ATLAFCO AND THE REGIONAL FISHERIES COOPERATION
Annual ATLAFCO/LDAC coordination meeting

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The objective of the action plan is to define the orientations and the priorities to be undertaken with a view to maximizing the socio-economic benefits of sustainable exploitation of the fishery resources in the African Atlantic region.

A new axis dedicated to the protection of marine environment has been added to the 2020 action plan.

The strategic axis concern topics that transcend national borders and require a committed regional cooperation and solidarity between the States and between the regional institutions by pooling the efforts and means.
2020 planned activities

- Conservation and sustainable use of fisheries resources
  - Training of journalists and communicators members of MOSFA of the countries in the ATLAFCO zone on the sustainable management of fisheries resources and the fight against IUU fishing
  - Symposium for an active participation in the international management of living marine species
  - Workshop on how to improve the environmental variables essential for effective monitoring of the impacts of climate change on fisheries resources in the ATLAFCO region
  - Preliminary steps for the initiation of the regional onboard observer program
  - Study restitution workshop on the relevance of an RFMO in ATLAFCO area

- Development of the reference standards for the training engineering of port inspectors and onboard observers with regional competence
2020 planned activities

- **Improving the sector performance**
  - **Training** on techniques for a better valorization of fish products for the benefit of women in the artisanal fisheries sector in the COMHAFAT region
  - **Regional conference** on capitalization of experiences and good practices related to agro-ecology in artisanal fisheries
  - **Meeting** for the creation of the network of institutions in charge of aquaculture development

- **Promotion of intra-regional trade of fishery products**
  - **Seminar** on Traceability, eco-labeling, and certification of fishery products and sustainable trade in the ATLAFCO zone
  - **Training, organization of visit** on strengthening associations capacities to access the fish market and trade
2020 planned activities

- Strengthening ATLAFCO’s group within international fisheries bodies
  - Participating in different international conferences and events dealing with fisheries activities (COFI, ICCAT, IWC...)

- Maritime Safety and Security
  - Sensitization meeting on the need to develop a successful maritime medicine in ATLAFCO countries
  - Training Session of rescue response teams of coordination in the zone of rescue operations
  - Workshop for an effective action by regional mechanisms for combating piracy in the ATLAFCO zone

- Protection of marine environment
  - Reflection for research on ways and means to fight against marine pollution
  - Seminar on the New International Instrument for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of ABNJ
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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