	
3	Preparation of standardized terms of reference																	
4	Assessment of the national regulatory framework																	
5	Resumption of existing texts, development of new																	
6	Implementation interinstitutional communication																	
7	Expected results: AMREP aligned regulatory texts																	
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10	Inter-agency cooperation mechanisms																	
11	Organization of subregional workshops																	
12	Contractualization of facilitators of inter-agency working groups																	
13	Expected results: formalized inter-agency mechanisms																	
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15	Training of port inspectors																	
16	Preparation of training plans (initial and continuous)																	
17	Participation FAO / ICCAT working groups capacity building																	
18	Mapping donor interventions																	
19	Organization International Conference of Donors																	
20	Promotion training material																	
21	Expected results: standardized training cycles in place																	
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23	Operational support for inspection activities																	
24	Participation FAO / ICCAT working groups mechanisms for information exchange																	
25	Revitalization of initiatives for the creation of subregional ship registers																	
26	Expansion of the CPCO network to other States																	
27	Expected results: functional exchange mechanisms																	
28	Prosecution of offenders																	
29	MoU Negotiation with NGO for legal support fund																	
30	Expected Result: MoU available for mobilization of legal assistance																	
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Budget: nearly EUR 700 000 over four years, including EUR 400 000 for actions to be implemented by ATLAFCO (in addition to the budgets for donor interventions)

Annex IV: Matrice RACI

Clé	RACI	Responsible: Responsible for the action
Responsable : Responsable de l'action	R	Approver: Validate the results of the action
Approbateur : Valide les résultats de l'action	A	Contributor: Contributes to the implementation of the action
Contributeur : Contribue à la mise en oeuvre de l'action	C	Informed: Is kept informed of the progress of the action
Informé : Est tenu informé des avancées de l'action	I	

	ATLAFCO	MEMBER STATES	RFOs	FAP/ICC AT	DONORS
Adaptation of the regulatory framework					
Preparation of standardized terms of reference	R	C	A	I	I
Assessment of the national regulatory framework	I	R	I	I	I
Resumption of existing texts, development of new	I	R	I	I	I
Implementation of interinstitutional communication	C	R	I	I	I
Expected results: PSMA aligned regulatory texts					
Inter-agency cooperation mechanisms					
Organization of subregional workshops	R	I	C	I	I
Contractualization of facilitators of inter-agency working groups	C	C	R	I	I
Expected results: formalized inter-agency mechanisms					
Training of port inspectors					
Preparation of training plans (initial and continuous)	R	C	I	I	I
Participation FAO / ICCAT working groups capacity building	C	C	C	R	I
Mapping donor interventions	R	C	C	C	C
Organization of International Conference of Donors	R	I	I	C	C
Promotion training material	R	I	I	I	I
Expected results: standardized training cycles in place					
Operational support for inspection activities					
Participation FAO / ICCAT working groups mechanisms for information exchange	C	C	C	R	I
Revitalization of initiatives for the creation of subregional ship registers	R	C	C	I	I
Expansion of the FCWC network to other States	R	I	C	I	I
Expected results: functional exchange mechanisms					
Prosecution of offenders					
MoU Negotiation with NGO for legal support fund	R	I	I	I	I
Expected Result: MoU available for mobilization of legal assistance					

SPEECHES

Speech by the Representative of Côte d'Ivoire

Monsieur le Secrétaire Exécutif de la COMHAFAT
Messieurs les représentants des organisations sous régionales des pêches
Mesdames et Messieurs les Chefs de délégation des Etats membres
Mesdames et Messieurs les experts

Au nom du Ministre KOBENAN Kouassi Adjoumani Président en exercice de la COMHAFAT, je voudrais exprimer ma profonde gratitude au Secrétaire Exécutif de la COMHAFAT pour l'accueil chaleureux réservé à l'ensemble des délégations ici présentes.

Mesdames et Messieurs

La pêche illicite, non déclarée et non règlementée (INDNR) représente l'une des menaces les plus graves pesant sur l'exploitation durable des ressources aquatiques vivantes et met en péril le fondement même de la politique commune de la pêche et des efforts déployés à l'échelle internationale en faveur d'une meilleure gouvernance des océans.

