



EU LONG DISTANCE FLEET ADVISORY COUNCIL

LDAC - ATLAFCO/COMHAFAT Annual Coordination Meeting Rabat, Wednesday 5 February 2020



ATLAFCO can benefit from the LDAC's role of privileged interlocutor of the EU distant water fleets and NGOs with the European Commission.

The LDAC benefits from ATLAFCO's specific mandate as the only African regional body dedicated exclusively to fisheries management bringing together the views of 22 African Coastal States.



Smooth dialogue and sharing of a common vision

Topics of interest shared in 2019:

- Social Dimension and labour conditions in fisheries
 - FAO regional dialogues on social sustainability of the fisheries value chain; Stakeholders' panels in HALIEUTIS (Agadir); Seafood Expo (Brussels)
 - Workshop, Tanger October 2019;
- Strengthening role of RFMOs
 - Assisting Dialogue between EU (MARE and MS) and African CPCs for ICCAT
 - Providing feedback to COMHAFAT Feasibility Study on becoming an RFMO
- Promoting International Ocean Governance
 - UNGA processes: BBNJ IGCs and implementation SDG14 (Ocean Conference)
 - UNFSA ICSP – Performance Review of RFMOs – structure and decision making
- Participating in International Fora on Fight Against IUU fishing
 - IMO Conference on Torremolinos Convention and ratification of ILO C188



IDEAS OF WORK PRIORITIES FOR 2020

- Enhanced cooperation between the EU and COMHAFAT at **RFMO level**
Example: coordinated approach to management measures for ICCAT stocks (tropical tuna / sharks)
- Increasing collaboration in building network of partnerships at international fora
- Fostering **involvement of non state parties** from Europe and Africa for SFPAs including artisanal fishers / women´ s networks / scientists from EU & Africa
- Promoting the **adoption, ratification and implementation of international instruments of safety at sea** (UN, FAO, IMO and ILO legislative instruments)
- Improving **regional coordination on MCS and fight against IUU fishing**
 - Action plan for 2 COMHAFAT studies on regional observers programme & port control scheme
 - Ways of collaboration with EU funded **PESCAO Project** on specific tasks;
 - Practical aspects of implementation of SMEFF Regulation and capacity building through SFPAs
- Channeling proposals from African CPCs, EU industry and NGO to inform discussions on **UNGA process for implementation of UN2030 SDGs (2-7-8-14)**
- Reflecting on cooperation strategies based on **LDAC Performance Review**

- **H2020 Project FarFish** - Improving catch data collection and reporting for both EU and non-EU fleets fishing in EEZs of Mauritania, Senegal and Cabo Verde (CS)
- **CECAF** - Issuing joint recommendations to strengthen the scientific knowledge for stock assessments to determine the surplus in African EEZs
- **SFPA** - Promoting greater transparency and accountability in the use of sectorial support with African countries; e.g. through organization of regional dialogues
- **FAO** - Respond to development of future guidance document on social sustainability in the fisheries value chain (appended on subsectors catching/SSF/processing)



MEETINGS PLAN FOR 2020

LDAC Meetings or Direct Participation

- Working Groups + ExCom (Brussels, 24-26 March)
- General Assembly / Ex.Com. (Amsterdam, 3rd week of May)
- EFCA Advisory Board (Brussels, March and Vigo, October)
- UN IGC4 BBNJ (NYC, March-April), FAO COFI (Rome, July)
- RFMO Annual Meetings (NAFO, ICCAT, NEAFC, IOTC...)

Possible Meetings with COMHAFAT

- Regional dialogues “Decoding EU SFPAs in African countries”
- Side event on Transparency of Fishing Activities
- Workshop on Implementation of New Control and SMEFF Reg
- Session on socio-economics of EU fishing investments in African Countries



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