

**Presentation of the activities developed by the
European Fisheries Control Agency within the
framework of the Project**

PESCAO

**ANNUAL COORDINATION MEETING LDAC– ATLAFCO/COMHAFAT
Tuesday 12 February 2019, 11:30-13:30 h**



1. Overview of the PESCAO Project



WHO ARE WE?



- The European Fisheries Control Agency is a EU agency
- Headquarters: Vigo (Spain), from 1 July 2008
- Established in **2005** by the Council Regulation (EC) N° 768/2005 of 26 April 2005
- Currently has 72 staff from 18 EU Member States



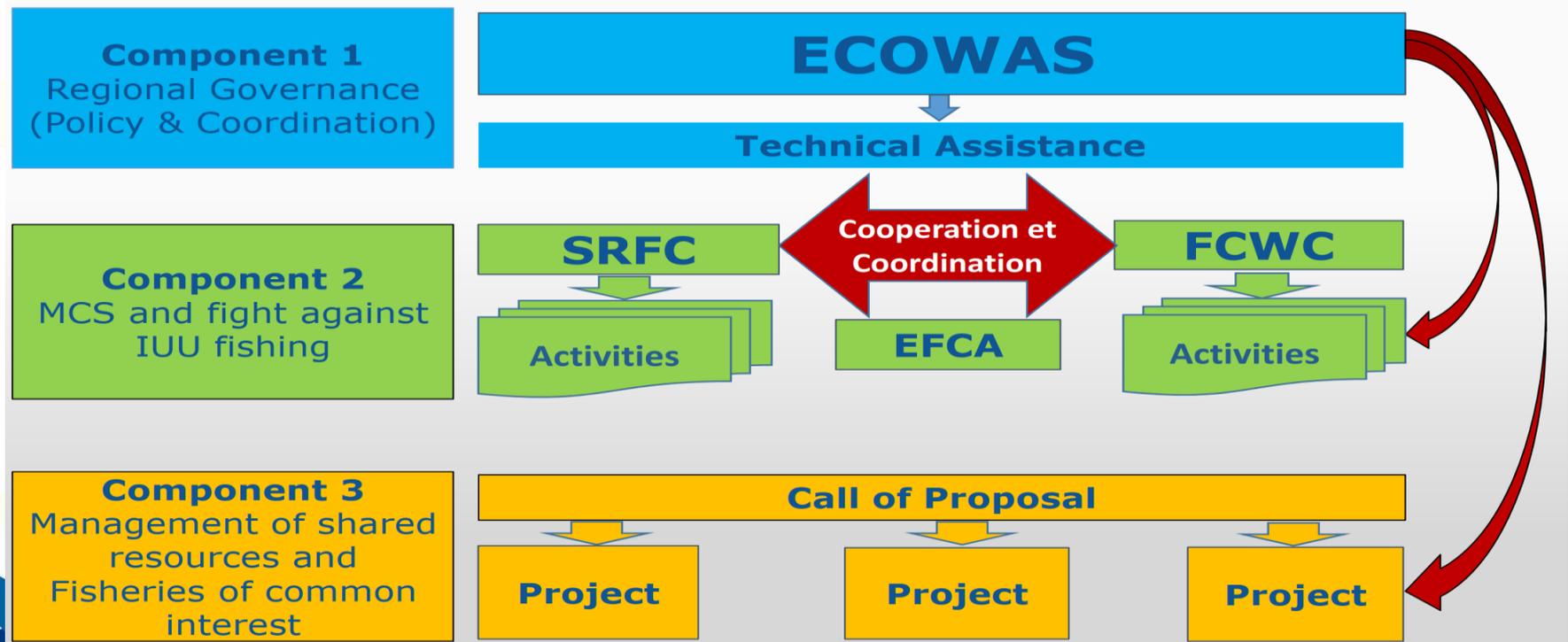


PESCAO project: an overview

- Global Budget: 15 500 000 € (11th EDF)
- Areas concerned: West Africa (ECOWAS countries and Mauritania)
- The duration of the EFCA contract for implementing this project is 5 years (January 2018 to December 2022)
- Main partners (Result 2):
 - SRFC – Sub-Regional Fisheries Commission
 - FCWC – Fisheries Committee for the West Central Gulf of Guinea
 - EFCA – European Fisheries Control Agency

