



Recall on Day 1 Issues-

Current regional arrangements to address ocean related food security and environmental issues.

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Objective of session: understand the background to the initiative and provide baseline information on current work and initiatives and possible mechanisms for future collaboration, based on experiences from elsewhere

- **Background to the concept**

- **Programme of work and institutional mechanisms of regional organizations; key thematic areas and links to proposed cooperation**
 - COREP, FCWC, SRFC, CECAF, Abidjan Convention and the CCLME**
 - RFBs Key role in sustainable use and conservation related to fisheries ; Each slightly different focus, but with some key areas of work in common
 - Work relate to policy harmonization, improved fisheries management, emerging and key thematic issues, capacity development, EAF, scientific advice for management, support to decision making, recommendations for key areas of research;, coordination with other initiatives MSC
 - Many collaborative arrangement exists with many partners, but not necessarily formal arrangements between the RFBs. Opportunities for exchange of experience and lessons learned exists
 - Abidjan convention -broader thematic area of work than RFBs
 - Work programme encompass pollution aspects (land based and oil gas issues), biodiversity issues, and natural resources management;
 - Existing formalized collaborative arrangements with some RFBs on certain issues
 - Co-executing agency of the CCLME
 - CCLME project- integrating marine environment and fisheries issues
 - Work on key transboundary issues that had been identified through the project development process (Declining fisheries, Habitat degradation and declining water quality issues)
 - Develop strategic action programme to address key transboundary concerns
 - Also address governance options

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- NEAFC & OSPAR and their collaboration
 - Initial difficulties in initiating collaboration, long process
 - Cooperative model base on mutual understanding of mandate and technical competencies of the two bodies
 - Cooperation formalized through MoU, and characterized on informal and formal exchanges
- EAF Nansen Project – next generation
 - Next phase of EAF-Nansen to expand its scope to address also wider environmental consideration including global drivers such CC and variability
- Consultant view on key environmental and food security issues in the region
 - Described key features of fisheries, its importance to food security, highlighting the linkages to the marine environment
 - Addressed impacts from fisheries and other activities on the marine environment
 - Agreed that further information was needed to provide a more comprehensive analysis of the environmental impacts and of fisheries based on FAO statistics and data

Plenary discussions

- Discussions focused on some of the issues highlighted in the previous presentation
- Noted that focus was more on environmental and not so much on food security issues
- A broad range of additional issues were raised including:
 - importance of fisheries as food and nutrition, increased demand and price of fish, socio-economic aspects of fisheries, role of RECs, food quality issues in relation to pollution, artisanal fisheries, and alternative livelihoods including aquaculture and mariculture, value chain analysis