La mise en place d'un Programme Régional Harmonisé d'Inspection Portuaire (PRHIP) permettra au responsable des pêches des Etats membres, le renforcement de leur dispositif en Suivi Contrôle Surveillance, l'amélioration du contrôle des activités de pêche des navires opérant dans les eaux de la région COMHAFAT.

Ce Programme Régional Harmonisé d'Inspection Portuaire (PRHIP) est le bienvenu. La lutte contre les pratiques de pêche illicite doit être aussi renforcée dans les contrôles à terre dans les ports car un poisson pêche illégalement en haute mer, arrive toujours dans un port.

Ce programme pourrait s'avérer un outil efficace et à moindre cout pour lutter contre la pêche INN, à défaut des grands patrouilleurs à la recherche des navires en mer, du personnel bien forme pourrait faire des contrôles à terre.

Mesdames et Messieurs

La Cote d'ivoire a bénéficié de l'appui de l'Union européenne pour :

- Installer et équiper un service d'inspection au port ;
- Mettre en place un centre de surveillance satellitaire des pêches.

En outre, un projet de loi pour la ratification de l'Accord FAO sur les mesures du Ressort de l'Etat du Port (AMREP), vient d'être introduit auprès du Ministère d'Etat Ministère des Affaires Etrangères,

Mesdames et Messieurs

Je tiens à remercier tous les experts qui ont travaillé avec acharnement pour obtenir ces importants résultats qui seront présentes au cours de cette rencontre.

Je vous invite à bien examiner les résultats de cette étude et à donner des orientations nécessaires à la mise en place de ce programme.
Je vous remercie.

Speech by the Representative of Morocco

Monsieur le Représentant de la FAO
Monsieur le Secrétaire Exécutif de la COMHAFAT
Monsieur le président de la COMHAFAT
Monsieur le Représentant de l'UA/BIRA
Mesdames et Messieurs les Représentants et délégués

Au nom du Département de la Pêche Maritime du Royaume du Maroc, je vous souhaite la bienvenue à Rabat. Pour moi c'est un grand honneur de prononcer cette allocution d'ouverture des travaux de cette Réunion relative à l'Etude pour la mise en place d'un Programme Régional Harmonisé d'inspection Portuaire dans la Région COMHAFAT. Je saisis cette occasion pour féliciter la COMHAFAT pour avoir commandité cette Etude.

Comme vous tous ici, honorables représentants et délégués, en tant qu'experts dans le domaine de la pêche, notre préoccupation principale c'est la préservation de nos ressources halieutiques. En effet, les débarquements de produits de la pêche qui transitent chaque jour par nos ports, constituent une importante source pour le développement socio-économique de nos populations respectives. On est appelé à renforcer le contrôle de ces débarquements et s'assurer en permanence que les navires qui opèrent dans nos eaux sont en conformité avec les règlements en vigueur. Toutefois, la pérennité de ces ressources peut être menacée par ce fléau redoutable qui est la pêche illicite, non déclarée et non réglementée (INN).

Ainsi, au niveau international plusieurs mesures ont été adoptées pour lutter contre la pêche INN. Nous, en tant qu'Etats côtiers, Etats de pavillon, Etats du port ou Etats du marché, sommes appelés à coopérer d'avantage et coordonner ensemble pour lutter contre toutes les formes de pêche illégale, en particulier dans la mise en place de dispositifs conjoints de contrôle et de traçabilité tout au long de la chaîne de valeur. Le Programme Régional Harmonisé d'inspection Portuaire dans la zone COMHAFAT en est un.

Dans cette dynamique, et dans le cadre de la Stratégie Halieutis, le Royaume du Maroc dispose aujourd'hui :

D'une entité spécifique de contrôle des activités de la pêche :

D'une plateforme juridique actualisée ;

Des procédures et méthodologies de contrôle :

Des outils électroniques performants pour la surveillance et le contrôle :

Et d'un plan national de contrôle.

