

FAO/UNEP/Norway

Scoping Meeting

*Securing the Foundations for Fish
Food Security in a Changing
Ocean in West and Central Africa*

Objectives & Structure

Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire

15 to 17 July 2014

FAO/UNEP/Norway Initiative

Overall Expected Goal

Productive & Sustainable Oceans – Securing the foundations for fish food security through ecosystem based management of changing oceans in times of climate change

Strengthening collaboration between Regional Fishery Bodies (RFBs) and Regional Seas (RS)

Overall Project Intention

Improved cooperation, including integrated actions, between RFBs and RS on issues of mutual interest and benefit in selected regions that address the multiple threats to the sustainability of fisheries and ensure their ecological foundations and services to enhance the contribution of fish to food security and poverty alleviation

The Journey (5+ years?)

Phase	Time Frame	Outcome
1) Project preparation	Now to late 2014	Fully costed proposal submitted to funders/Norway
2) Proof of Concept	2015 to 2018	Lessons learned from pilot testing of approaches for integrated planning and implementation between RFBs and RS; fully-costed scaling up programme
3) Full Implementation	2018 +	Scaling up of activities in West Africa and expansion to other regions

Project Preparation Phase

Objectives

- Review and sharing of regional organizations of West and Central Africa and of lessons learnt
- Identification of main issues and activities as basis for strengthened collaboration
- Identification of modalities for cooperation, including institutional, programmatic and legal

Project Preparation Phase

Activities:

- **Scoping meeting** – define the scope and scale of the project, possible thematic and geographic areas of collaboration, modalities of cooperation, pilot criteria – this week
- Drafting of **supporting analysis** (issues, synergies, legal, institutions, collaboration modalities) (September 2014)
- Drafting of initial **project document** – (end of September)
- **Stakeholder** workshop – identify and prioritize areas of collaboration, partnerships, project modalities (October 2014)
- **Submission** to donors (December 2014)

Scoping meeting Objectives

1. To form a common understanding of an approach to securing foundations for ocean fish food security to be adopted between regional seas programmes and regional fishery bodies; and
2. To discuss and agree on elements of project activities to be implemented during the project implementation.

Elements include, but not limited to, developing selection criteria of pilot activities potentially addressing sub-region(s) or countries, thematic intervention areas, budgets, implementation modalities and process of future replication

Meeting Structure

Mix of plenary and group work sessions over 3 days

Day/Time	Session	Expected Outcome
1-AM	Introduction	Understanding of the overall initiative, preparatory phase, this meeting (done)
1-PM	Regional organizations & Arrangements	Common understanding of issues/themes RFBs and RS work on and where Environmental, fisheries and food security challenges in the region
2-PM & 2-AM	Key thematic areas of cooperation	Potential activities/areas of work Possible mechanism for institutional collaboration
2-PM	Collaboration opportunities and challenges	Preliminary Project elements/structures Draft criteria for pilot selection Stakeholder involvement
3	Project Elements	
3-PM	Next Steps	Understanding of follow up actions needed by when

Scoping Meeting Outputs

- Scoping meeting report
- Preliminary elements for future project
- Agreed Workplan
- Stakeholder workshop date/venue?