



**EU STAKEHOLDERS CONTRIBUTION TO INTERNATIONAL  
FISHERIES GOVERNANCE IN ATLANTIC AFRICA**  
LDAC - ATLAFCO/COMHAFAT Annual Coordination Meeting  
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# ORIGIN AND MISSION OF THE LDAC

Advisory Councils are one of the main achievements of the EU CFP 2002. They acquired enhanced advisory role with entry into force of CFP on 1/1/2014.

**Mission:**

To advise European Institutions on questions concerning:

- a. Fisheries Agreements with third countries,
- b. Relations with the RFMOs of which the EU is a signatory or in whose waters the EU fleet operates,
- c. International fish markets and trade.

To contribute to the effective implementation of the CFP External Dimension outside Community waters.





# EU LEGAL FRAMEWORK

## **1. The EU Fisheries Control Regulation (EC) 1224/2009**

UNDER CURRENT REVIEW OF FISHERIES CONTROL SYSTEM – Applicable to all fishing vessels operating within EU waters and EU flagged fishing vessels operating outside EU

## **2. The IUU Council Regulation (EC) 1005/2008**

Introduced the catch certificate scheme and set up the carding system as a way of overcoming shortcoming in countries pre-identified *as non compliant with Market import ban as coercitive measure.*

## **3. FAO Port State Measures Agreement 2009 (in force since June 2016)**

Only binding international treaty focused specifically in IUU Fishing - IPOA

## **4. New EC Regulation on Sustainable Management of External Fishing Fleets (SMEFF – ex-“FAR” in force in April 2018)**

Sets up a new (public and private) Fishing authorization regime for EU vessels fishing outside EU waters (and vice versa)



## LDAC VIEWS: WORK PRIORITIES 2019

- Promote cooperation between the EU and COMHAFAT at RFMO level, in particular **ICCAT**
- Channel the EU industry and NGO views to inform discussions on UNGA process to develop implementation of **SDGs 2-7-8-14** and negotiations on **BBNJ Treaty**
- Explore collaboration with **PESCAO Project** on tasks re (sub)regional fisheries governance + fight against IUU
- Develop an action plan for the two **COMHAFAT studies on regional observers programme at sea and regional control scheme at port**

*Adopted by COMHAFAT Ministerial Conference in August 2018*



## OVERVIEW OF INITIATIVES: CHALLENGES

- **H2020 Project FarFish** - Improving catch data collection and reporting for both EU and non EU fleets fishing in EEZ of Mauritania, Senegal and Cabo Verde
- **JSC / CECAF** Issuing joint recommendations to strengthen the scientific knowledge for stock assessments to determine the surplus in African EEZs
- **COMHAFAT evolving to RFMO?** Feasibility study
- **SFPA** Promoting greater transparency and accountability in the use of sectorial support
- **FAO** Provide advice to dialogues to define guidelines on social sustainability in the fisheries value chain



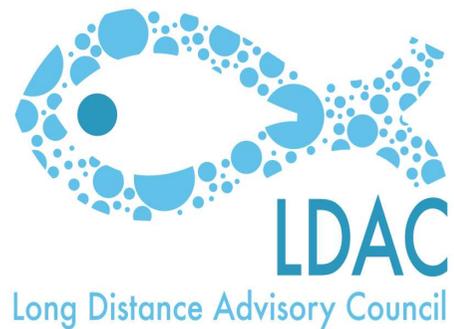
## TO R DIALOGUES FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND IMPACT OF SFPAs

- Improving science and biology of tuna / sharks / demersal / deepsea stocks and by-catches (EBAFM)
- Promoting stakeholders' participation on implementation of SFPAs
- Analysing information on “ex ante” and “ex post” evaluations of SFPAs – strengths and weaknesses
- Transparency of fishing activities: Fishing agents and reports of joint and mixed commission meetings
- Use of sectorial support: performance assessment
- Gender equity aspects
- Role of fishing agents



# MEETINGS PLAN FOR 2019

- LDAC Working Groups (Brussels, 26-28 March)
- LDAC GA / ExCom / FG on Int. Governance (Sopot, 21-23 May)
- Regional dialogues on Implementation and Impact of EU SFPAs in the Atlantic and Indian Oceans (2<sup>nd</sup> half tbc)
- Side event on Implementation of New Control and SMEFF Regulation at forthcoming COMHAFAT Meetings
- Workshop on best practices of EU fishing investments in African Countries: socio-economic benefits (December tbc)
- EFCA Advisory Boards (27 February and October).
- International Fora: Our Ocean / UNGA / FAO
- Participation at RFMO Annual Mtg (NAFO, ICCAT, IOTC...)



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