

THREE YEAR ACTION PLAN 2022 - 2024

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■ Development approach

The development of the WGAq three-year action plan was based on :

- The WGAq mandate validated by Member States
- The recommendations of the first regional seminar on aquaculture development held in Benin
- The ECOWAS Comprehensive Strategic Framework for Sustainable Development of Fisheries and Aquaculture (CSF-SDFA)
- the latest FCWCs' SAP 2021-2030

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■ Areas of intervention

- ➔ Axis 1: Strengthen cooperation between actors and countries in the region
- ➔ Axis 2: Support for the institutional and organizational capacity building of aquaculture stakeholders
- ➔ Axis 3: Support for scientific research and technological innovation
- ➔ Axis 4: Support to financial research and to the Private-Private or Public-Private partnership in the sector
- ➔ Axis 5: Support to the Trade of inputs and products of aquaculture

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Axis 1: Strengthen cooperation between actors and countries in the region

Objective: To strengthen the shared vision of aquaculture development through the exchange of experiences and the capitalization of good practices between FCWC's member states

Actions	Monitoring indicators	Timeframe			Responsible bodies
		2022	2023	2024	
1.1 Create a regional framework for reflection, experience sharing and capitalization of good practices	Operating framework for reflection				WGAq
1.2 Share best practices and experiences with member states through regional training sessions and seminars	Number of good practices published				FCWC/WGAq
1.3 To contribute to the formulation and implementation of the sub-regional action plan for aquaculture development	Sub-regional action plan available				FCWC/WGAq
1.4 Create cooperation between Member States and aquaculture development partners and institutions	Framework for exchanges between States and partners/institutions				FCWC/WGAq

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- **Axis 2: Support for the institutional and organizational capacity building of aquaculture stakeholders**

Objective: To enhance the proficiency of the regional aquaculture sector's actors

Activities	Monitoring Indicators	Timeframe			Responsible Bodies
		2022	2023	2024	
2.1 To enhance private operators' regional network in the aquaculture sector	Regional network of private aquaculture operators operating				FCWC/WGAq
2.2 To provide input to the human resources assessment of the aquaculture sector in the sub-region	Human resources situation known				JICA/FCWC/WGAq
2.3 To provide capacity building to professional organizations in the aquaculture sector	03 training sessions for WGAq (01 session/year)				JICA/FCWC/WGAq
2.4 To strengthen institutional and academic capacities in the aquaculture sector	Training program implemented				JICA/FCWC/WGAq

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▪ Axis 3: Support for scientific research and technological innovation

Objective: Improving the knowledge of the aquaculture sector at the FCWC level and providing member states with innovations for the sector's development

Activities	Monitoring Indicators	Timeframe			Responsible Bodies
		2022	2023	2024	
3.1 Assist in the implementation of a regional network of researchers on aquaculture in the FCWC area	Functional Aquaculture Regional Research Network				WGAq
3.2 Strengthen the identification, promotion and dissemination of innovations and efficient technologies	Innovations and efficient technologies popularized/promoted				FCWC/WGAq
3.3 Contribute to the development of a brochure on innovations and the publication of research results	04 published brochures				WGAq

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- **Axis 4: Support to financial research and to the Private-Private or Public-Private partnership in the sector**

Objective: Contribute to the implementation of innovative financing for aquaculture sector development in the FCWC zone

Activities	Monitoring Indicators	Timeframe			Responsible Bodies
		2022	2023	2024	
4.1 Have/collect useful information related to the aquaculture financing environment	Information on the financing environment available				FCWC/WGAq
4.2 Strengthen private/public sector dialogue	Operational dialogue mechanism (platform) Technical guidelines for private investment available				WGAq
4.3 Develop decision support tools for banks and investors	Decision support tools available				FCWC/WGAq

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▪ Axis 5: Support to the Trade of inputs and products of aquaculture

Objective: to help facilitate trade in aquaculture inputs and products in the FCWC area

Activities	Monitoring Indicators	Timeframe			Responsible Bodies
		2022	2023	2024	
5.1 Promoting marketing of national aquaculture products	Domestic aquaculture product volume marketed				FCWC/WGAq
5.2 Promote a Market Information System for aquaculture products (SIM Aquacole)	SIM Aquacole operational				FCWC/WGAq