



EFCA's activities on the international dimension: An update on international projects

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RESUP Project Algeria

Objective : To support the development of capacities in Algeria for the control and monitoring of fishing activities.

The project focuses on:

- Equipping fishing vessels with VMS
- Training and strengthening the capacities of personnel responsible for implementation of these systems (FMC operators)
- Updating the legal framework in line with ICCAT and GFCM recommendations.



West Africa Sustainable Ocean Programme

WASOP

Sustainable Western Indian Ocean Programme

SWIOP

- Actions funded by



- Pillars:
 - Pillar 1 – Strengthen Ocean Governance
 - Pillar 2 – Support Sustainable Blue Economy
 - Pillar 3 – Enhance/ Improve Ecosystem Preservation/Resilience
- EFCA's contributing to Specific Objective 1- Pillar 1:
 - Strengthen regional and national capacities to coordinate and collaborate on shared ocean governance
- SO1 Output 1.3: IUU fishing in the region reduced

West Africa Sustainable Ocean Programme WASOP

Pillar 1 partners:

SRFC: 4M€ (Grant – EUD SN)

FCWC: 2M€ (Grant – EUD GH)

EFCA: 5M€ (Contribution Agreement – EUD SN)

FAO: 3M€ (Contribution Agreement – EUD GH)

Support to:

Regional fisheries organisations (SRFC and FCWC) and their 13 member states:

Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Cabo Verde, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Mauritania, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo

Duration: 5 years (2025–2030). Start date: July 2025



Sustainable Western Indian Ocean Programme SWIOP

Pillar 1 partners:

IOC: 3M€ (Grant – EUD MU)

EFCA: 5M€ (Contribution Agreement – EUD MU)

IOTC/SIOFA: 3M€ (Technical Assistance service contract – EUD MU)

Support to:

9 countries of the Western Indian Ocean:

Comoros, Djibouti, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique, Seychelles, Somalia, Tanzania

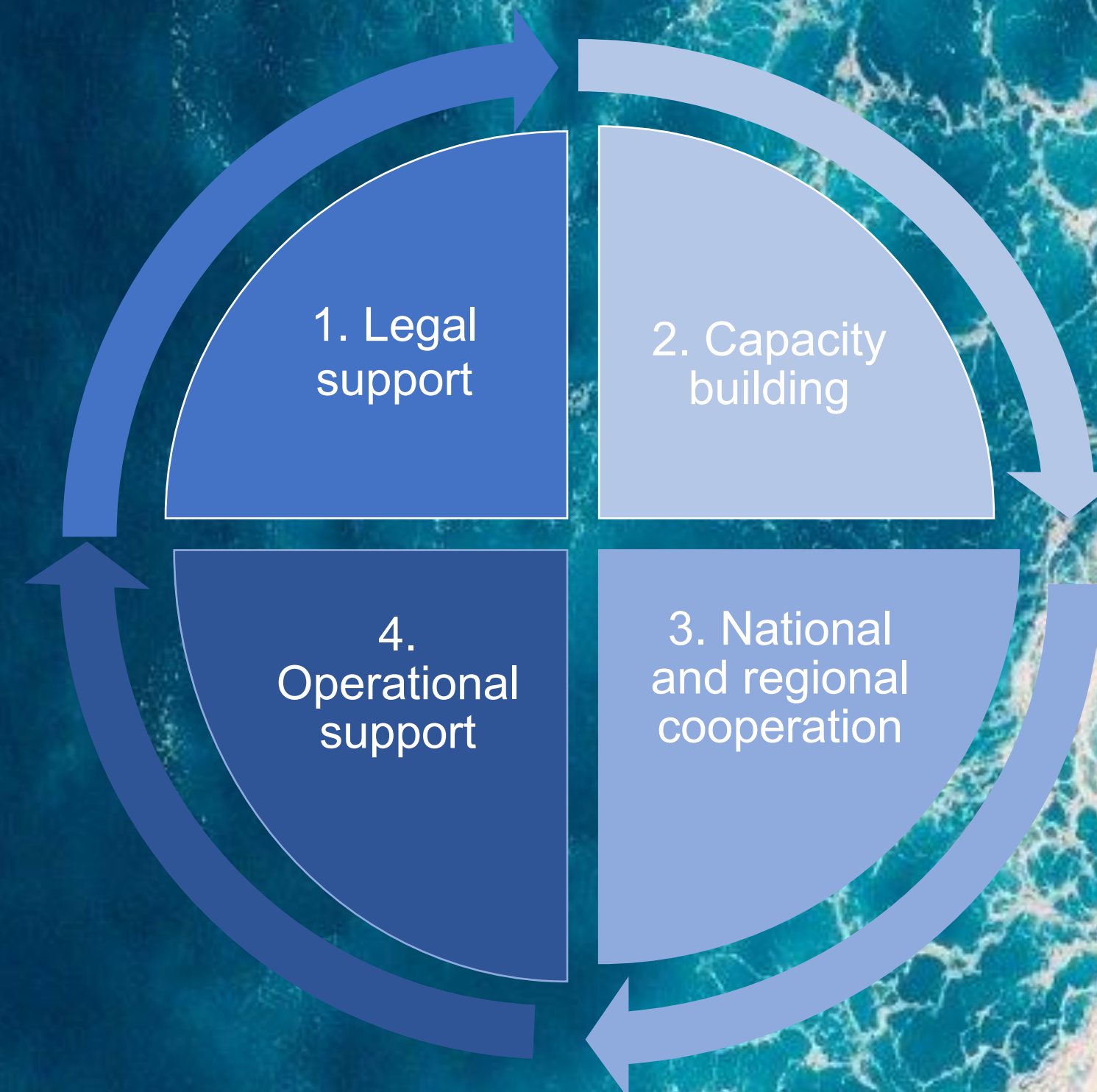
Duration : 4 years (2025–2029). Pending signature



