



## EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

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**Project:** Participation to the international conferences and meetings (ICCAT)

<b>ATLAFCO Member States concerned</b>	Angola, Cap-Verde, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Mauritania, Morocco, Namibia, Nigeria, Sao Tome e Principe, Senegal and Sierra Leone.
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<b>Implementation</b>	ATLAFCO
<b>Budget</b>	57 000 us \$ funded by the Overseas Fishery Cooperation Foundation (OFCF Japan)
<b>Period</b>	2011

### Background

The International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) is a very important organization for the conservation and sustainable management of Atlantic Tunas. At the annual meeting of ICCAT in 2009 in Brazil, the bluefin tuna quota has been fixed at 13,500 tons as against 19.950 planned. The amount was down 40% from last year.

The action plan for a projected catch of 50,000 tons in 2023 was adopted at the ICCAT meeting for the first time by decreasing the amount at current levels. The process for management quota reduction made by the ICCAT is appreciated worldwide.

The 15th meeting of CITES COP-15 took place in Doha (Qatar) in March 2010, where he was scheduled to discuss the proposal to ban international trade of bluefin tuna by Monaco and others who feared overexploitation. However, this proposal was not adopted by the provisions of the proposed reduction amount captured by the proposed commission of scientific evaluation.

### Objective

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#### General objective

The Project aims to promote sustainable management of tuna and facilitate the participation of member States of ATLAFCO to ICCAT meeting.

#### Specific objectives

This project as part of Component 3 (Application of the international regulations to the fishing sector) of the FPF has the following specific objectives:

- i) Facilitate and support the participation efficiently of ATLAFCO member States in international meeting and to ensure better compliance with international action and policies
- ii) Strengthen consultation between ATLAFCO member States for the promotion and implementation of policies and regulations at international level

- iii) Monitor fisheries activities and trade of migratory species
- iv) Establish a development process to ensure sustainable fisheries a viable fishing industry

### **Consistency with the Convention of ATLAFCO**

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- **Article 2:** Objectives

To enhance, coordinate and harmonize efforts and capacities of member States for the purpose of conserving, exploiting, upgrading and marketing fishery resources, considering in particular fish stocks occurring within the waters under the sovereignty or jurisdiction of more than one Party of several parties;

- **Article 4:** Assessment and Conservation of Highly Migratory Species

Parties undertake to exchange information on their activities regarding the assessment and conservation of highly migratory species and coordinate their actions in this area within the competent international organizations.

- **Article 7:** Marketing of Fishery Products

Parties shall encourage the establishment of bilateral and multilateral cooperation in the marketing of Fishery products so as to promote intra-African fish trade and to enhance the exporting capacities of Parties in the world market. To this end they undertake: (c) To determine common positions regarding international trade in fishery products;

### **Project Benefits and Expected Results**

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- Member States participate actively and effectively in discussions of ICCAT meeting
- Positions of member States of ATLAFCO are harmonized within ICCAT
- Promotion of sustainable exploitation of fisheries resources mainly migratory species