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# STRENGTHENING THE OCEAN'S ECOLOGICAL FOUNDATION FOR FOOD PRODUCTION

**Through Regional Fisheries & Ocean Environment Management Cooperation**

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**“We also stress the crucial role of healthy marine ecosystems, sustainable fisheries, and sustainable aquaculture for food security and nutrition, and in providing for the livelihoods of millions of people”**





**We have many – also in the Ocean – unsustainable food-production systems**

**Good management can improve and increase the fish catches and thus contribute more to food security**

**The nature is the Foundation for food production**

**It is the hypothesis that “Integrated and ecosystem-based Ocean management” will be a prerequisite for planning and managing**

**Only through maintaining and improving the natural basis, the Foundation – for fish production can the Oceans ability to contribute to food security be increased**

**Care for the Ocean and  
the Ocean will care for Us**







## Focus on the Nature – the Ecological Foundation – and its ability to provide for food production

1) What reduces that ability

2) What can be done

- by the Regional Seas Org.
- by the RFB/RFMOs

3) Will cooperation between the two be  
beneficial

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**Our task is**

**”to develop the concept of an approach and mechanism for collaboration between the RSOs and the RFMO/RFBs on an integrated Ocean Management approach”**

**- and organize test-cases in West-Africa**

