



FISHERIES COMMITTEE FOR THE WEST CENTRAL OF GULF OF GUINEA

(FCWC)

Opportunities to cooperate

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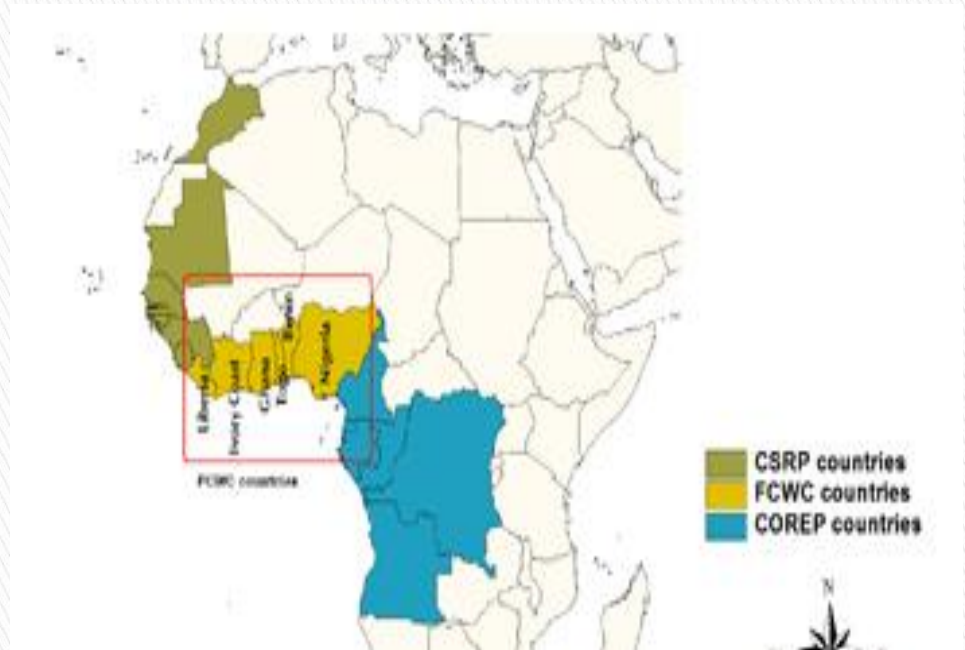
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Introduction of the Committee

**Established as RFB by the
Convention of Cotonou, in
November 2007**

The scope of application of
FCWC is all marine waters
under national jurisdiction of the
six contracting Parties:

Liberia, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana,
Togo, Benin and Nigeria,



Mains challenges of the sub region

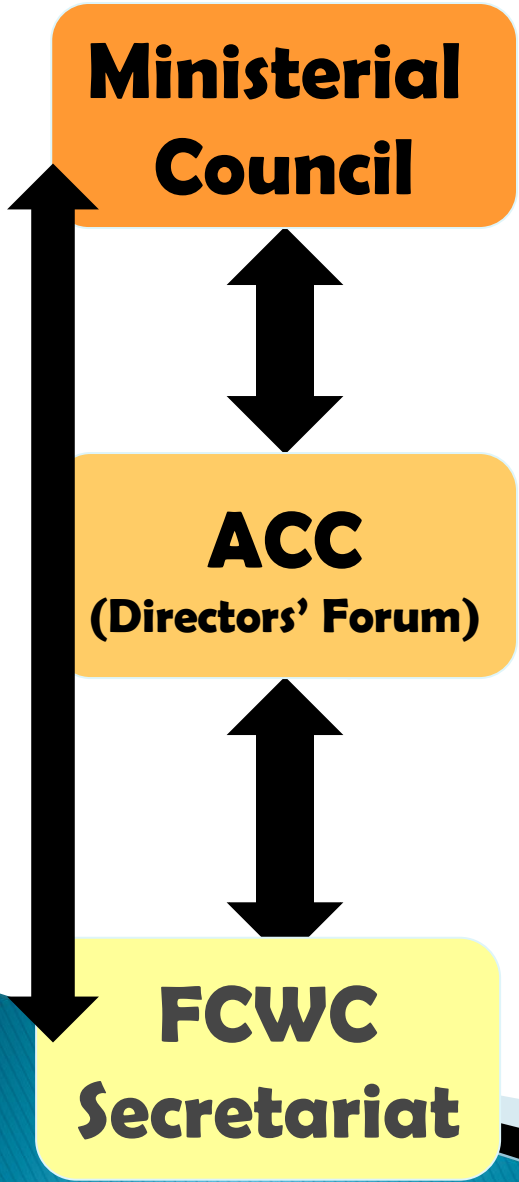
- ▶ The West Central Gulf of Guinea is not so **productive**, although the population densities of the coastal countries are **among the highest** in the region
- ▶ **Intensive fishing activities of foreign vessels,**
- ▶ **poor management of fisheries stocks,**
- ▶ **low participation of stakeholders in the fisheries management**
- ▶ **and IUU fishing activities .**