Monsieur le Représentant de la FAO
Monsieur e Secrétaire exécutif de la COMHAFAT
Mesdames et messieurs les Représentants et Délégués

Nous sommes honores de faire partie de cette coopération, et encore plus de ce groupe de travail.

Aujourd'hui, la mise en place d'un Programme Régional d'inspection Portuaire dans la zone COMHAFAT, constitue un pas de plus dans la coopération inter-Etats membres pour le renforcement du système de contrôle et surveillance (SCS).

Une plateforme d'échanges d'information verra le jour, et tous les pays membres et intervenants vont en tirer profit.

Encore une fois, nous affirmons notre engagement à soutenir ce programme, et au nom du Département de la Pêche Maritime du Maroc, je vous souhaite une grande réussite dans vos travaux.

Merci

Speech by the Representative of FAO

Monsieur le Président de la COMHAFAT
Monsieur le Secrétaire Exécutif de la COMHAFAT
Monsieur le Représentant de l'UA/BIRA
Mesdames, Messieurs les délégués des pays membres de la COMHAFAT
Mesdames Messieurs les participants

Chers collègues

Permettez-moi de m'adresser à votre amable assemblée au Nom de Monsieur Michael Hage Représentant résident de la FAO et coordonnateur régional pour l'Afrique du Nord empêché en raison des multiples tâches qu'il assume, pour vous remercier pour l'aimable invitation à cette importante réunion regroupant les pays de la COMHAFAT et leur partenaires techniques et financiers pour traiter une question fondamentale tant pour la durabilité du patrimoine halieutique que pour la sécurité des biens et des vies des personnes.

Mesdames Messieurs, le choix de la thématique de programme régional harmonisé d'inspection portuaire dans la zone de la COMHAFAT est éloquent à plus d'un titre car il pose d'une part les problématiques de l'inspection portuaire dans un contexte de sécurité et de lutte contre la pêche INN et la nécessité de s'engager dans le cadre d'un effort commun de coopération régionale et internationale en vue de disposer d'un programme régional harmonisé sans lequel aucun des pays membre ne serait en mesure d'assurer une inspection portuaire efficace qui permettrait d'affronter les défis et menaces que représentent ces phénomènes dont l'impact est inestimable.

Mesdames Messieurs

La problématique de sécurité des ports est au centre des préoccupations de toute la communauté internationale. Elle a plusieurs facettes suivies et traitées par les agences des Nations Unies à savoir l'OMI, l'IOT, l'OMC, la FAG, le PNUD.

FAO dans son mandat accorde une attention particulière à cette question notamment les aspects de la pêche INDNR la sécurité en mer des pêcheurs et des moyens de pêche, les conditions et règles liées aux opérations de pêche de façon générale, la santé des océans et de leur faune et flore, la qualité des produits de pêche, les instruments et les équipements de sécurité à bord, les instruments et équipements de sécurité à terre au niveau des ports.

Mesdames Messieurs

L'adoption du Code de conduite pour une pêche responsable qui a servi de référence

à l'adoption du plan d'action international de lutte contre la pêche INDNR et par la suite l'entrée en vigueur des accords de la FAO de conformité, l'accord des mesures du ressort de l'Etat du port et du pavillon ainsi que l'encouragement et l'adoption du cadre réglementaire favorisant l'émergence d'organisations régionales en charge d'assurer aux nom des états membres une gestion responsable des ressources halieutiques sont là pour témoigner de l'engagement de la FAO vous soutenir et vous accompagner dans votre noble mission objet de la présente réunion.

Mesdames Messieurs

Les ports sont un espace économique et social très dynamique et une interface entre la mer et le continent mais aussi une plateforme de communication et d'échange très exposée aux risques de sécurité de toute nature. La référence à des normes internationales de construction, d'organisation et de coopération en matière d'échange d'information ainsi qu'en matière de surveillance et de contrôle sont le point de départ pour toutes les stratégies efficaces de sécurisation de ces espaces et des activités y afférents.