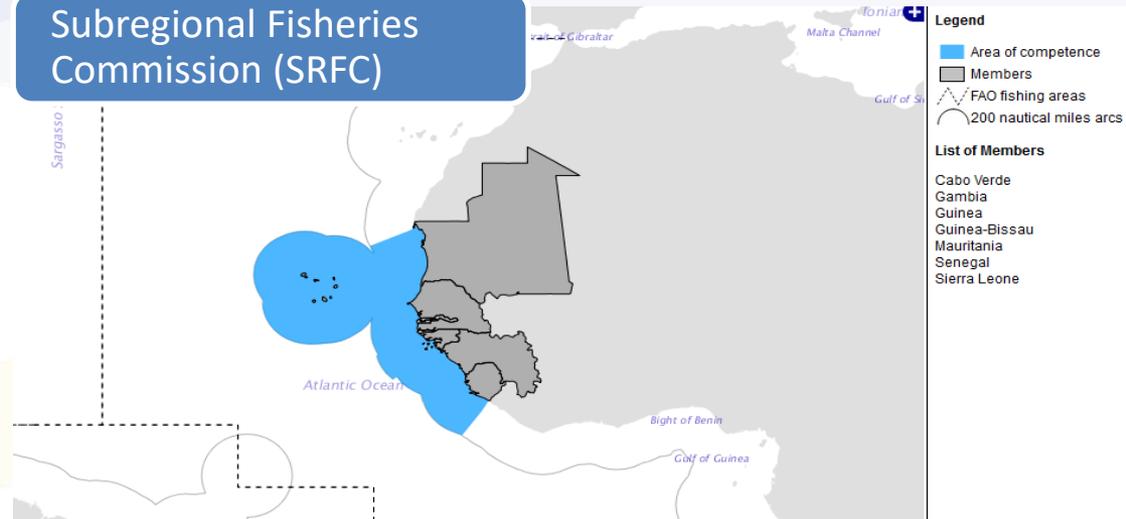
Overall objective

The PESCAO project, funded under the EDF, aims over the coming five years to enhance the contribution of fisheries resources to sustainable development, food security and poverty alleviation in West Africa

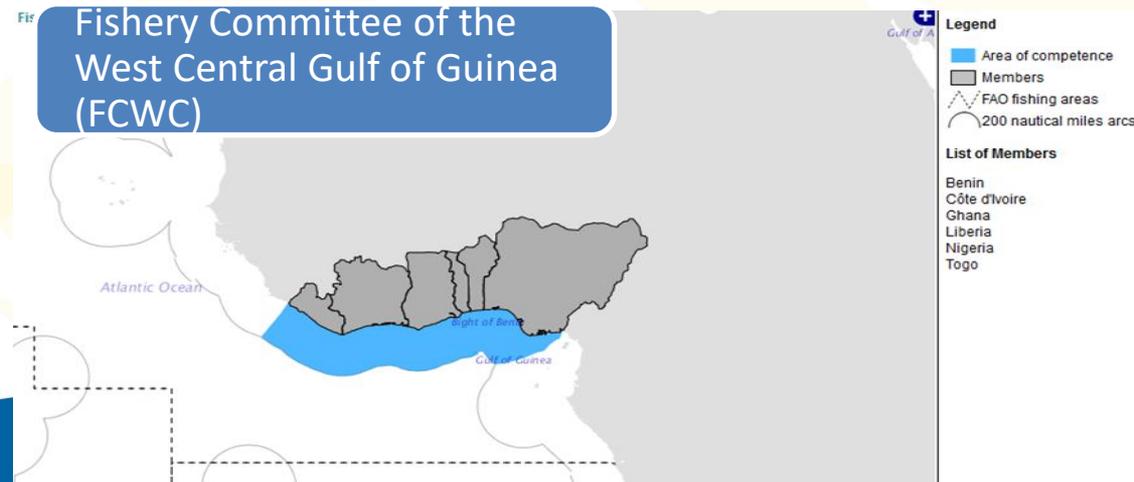


Expected outputs ("Result 2")

Subregional Fisheries Commission (SRFC)



