

**National Report-Union of Comoros**  
**Delegation of the Comoros**

## **DESCRIPTION**

Fisheries in the Comoros is exclusively artisanal, practiced on unbridged boats made of wood or fiberglass, motorized and non-motorized or a length of 3 m to 9 m. It operates mainly pelagic species (Thunnus albacares, Katsuwonus pelamis Thunnus alalunga Istiophorus platypterus, Thunnus obesus, Euthynnus affinis) and contributes in its entirety for the supply of the Comorian population, while providing 55% of total employment in the sector agriculture about 8,000 fishermen. Fishing techniques used are essentially the fishing line, handline and little net for the small pelagic. The duration of a trip is one day to 7 days.

Since February 2011 the Comoros has set up a system for collecting data on landing places.

Industrial fishing is non-existent at national level. This fishing is practiced by a foreign fleet that operates under a fisheries agreement. The catch of this fleet are neither landed no transferred in the country

## **GENERAL INFORMATION ON FISHERIES**

Fisheries in the Comoros is almost exclusively craft, practiced on unbridged boats made of wood or fiberglass. It operates mainly pelagic species. The fishing technique used is the stone long line lost especially on the continental shelf or the small train to paddle at the falling troll fish concentration device tower (DCP) and free schools within a radius of about 25 miles of the coasts in the islands. The duration of the tide varies from one day to one week.

On fishing techniques level, significant efforts have been made in the past to introduce more efficient boats, secure the supply of fishing equipment and develop fish aggregating devices. However, the conditions of sustainability initiatives related to development projects, remains a challenge.

## **STRUCTURE OF THE FLEET**

Composed in part by traditional boats, these dugout canoes with one or two pendulums, propelled to paddle her practice hand line fishing, night fishing with light without light. The duration of a trip is one day. The size of these canoes is variable (3 to 5m), they are designed to transport at least one adult, other larger could accommodate three fishermen, but mostly the fishermen team are in pairs. The fiberglass motor boats are designed through various development projects that benefited Comoros. These boats vary in size (5 to 9m) and engine power (15 to 40 hp). It mainly practice fishing trolling, hand lines and nets for small pelagic.

## **CATCH BY SPECIES AND BY TYPE OF VESSEL**

To illustrate the catch per vessel type and species, we introduced three categories of boats GAP (galawa paddle) in a wooden canoe paddle, the G18 a boat motor 6m fiber glass which conducts tides of day and JAP boat fiber glass 9m long and makes the tides of several days to see one week.

**Catch by vessel type, species and year (kg)**

vessel type species	2011			Total 2011	2012			Total 2012	2013			Total 2013	2014			Total 2014
	G18	GAP	JAP		G18	GAP	JAP		G18	GAP	JAP		G18	GAP	JAP	
YFT	1,170,925	426,374	76,544	1,673,843	1,096,273	168,188	15,938	1,280,399	1,084,770	153,856	21,953	1,260,580	1,105,076	256,838	17,507	1,379,421
WAH	106,516	31,270	4,936	142,722	36,639	19,653		56,292	82,452	19,357	1,485	103,294	52,258	19,129	1,124	72,512
THO	21	6		27	399	6		405	399			399	399			399
SWO	8,637	219,019		227,656	7,976	41,953		49,930	5,095	15,373		20,468	3,916	15,373		19,290
SKJ	2,442,647	161,416	66,939	2,671,002	2,549,727	73,681	18,173	2,641,580	3,182,598	57,843	28,935	3,269,376	4,345,513	74,090	32,060	4,451,663
SKH	9,925	8,314		18,239	9,898	4,890		14,788	9,022	867		9,888	3,882	360	194	4,436
SFA	3,964	9,397		13,362	2,298	3,147		5,445	1,505	22,288		23,793	706	6,791		7,498
SAR	38			38	38	531		568		531		531	27	236		263
PPC	137,901	566,415	102,447	806,763	401,542	758,330		1,159,872	289,373	774,844	144,947	1,209,164	396,628	600,033	127,569	1,124,230
OCS													5,206			5,206
MLS	16	428		444	364			364	2			2	0			0
MER	358,626	383,940	3,568	746,134	157,755	261,433		419,188	124,068	242,580	2,482	369,130	104,820	195,527	8,796	309,143
LOT	84	1,104		1,188					30			30				
KAW	137,960	21,571	15,106	174,638	334,127	2,822		336,949	352,190	3,379	783	356,352	152,048	463	783	153,294
INC	673	88		761	4	2,737		2,741	367	2,737		3,104	367			367
GUT	24	44		68		44		44								
FAL													424	168		592
DLP	43,319	20,751	1,687	65,756	48,853	2,313	981	52,147	55,192	2,544	1,141	58,877	53,179	24,905	1,677	79,761
DIV	15,174	169,187	30,168	214,529	10,508	181,409		191,917	14,892	192,735	1,186	208,813	15,111	175,240	1,186	191,536
DEM	38,594	557,500		596,094	265,689	831,198		1,096,888	184,003	881,175	0	1,065,178	280,884	630,008	11,408	922,301
COR	200	281		481		281		281		281		281		281		281
COM	1,742	98		1,840					29	98		127	29	98		127
CAR	47,454	116,517	6,198	170,169	31,063	136,060		167,123	23,517	96,280	2,797	122,594	92,951	108,144	28,755	229,850
BUM	412	636		1,047	1,285	636		1,921	1,256	636		1,892	653	636		1,289
BSH	163	739		902	215	4,967		5,182	602	4,967		5,569	348			348
BLT	15,454	3,557	527	19,538	9,959	5,578		15,536	11,588	6,752	19	18,359	10,146	4,920	19	15,084

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	G18	GAP	JAP		G18	GAP	JAP		G18	GAP	JAP		G18	GAP	JAP	
BLM	12,510	960	6	13,476	898		6	904	936		10,797	11,733	746	722	6	1,474
BET	126,448	47,568	23,183	197,200	126,112	25,913		152,025	133,737	21,379	1,648	156,764	125,573	25,701	1,218	152,492
BAR	1,455	4,482	310	6,247	1,316	1,875		3,192	983	1,362	296	2,641	918	2,024	296	3,238
AUT		1,695		1,695	339	21		360	740	123		862	809	208		1,017
ALB	14,470	4,958	8,771	28,200	11,799			11,799	11,408	2,025	501	13,934	9,287	4,514	501	14,303
FRI	3,316	2,077		5,393												
<b>General Total</b>	<b>4,698,668</b>	<b>2,760,393</b>	<b>340,391</b>	<b>7,799,451</b>	<b>5,105,077</b>	<b>2,527,665</b>	<b>35,097</b>	<b>7,667,839</b>	<b>5,570,752</b>	<b>2,504,012</b>	<b>218,970</b>	<b>8,293,735</b>	<b>6,761,910</b>	<b>2,146,409</b>	<b>233,099</b>	<b>9,141,417</b>