Pris individuellement vos pays et les ports dont ils disposent ne peuvent satisfaire aux défis du développement et de la mondialisation des échanges s'ils ne s'intègrent pas dans le contexte international et respectent les conditions minimales de sécurité de ces ports.

Au Plan des ODD vous convenez sans doute avec moi que vos engagements vis à vis de la communauté internationale en particulier en ce qui concerne le thème de votre réunion impliquent entre autre l'atteinte des objectifs ci-dessous :

- o Accès à des emplois décents (8)
- o Bâtir une infrastructure résiliente (9)
- o Justice et paix (16)
- o Accès à l'eau salubre et à l'assainissement (6)
- o Partenariat (17)

Les organisations Internationales du système des nations unies ont la charge de suivre la réalisation de ces ODD grâce à une batterie d'indicateurs.

Vos journées sont donc un vrai challenge pour vous et pour votre organisation pour enregistrer des avancées qui permettent à ce que vos ports répondent aux normes internationales et que les critères de qualité, de sécurité répondent de façon permanente aux conditions des inspections portuaires de votre programme régional harmonisé.

La FAO est avec vous pour vous accompagner dans cet effort qui a besoin beaucoup plus d'effort intellectuel et organisationnel que matériel.

Merci encore et plein succès à vos travaux.

Speech by the Representative of AU/IBAR



TOWARDS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGIONAL PORT HARMONIZED INSPECTION PROGRAM IN THE ATLAFCO ZONE

**A MEETING ORGANIZED BY THE
MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON FISHERIES COOPERATION AMONG AFRICAN STATES
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OPENING REMARKS BY THE DIRECTOR OF AU-IBAR

Your Excellency, the Acting President of the Ministerial Conference on Fisheries Cooperation among African States Bordering the Atlantic Ocean

Your Excellency, The Honorable Minister in charge of Fisheries in Morocco

Your Excellency the Executive Secretary of the Ministerial Conference on Fisheries Cooperation among African States Bordering the Atlantic Ocean

Representatives of Regional Economic Communities

Representatives of Regional Fisheries Bodies and large marine ecosystems-based organizations

The Representatives of Regional Fisheries Projects and Development partners

Colleague Experts, Distinguished ladies and gentlemen

I am privileged to be accorded this opportunity to say a few words as part of the opening ceremony for this meeting being organized by the Ministerial Conference on Fisheries Cooperation among African States Bordering the Atlantic Ocean. It is indeed a great honour.

Let me begin by expressing the profound gratitude of the Chair of the African Union Commission, Dr. Moussa Mahatma and the Commissioner of Rural Economy and Agriculture of the African Union Commission, Hon. Madame Josefa Sacko, to his Majesty, *King Mohammed VI. King of Morocco* as well as the Government and People of Morocco for inviting the African Union to this workshop. I wish also to express the same sentiments to the Secretariat of COMHAFAT for this shining example of institutional cooperation with the African Union, in inviting us to this event and giving us pride of place within the arrangements for meeting. We are highly honoured.

To distinguished participants, at this meeting, let me say on behalf of the African Union, that your presence here this morning from all parts of the continent and further afield is a clear testimony of our joint commitment to the goals and aspirations of COMHAFAT which together with the African Union has been working towards the goal of achieving for our continent ‘A Prosperous Africa, based on Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Development’.

In our own specific case in the area of fisheries and aquaculture, there can be little doubt that the elimination of Illegal, unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing in African waters will contribute significantly to blue economic growth development and hence integrated development of the continent. The African Union truly believes this goal cannot be achieved by single states neither by institutions working in siloes, however genuine and stupendous the effort may be. This underscores the need for regional cooperation and institutional collaboration in a concerted effort to combat the dangers posed by IUU fishing. Hence our pleasure at this meeting and the support that we give to this meeting.

