



WEST AFRICA TASK FORCE

Update of FCWC Fisheries Regional management and Fighting IUU PLANS




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CONTEXT

The 9th Ministerial Conference of the FCWC held in Monrovia, Liberia in 2016 made several recommendations including:

Recommendation 6: Requested the development and implementation of a Regional Fisheries Management Plan in the FCWC region that could among others facilitate: exchange of personnel and expertise in fisheries; collaboration with regional bodies on MCS strategies to combat IUU fishing; as well as help in the revision of the FCWC Regional Plan of Action for combating IUU fishing.

Recommendation 9: Requested the support of the African Union (AU) for among others, to evaluate the implementation of the 2009 FCWC RPOA-IUU by the member States.



CONTEXT (CONT')

The **AU-IBAR recruited consultants** under the AU-IBAR **Fisheries Governance Project**, to, among others, **revise the 2009 RPOA-IUU for FCWC** as may be required by member States and current developments towards formulating a realistic Regional IUU Plan and Fisheries management for the FCWC.

This consultancies were complementary to AU-IBAR's support to **enhancing regional cooperation on MCS** (AU-IBAR, 2016a) and consistent with the implementation of **Policy Framework and Reform Strategy for fisheries and aquaculture in Africa** (PFRS), AUC-NPCA, 2014.

The two plans were adopted at the consultative workshop, on 7-8 May, 2018, at AU-IBAR Headquarters.



***DEVELOPMENT AND
IMPLEMENTATION OF A FCWC
REGIONAL FISHERIES
MANAGEMENT
2019-2023***



DIAGNOSTICS AND FINDINGS

- 1 The existence of **shared stocks**;
- 2 **Cross-border mobility of fleets** in the sub-region, especially small-scale fleets;
- 3 The need to **harmonize management measures** **given** the interdependence and overlap of the maritime fisheries of the countries of the subregion;
- 4 The need to **develop a regional strategy for the conservation of fisheries resources** and fragile ecosystems through the creation of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) whose expected benefits go beyond the maritime boundaries of a single State, etc.



KEY CONTAINS OF THE RFMP

✓ It demonstrates the coherence of this Plan with regional and international instruments, including:

- (i) AU Policy Framework for Strategic Fisheries and Aquaculture Reform (PFRS);
- (ii) the Regional Fisheries Program and the WAEMU Fishing Guidelines;
- (iii) the FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries (CCPR);
- (iv) the FAO Voluntary Guidelines to Ensure the Sustainability of Small-Scale Fisheries in the Context of Food Security and Poverty Eradication (PA Guidelines),



THE OBJECTIVE

The Regional Fishery Management Plan is to contribute to **the improvement of food security and the economic and social well-being** of FCWC Member States.

More specifically, the Plan aims to create the **conditions for the sustainable management** of FCWC's marine fisheries by strengthening **subregional cooperation**.



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KEY CONTAINS OF THE RFMP (CONT')

- ✓ **Four (4) Expected Results of the Regional Fisheries Management Plan :**
 - (i) Consolidation of ongoing initiatives in the region
 - (ii) Harmonization of policies, laws and regulations governing marine fisheries;
 - (iii) Regulation of access to resources for artisanal fisheries
 - (iv) Shared stock management;



***DEVELOPMENT AND
IMPLEMENTATION OF A
REGIONAL PLAN OF ACTION TO
COMBAT IUU FISHING IN THE
FCWC REGION
2019-2023***



DIAGNOSTICS AND FINDINGS

An evaluation of the existing 2009 FCWC RPOA-IUU was made.

This assessment brought out :

- 1. Achievement of the objectives of the RPOA-IUU**
 - 2. *Outstanding Priority Measures***
 - 3. *Challenges in Implementing the RPOA-IUU***
 - 4. *Most Common IUU Fishing Practices***
 - 5. *Recommendations for consideration in a revised RPOA-IUU***
- ✓ *Based on these findings a revised FCWC RPOA-IUU was draft for the period of 2019- 2023*



KEY CONTAINS OF THE RPOA-IUU

The revised RPOA-IUU is for the period 2019 – 2023 and presented in three (3) Parts.

- ✓ Part 1 gives an overview of **international and global context** of IUU fishing;
- ✓ Part 2 presents **the fisheries profile in the FCWC Region** and **specific concerns regarding IUU fishing**;
- ✓ Part 3 **outlines range of measures and the timeframe** for implementation of the measures at national and regional levels to combat IUU fishing in the FCWC Region.



RPOA-IUU IDENTIFIED 56 MEASURES :

THE 56 MEASURES TO BE IMPLEMENTED UNDER THE FOLLOWING BROAD AREAS

- 1 **Ratification of international instruments;**
- 2 Completion, **adoption and harmonization** of national laws;
- 3 Measures relating to ships without nationality and non-cooperating states;
- 4 Development of **the monitoring, control and surveillance system** at national and regional levels;
- 5 **Cooperation** between the FCWC and other states and regional fisheries organizations;
- 6 **registration and register** of fishing vessels and artisanal canoes;
- 7 issuance of licenses **to artisanal canoes and industrial** fishing vessels;
- 8 Port state control;
- 9 **International trade** in products from illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing;
- 10 and **cooperation** within regional fisheries management organizations.



THE PLAN IDENTIFIES THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY ACTIONS/MEASURES

1. Development and adoption of **NPOA-IUU**;
2. **Ratification/accession/signing** of international instruments, FCWC conventions, au agreements and RFMO/RFO (ICCAT/ATLAFCO) conventions;
3. Strengthening and improvement of **MCS system**;
4. Awareness creation for and participation of professional **associations and NGOs**;
5. Harmonization of **deterrent sanctions**;
6. Access control;
7. Strengthening of **research and dissemination** of research findings;
8. **Port** control measures;
9. **Export** control measures ;
10. Appointment of **focal persons** for implementation of RPOA-IUU.

Thank you for your attention
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