



SUPPORTING THE STRATEGIC REORIENTATION OF THE CECAF AND IMPLEMENTING THE EIGHTH SESSION OF ITS SCIENTIFIC SUB-COMMITTEE

The CECAF was established by FAO to promote the sustainability of fisheries resources in its mandate area through the formulation and dissemination of scientific advice and the management of fisheries and fishing operations. It was decided at a meeting of CECAF Member States that an analysis of the functioning of the Committee was necessary, in order to improve it. This project was designed to meet this need through an independent study, which included a cost-benefit analysis (CBA), and to support the organization of the Eighth Session of the SSC of the CECAF. The interventions that took place under the project aligned with Africa's Regional Initiative 2 (Sustainable production intensification and value chain development), as well as FAO's Strategic Objective 2 (Make agriculture, forestry and fisheries more productive and sustainable), and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2 (Zero hunger), 6 (Clean water and sanitation), 13 (Climate action) and 14 (Life below water).



WHAT DID THE PROJECT DO?

The project achieved both of its Outputs. The focus of the first Output was the independent study and CBA, which were conducted by Profmac Enterprise. The report on the results of the study provided insight into the financial and capacity-building needs of the CECAF, which they require in order to fulfil their mandate of providing scientific guidance on the status of stocks, filling gaps in knowledge, and managing fisheries in their area of jurisdiction. The report also provided an in-depth analysis of potential changes that could be made in the funding formula of the CECAF. The second Output of the project, which was the organization and implementation of the Eighth Session of the SSC, was also successful. A total of 48 representatives from 21 Member Countries attended, as did representatives from several fisheries organizations operating in the region. The Session covered the following: (i) reports on various fisheries working groups (WGs); (ii) fishery management advice in the CECAF region; (iii) a report on existing resources and options for a revised advice framework; (iv) an overview of ongoing research activities and coordination on this matter; (v) inventories of the Fisheries Resource Monitoring Systems (FIRMS); (vi) an overview of CECAF statistics, (vii) information on the state of deep-sea fisheries and vulnerable marine ecosystems; (viii) a report on the work of other projects, programmes, research institutes and scientific groups in the CECAF region; and (ix) the future programme of work in the region. A report on the results of the Session was drafted and disseminated.

KEY FACTS

Contribution

USD 192 020

Duration

October 2017 – October 2019

Resource Partner

European Union (EU)

Partners

Regional Fisheries Bodies and
Regional Economic Communities

Beneficiaries

Member States of the CECAF and all
stakeholders in the fisheries sector in
the CECAF mandate area of Africa

IMPACT

Through the CBA and independent study and the implementation of the Eighth Session of the SSC, the project supported the strategic reorientation of the CECAF. It is expected that this will increase the Committee's capacity to provide scientific advice and to manage fisheries and fishing operations sustainably in the Central Eastern Atlantic area, thereby strengthening regional fisheries governance overall.

MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS

- Terms of Reference for the CBA were developed in collaboration with CECAF members.
- A draft of the report on the independent analysis of future options for the improved functioning of the CECAF, including the CBA, was prepared for feedback.
- The report was then produced in both French and English, and its finalization was pending at the end of the project.
- Preparations were made for the Eighth Session of the SSC, including the reservation of the venue, the sending of invitations, and the organization of travel and logistics.
- Working and technical papers were drafted.
- Meeting documents were prepared and translated.
- A draft report was made available at the end of the Eighth Session of the SSC, and the report was subsequently finalized and disseminated.
- Operational and administrative reports were produced for the independent study, as well as the implementation of the Eighth Session of the SSC.
- Communication materials were developed and disseminated throughout the project.



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



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