The socio-economic consequences of this situation are serious and include in particular, **food insecurity**, health problems, and **increased conflicts** in the fisheries sector.

Objectives

- ▶ *Promote cooperation* among the Contracting Parties with a view to ensuring the conservation and optimum utilization of the living marine resources.
- ▶ by encouraging definition of *common policies*, strategies and systems for rational and **sustainable management of fisheries resources**
- ▶ Our long-term **Vision** is to work as: “An effective, vibrant, *inclusive* and *participative* organization for sustainable development of fisheries in the West Central Gulf of Guinea”

FCWC DECISION MAKING PROCESS



Majors achievement

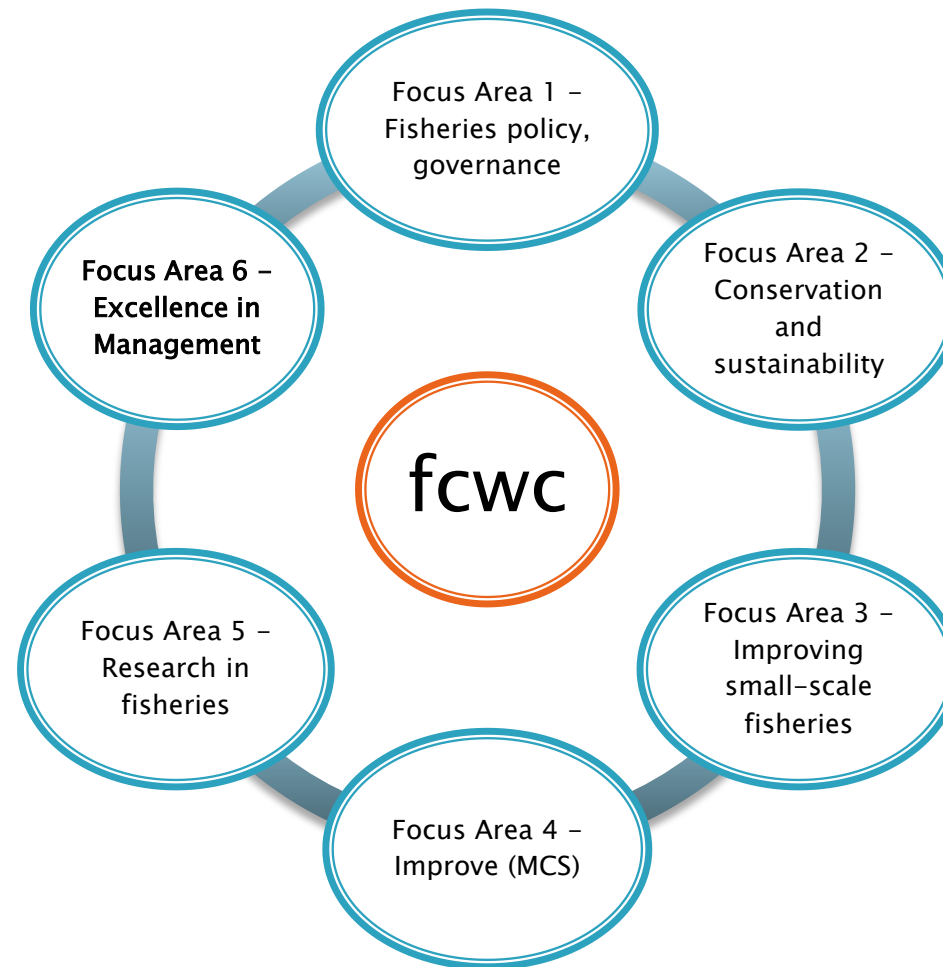
1. Adoption of FCWC's Convention by all contracting parties , in 2007,
2. Regular planning and adoption of FCWC annual activities since 2007 towards 6 Ministerial sessions
3. Adoption of the **structure and permanent mechanism to support Secretariat** by member Countries in 2008,
4. Adoption of FCWC first strategic plan 2011 – 2020 with strong commitment of support.