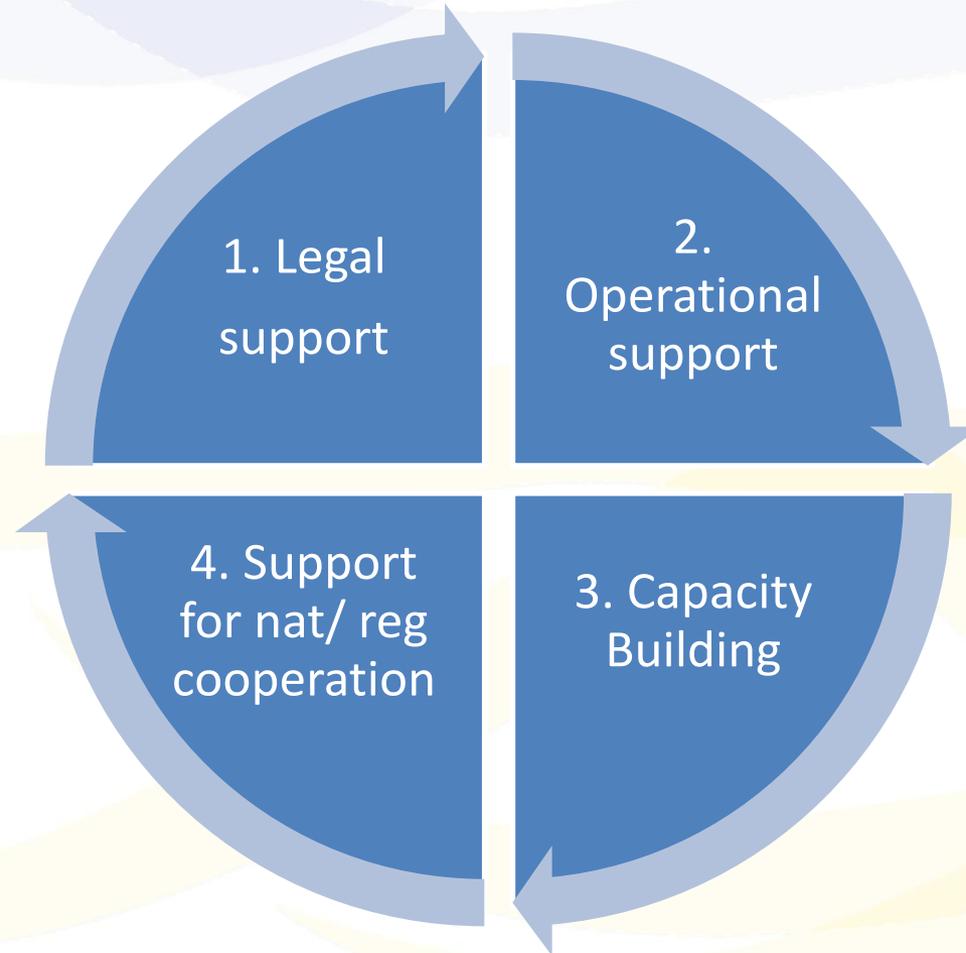
Fishery Committee of the West Central Gulf of Guinea (FCWC)



- Contribute to strengthening prevention and control of IUU fishing by improving Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) at national and regional levels.



PESCAO : areas of intervention - EFCA





2. Activities carried out by the EFCA in 2018 and state of play

State of play by area of intervention



Legal support

- ✓ **Mapping and legal review of SRFC/FCWC member countries' fisheries national legislation** with regard to international standards
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- ✓ The **identification of needs** in terms of legal updating and/or implementation for each country by way of a **gap analysis**
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- ✓ Presentation of findings and recommendations to FCWC, SRFC and their member countries
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- ✓ Support the drafting and/or implementation of national plans of action against IUU fishing (upon countries' request) as well implementation of the PSMA



State of play by area of intervention

Operational support



- ✓ Regional Fisheries control centres
- ✓ Joint regional missions for fisheries control, including support of new technologies and chartering of aerial means
- ✓ Regional workshops with SRFC and FCWC on risk management
- ✓ Support to the establishment of a regional observer programme



State of play by area of intervention

Capacity building / Training

- ✓ Support to the development of **harmonised training programmes**
- ✓ Development and **publication of training material** adapted to the inspector needs
- ✓ Developing and printing a manual for a **course for FMC operators**
- ✓ Support to the **training of trainers, fisheries inspectors, judicial personnel and FMC operators**





State of play by area of intervention

Support for nat/ reg cooperation



- ✓ Support to the establishment and/or reinforcement of the national administrative cooperation - **Identification of national competent authorities** in FCWC and SRFC countries



- ✓ Support to the establishment and/or reinforcement of the operational cooperation – adoption of **FCWC Regional Plan of action against IUU fishing**



- ✓ Support to **SRFC MCS Convention** adoption and implementation

Questions?





Thank you for your attention