Honourable Acting President, Honourable Minister, Ladies and Gentlemen

Please allow me to give a brief introduction of my institution for the benefits of those you may not be familiar with the African Union Agency. The Interafrican Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR) is a specialized technical office of the Department of Rural Economy and Agriculture (DREA) of the African Union Commission with the

mandate from African Union Heads of States and Governments for promoting utilization and resource management of livestock, fisheries and wildlife for the human wellbeing and economic development in the Member States of the African Union.

Distinguished guests and colleagues

The First Conference of African ministers for Fisheries and Aquaculture held in 2010, in the Gambia, recommended cooperation on MCS and enforcement for sustainable combat of IUU fishing. This recommendation was reiterated by the Joint Conference of African Ministers for Agriculture, Rural Development, Fisheries and Aquaculture in 2014 in Ethiopia. Not surprisingly the Pan African Policy Framework and Reform Strategy for fisheries and aquaculture identified the conservation and sustainable use of fisheries resources as a major strategic policy pillar. This policy pillar advocates for strengthening regional cooperation and collaboration on MCS and enforcement. The 2016 African Charter on Maritime Security, Safety and Development in Africa (the Lomé Charter) signed by the AU Heads of States also calls for regional cooperation on MCS and enforcement. The African Integrated Maritime Strategy 2050, adopted in 2012, has equally identified regional MCS cooperation and enforcement as a strategic approach to help combat piracy and IUU. The FAO provides the overall legal framework through its treaty on Port State Measures which entered into force in June 2016. Port State Control and within that inspection has clearly emerged as a key instrument for ensuring control over IUU fishing.

Distinguished guests and colleagues

Before I conclude, again on behalf of the African Union, AU-IBAR would like to thank COMHAFAT for organizing this meeting. I thank you very much for your kind attention and wish you constructive discussions and outcomes.



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CONFERENCE MINISTERIELLE SUR LA COOPERATION HALIEUTIQUE ENTRE LES ETATS AFRICAINS
RIVERAINS DE L'OCEAN ATLANTIQUE

MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON FISHERIES COOPERATION AMONG AFRICAN STATES
BORDERING THE ATLANTIC OCEAN

Introductory speech

by Mr. Abdelouahed BENABBOU
Executive Secretary of ATLAFCO

Atelier « Vers la mise en place d'un Programme Régional Harmonisé d'Inspection Portuaire (PRHIP) dans la zone COMHAFAT »

Rabat, 12-13 Mars 2018

Bonjour,

- **Honorable représentant du Ministre des Ressources Animales et Halieutiques de la République de Côte d'Ivoire, Président en exercice de la COMHAFAT,**
- **Honorable représentant du Département des Pêches Maritimes du Royaume du Maroc**
- **Mmes et MM les Délégués des Etats membres,**
- **Collègues de la FAO, d'AU-IBAR, de la COREP et du CPCO**
- **Mmes et MM. Les Consultants et Experts**
- **Mesdames et messieurs,**

Tout d'abord, au nom de Son Excellence Monsieur **ADJOUANI KOUASSI KOBENAN**, Ministre des Ressources Animales et Halieutiques de la République de Côte d'Ivoire, Président en exercice de la COMHAFAT, et en mon nom personnel, j'ai le plaisir de vous accueillir tous à Rabat, pour participer à cette rencontre sur une thématique qui nous importe tous.

Je voudrais également remercier à travers Monsieur **Aziz AKHANNOUCH**, Ministre de l'Agriculture et de la Pêche Maritime du Royaume du Maroc, les Autorités marocaines pour les facilités qui nous ont été accordées pour la tenue de cette rencontre.

La thématique qui nous réunit aujourd'hui à savoir "*La mise en place d'un Programme Régional Harmonisé d'Inspection Portuaire (PRHIP) dans la zone COMHAFAT*" est d'une importance capitale pour tous les Etats africains, et particulièrement pour ceux de la façade atlantique.

En effet, et comme vous le savez déjà, les ressources halieutiques sont pour nos pays, non seulement une richesse mais surtout une opportunité de développement socio-économique qu'il faut préserver, en dépit des diverses menaces qui pèsent sur elles.

