

# **AFD-IORA initiative – Technical assistance in fisheries, aquaculture and marine environment**

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# Technical assistance on fisheries, aquaculture and marine environment

- IORA has 23 Member States and 9 Dialogue Partners
- IORA and France (AFD) MOU in March 2020, start in May 2020
- Support towards implementation of the IORA Action Plan (BEWG and CGFM)
- Expertise, training, networking and material resources
- Promotion of Blue Economy
- Address fisheries management issues
- Strengthening of the IORA Secretariat



# Technical assistance on fisheries, aquaculture and marine environment

- **Focus on the objectives of the IORA Action Plan 2020-2023 (of the WGBE and the CGFM).**
  - **Combat of Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated fishing**
  - **Sustainable fisheries management**
  - **Sustainable aquaculture development**
  - **Open market access to fish trade, including aquaculture**
  - **Blue Carbon assessment methods in Indian Ocean**
  - **Conserve coastal and marine biodiversity**
  - **Needs, capacities, capabilities in respect of the Blue Economy**



# Some of the work undertaken since the start of technical assistance

## **Combatting IUU fishing**

- *Hosch, G. (2021) Analysis of measures to combat IUU fishing in the IORA region. IORA/AFD Technical Assistance – Technical Report No 4, April 2021, COFREPECHE. 42pp.*
- *Gaudin, C. (2021) Assessment of the Capacity Needs (Human and Institutional) and the current Level of Implementation of Port State Measures (PSM) in the IORA Region. IORA/AFD Technical Assistance – Technical Report No. 5, April 2021, COFREPECHE. 120 p.*

## **Sustainable fisheries management**

- *Fennessy S., and Harris A., 2021. Compendium of stock assessment training and courses in the IORA region. IORA/AFD Technical Assistance – Technical Report No. 1, February 2021, COFREPECHE. 23pp.*
- *Harris A., and Fennessy S., 2021. Existing capacity, uses and needs for stock assessment training and courses in the IORA region. IORA/AFD Technical Assistance – Technical Report No. 6, May 2021, COFREPECHE. 50pp.*

## **Sustainable aquaculture development**

- *Blanc, P., 2021. Review of aquaculture, governance and development of small-scale aquaculture in the IORA region. IORA/AFD Technical Assistance – Technical Report No. 3, March 2021, COFREPECHE. 90pp.*

## **Open market access to fish trade, including aquaculture**

- *Mapfumo B., and Hempel E., 2021. Literature review and gap analysis of information on international trade and markets for fisheries and aquaculture products. IORA/AFD Technical Assistance – Technical Report No. 2, March 2021, COFREPECHE. 22pp.*
- *Mapfumo B., and Hempel E., 2021. International trade study – Review of fish trade in the IORA region. 2021. IORA/AFD Technical Assistance – Technical Report No. 7, May 2021, SOFRECO/COFREPECHE. 49 pp.*
- *Webinar on strengthening regional safety standards and quality assurance of aquaculture products in the IORA region*



# Some of the work in progress and planned up to the end of 2021

## **Combatting IUU fishing**

- *Webinar on combatting illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing and especially through PSMA application in the IORA region.. 14 September 2021 - Jointly with the CSIRO*

## **Sustainable fisheries management**

- *Webinar on a capacity building programme in fish stock assessment ..... 13 July 2021*
- *A training programme on enhancing by-catch landing, valorisation, traceability and quality including the development of guides by October 2021;*
- *A workshop on utilising satellite services for fish stock assessment and a climate warming system in November 2021;*

## **Sustainable aquaculture development**

- *A webinar on promoting small-scale aquaculture to present results of review work in August 2021;*
- *A webinar on grow-out aquaculture technology for commercial scale operations in November 2021;*
- *Review of the existing capacity of Member States and the needs across a broad range of domains including species selection, site selection, breeding, fish feed development, environment and disease by November 2021*
- *Technical assistance to two countries on previous subject*

## **Open market access to fish trade, including aquaculture**

- *Webinar on enhancing the knowledge of Member States on international trade and markers for fisheries and aquaculture products in September 2021 to present results review*
- *A capacity building programme on sustainable development of the fisheries and aquaculture sectors through appropriate Regional Trade Agreements by October 2021;*

## **Blue carbon assessment**

- *Initiation of activities on standardising Blue Carbon Assessment for the following six-monthly period*

## Collaboration with SWIOFC and the SWIOFC members

**Welcome collaboration of the SWIOFC with the activities of the IORA / AFD technical assistance initiative**



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