



ATLAFCO AND THE REGIONAL FISHERIES COOPERATION

Annual ATLAFCO/LDAC coordination meeting

-Activities carried out-



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I. Cooperation framework

- ❑ The memorandum was signed on 29th May 2013 in Tangier, Morocco
 - ❑ to fight Illicit, Unregulated and Undeclared (IUU) fishing
 - ❑ to promote responsible and sustainable fishing.

- ❑ The Cooperation between LDAC and ATLAFCO has set a **priority, improving fisheries governance and especially the fight against IUU fishing in Africa**





II. 2019 Activities carried out by ATLAFCO -Introduction-



- ❑ 2019 was a rich year, full of activities organized by ATLAFCO and events in which has participated
- ❑ Publication of a newsletter related to the 30 years (1989-2019) of the existence of ATLAFCO
- ❑ In this presentation, the focus will be on the 2019 main activities and events that contribute to the main objectives of ATLAFCO:
 - ❑ Capacity building in the field of fisheries and aquaculture development
 - ❑ Capacity building for sustainable management of fisheries resources
 - ❑ Implementation of international regulations on fisheries
 - ❑ Improving maritime safety and security





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Date and Venue	Title	Focus/Outputs
18-19 February 2019 Agadir (Morocco)	Workshop: "Development of a fisheries management support strategy integrating a scientific understanding of climate change in Atlantic Africa"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Taking stock of the actions of RAFISMER members in terms of the knowledge developed on the vulnerability of the region's fisheries systems ❑ Considering development of observation systems to integrate climate change risks and factors into fisheries management and ecosystem governance
27-28 May 2019 El Jadida (Morocco)	Seminar: "Training of trainers on the tools of the monitoring, control and surveillance (MCS) system for fishing activities"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Adopting an integrated approach that includes awareness raising, knowledge building and support for the development, adoption and implementation of common training and procedural programs that are comprehensible to all actors acting in the field of regional space of the ATLAFCO. ❑ Making recommendations which tend to make REFMA a center of excellence in terms of capacity building in MCS ❑ Repositioning its actions in a new context capable of enabling it to seek and mobilize funds for the sustainability of its activities and, therefore, to be more independent.



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May 2020	Study on "the relevance and practical modalities for moving ATLAFCO towards a Regional Fisheries Management Organization (RFMO)"	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❑ Will be developed in the presentation by Mr. Sadiki
04-05 July 2019 Tangier (Morocco)	Workshop: Information and Communication Technologies: What Role in Achieving Sustainable Fisheries in the ATLAFCO Zone?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❑ Reviewing the main threats facing marine resources in general and fisheries in particular, which seriously jeopardize their sustainability,❑ Determining the scope and impact of the main uses / applications of ICT tools in the management of marine resources in order to stop their degradation and ensure its sustainability.❑ Clarifying the problematic nature of ICTs in the dynamics of fisheries management and related activities, particularly in the context of countries with a level of development comparable to those of the ATLAFCO zone.❑ Suggesting ways to properly implement ICT applications that can effectively contribute to the sustainability of marine resources in the Region



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22-23 February 2019 Agadir (Morocco)	Training workshop for members of the African Network of Women in Fisheries (RAFEP) under the theme: "Processing of fish and other fish products"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Strengthening the managerial and technical capacities of African women operating in the fishing sector through the training of RAFEP members<input type="checkbox"/> Assimilating the techniques for preserving seafood<input type="checkbox"/> Exchanging experiences between African women<input type="checkbox"/> Promoting the marketing of seafood in the sub-region
February 18, 2019, Agadir (Morocco),	5th Coordination Meeting of Regional Fisheries Organizations and Institutions under the theme " <i>Strengthen institutional cooperation, in favor of coherent regional integration of resource management fisheries in the ATLAFCO region</i> "	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Considered as a new step to revitalize the cooperation platform involving RECs, through the adoption of functional mechanisms for coordination and joint institutional cooperation<input type="checkbox"/> likely to accelerate the implementation of coherent and harmonized political management of fisheries and aquaculture
22-25 April 2019 Tangier (Morocco)	Training session in Mass Rescue Operations in the ATLAFCO area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Co-organized by the ATLAFCO with the IMO and the Moroccan Fisheries Department<input type="checkbox"/> Action came within the framework of the capacity building of maritime rescue structures of the countries of ATLAFCO on maritime security and preserving human lives at sea<input type="checkbox"/> In addition to the theoretical training, participants attended a real-life exercise on mass rescue. (MRO)



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03-04 October 2019
Tangier (Morocco)

Seminar: "For access to decent and secure jobs in fisheries in West Africa"

- Placing the improvement of seafarers' working conditions at the center of national and regional economic and social policy
- Supporting the implementation of international standards related to social development, the improvement of working conditions as well as social protection in the fishing sector
- Ensuring harmonization of fisheries policies with those concerning maritime safety, health and safety on board fishing vessels
- Adapting social protection systems
- Granting particular interest in improving the protection of women, youth and children
- Promoting regional cooperation in the areas of social protection of workers in the fisheries sector,



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21-22 October 2019
Rabat (Morocco)

**Workshop: "Fight against piracy:
What solutions for eradication of
maritime piracy in ATLAFCO zone"**

- A reflection between the various institutional actors involved in the fight against crime at sea:
 - Reasons for the worsening of the phenomenon of maritime piracy in the region
 - SAR contribution in the fight against piracy in the region
 - An appropriate approach to enhancing maritime security in the region
 - An integrated multidimensional approach to the fight against piracy in the region



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13-14 December, 2019
Agadir (Morocco)

*Workshop: "Sustainable
development of aquaculture in the
context of the United Nations
SDGs"*

- A reflection based on the implementation of an Aquaculture Development Strategy aligned with the objectives of sustainable development
- Taking into account the environment and the economic and social context of the ATLAFCO region
- During the workshop, the member states called for the creation of a network of national institutions in charge of promoting aquaculture in ATLAFCO member states:
 - Adopt aquaculture as an environmental solution to global challenges;
 - Encourage cooperation between countries to formulate integrated and bankable projects;
 - Promote the implementation of training centers of excellence in the various countries;
 - Encourage small-scale projects of a social and united nature integrating women and young people



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