10 projects identified for the implementation of this strategic plan



WAYS FORWARD WITH THE FCWC STRATEGIC PLAN 2011 – 2020



Focus areas and projects identified 1 / 3

Focus Area 1	Fisheries policy, governance and institutional arrangements
Strategic Goal	<i>Rebuild and maintain robust fisheries resources through policy reforms, cooperative regulatory planning, good governance and improvements in institutions</i>
Project identified	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><u>1. Support for the improvement of policies and legislative and regulatory framework of maritime fisheries management .</u><u>2. Management plan developed with AEF Nansen project</u>
Focus Area 2	Conservation and sustainable resource use
Strategic Goal	<i>Develop and implement appropriate management frameworks that ensure fisheries resources are harvested sustainably, improved intra-regional and international trade of fish and fishery products, and maximum economic and social benefits are obtained from the fisheries.</i>
Project identified	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><u>1. Support the development of sub regional trade of maritime artisanal fisheries products,</u><u>2. Support for access to the international market of fishery products,</u>

Focus areas and projects identified 2 / 3

Focus Area 3	Improved livelihoods of small-scale fishers and other operators
Strategic Goal	<i>Develop the capacity of Members' Small-scale fishers and other operators to create sustainable livelihoods for their people from the sustainable harvest, processing and marketing of their fisheries resources</i>
Project identified	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Support the integration of migrant fishermen in the management of maritime artisanal fisheries, 4 years,</u> 2. <u>Support for the co-management of maritime artisanal fisheries, 5 years,</u>
Focus Area 4	Monitoring, Control, Surveillance (MCS) and Compliance and illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing
Strategic Goal	<i>Enhance national capabilities for efficient, cost effective and sustainable fisheries monitoring, control and surveillance, and establishing mechanisms for effective regional cooperation in MCS and enforcement to stop illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing in the West Central Gulf of Guinea</i>
Project identified	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Support to the strengthening of the regional legal framework to fight IUU fishing, 5 years</u> 2. <u>Support the development of a regional centre for processing and disseminating satellite data to fight IUU fishing, 5 years</u> 3. <u>Support for the creation of fishing vessels registers in the</u>

Focus areas and projects identified 3 / 3

Focus Area 5	Research in Fisheries and related disciplines
Strategic Goal	<i>Strengthen cooperative research and ensure that resource-related decisions are based on sound knowledge, scientific methodology and information available.</i>
Project identified	1. <u>Support for the assessment of fish stocks and the understanding of climate change</u>
Focus Area 6	Excellence in Management
Strategic Goal	<i>Ensure the effective implementation of the Committee's work through results-based management, improved communication, and the use of better financial, human and knowledge management systems and tools</i>
Strategies to achieve goal	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Develop and maintain a long-term investment policy and identify uses for funds derived from long-term investments (Donors meeting)</u> 2. <u>Collaborate with other organizations to actively make reliable and factual information about the fisheries accessible and relevant to public policy-makers</u> 3. <u>Capitalize on opportunities to expand the visibility and</u>

Project implementation and partnership

I. UE/ACP Fish II Project

1. Develop fisheries vessel register in FCWC region
2. Facilitate Institutional dialogue in FCWC member countries to implement the FAO- PSMA

II. Partnership for african Fisheries (PAF) of NEPAD

1. Develop « African voice » and network to monitor fishing vessels to combat IUU fishing
2. Develop Develop awarness on illegal fishing and its economical and social impact

III. FAO support and Project

1. Support for FCWC establishment and Strategic plan development
2. Fish Code STF and NFPP Project for data collection improvement in small scale fisheries.
3. **AEF Nansen Programme for fisheries management plan development and implementation.**

Conclusion

- ▶ **FCWC framework is fully established with member countries commitment as well as legal and administrative management tools strengthened on regular base,**
- ▶ **The first Strategic plan for 2011_2020 will be implemented under a program comprised 10 projects.**
- ▶ **The implementation of identified projects within the Strategic plan and ongoing activities with partners provide a real opportunities for cooperation.**



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