En s'apercevant les objectifs de gestion, la pêche illicite, non déclarée et non réglementée est un crime, qui peut conduire à l'effondrement du secteur de la pêche en affaiblissant les efforts de reconstitution des stocks halieutiques épuisés. Une situation qui peut se traduire par des pertes massives et infliger des dommages économiques catastrophiques aux États africains à court et à long termes, ainsi que des opportunités sociales manquées.

Cette menace est encore plus vraie pour la zone COMHAFAT, avec ses 22 Etats membres ouverts sur l'Océan atlantique, et un littoral de plus de 14 000 km, qui lui donne un accès direct à un énorme potentiel de ressources marines, et de revenus générés.

Consciente des conséquences néfastes de la pêche INN sur la contribution socio-économique du secteur de la pêche et sur la stabilité politique des pays concernés par ce fléau, la Communauté internationale s'est mobilisée depuis 2001, avec l'adoption du Plan d'action international pour prévenir, contrecarrer et éliminer la pêche illicite, non déclarée et non réglementée (PAI-INN).

Plusieurs consultations ont conduit depuis, à l'élaboration d'un projet d'instrument qui a force de loi et d'un Accord. Le processus de consultation est conclu en août 2009 et l'utilisation d'un outil d'application des mesures du ressort de l'État du port pour lutter contre la pêche illicite, non déclarée et non réglementée a ainsi démarré.

Mesdames et Messieurs,

Bon nombre de nos Etats ont ratifié ou ont entamé le processus de ratification de cet Accord. Cependant, notre région reste confrontée à la nécessité d'une mise en œuvre effective de cet outil, l'un des plus efficaces dans la lutte contre ce fléau.

Une série d'actions s'avère nécessaire pour la mise en œuvre des mesures préconisées. Celles-ci incluent:

- La déclaration par les navires de leur présence avant d'entrer au port,
- Les inspections au port,
- Les rapports sur les inspections,
- Les listes des navires délinquants et des navires autorisés,
- L'échange d'informations et le renforcement des capacités humaines.

Il est également prévu des actions telles que le refus d'accès au port, le débarquement, le transbordement, le commerce et l'exportation qui ciblent la rentabilité des opérations des pêcheurs engagés dans la pêche illicite, non déclarée et non réglementée.

Dans ce cadre, des réalisations pertinentes souvent appuyées par des interventions extérieures, ont vu le jour dans la région. C'est le cas notamment des initiatives prises par les trois organisations régionales de pêche (ORP) qui opèrent dans la zone COMHAFAT. Toutes ont adopté des programmes régionaux, certes différents, mais qui participent au renforcement des instruments de suivi, contrôle et surveillance.

De telles initiatives régionales, en consolidant les efforts nationaux sont de nature à améliorer sensiblement l'efficacité de la lutte contre ce fléau au niveau de toute la région.

Chers Collègues,

Durant cette rencontre, nous aurons l'occasion de mieux prendre connaissance de ces initiatives, et d'avoir des échanges avec des experts internationaux. Auparavant, nous serons informés des conclusions de l'étude commanditée par la COMHAFAT, dans un souci de partage et d'appropriation.

Nous aurons également à discuter ses recommandations pour mieux réfléchir à la meilleure façon de coordonner et de développer des normes régionales pour les mesures du ressort de l'État du port basées sur le nouvel Accord sur les mesures du ressort de l'État du port.

Je ne me fais aucun doute sur le caractère très recherché des résultats de cet atelier. Je suis persuadée que vous vous servirez de cette occasion pour appliquer vos connaissances à la révision des usages des outils d'application supplémentaires, et recommander des mesures permettant de mettre en œuvre un système de contrôles des États du port dans la région de l'Afrique de l'Ouest.

Je voudrais pour terminer, vous assurer tous de l'engagement de la COMHAFAT à aider, dans le cadre de ses prérogatives, tous ses Membres et partenaires qui sont engagés dans la lutte contre la pêche illicite, non déclarée et non réglementée.

Je vous souhaite de fructueuses délibérations, et vous remercie tous de votre attention.