Main output:

IUU fishing in the region reduced

The objective of EFCA is to help develop and strengthen the monitoring, control and surveillance framework at regional and national levels to improve the fight against IUU fishing.





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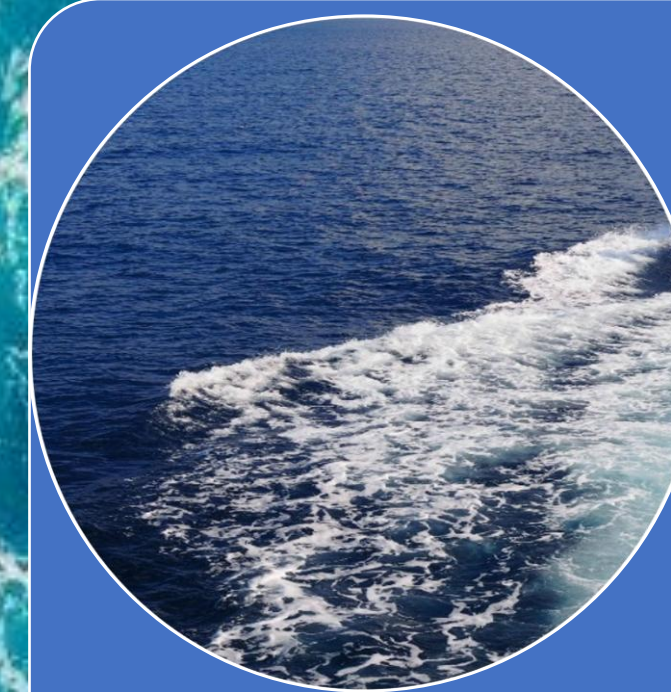
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**Support to
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development of
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**Provision of
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Legal support

Main areas of intervention

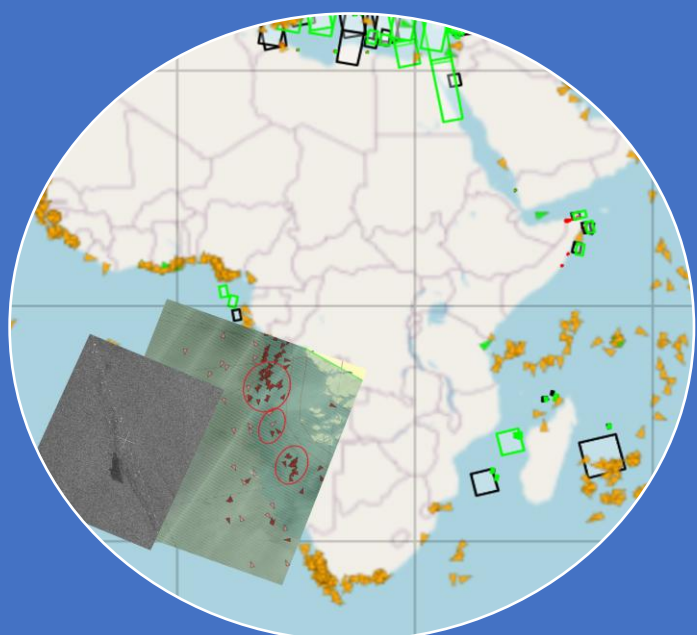
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Organisation of
joint patrols

- Planning, implementation and evaluation of joint patrols
 - Regional and tactical risk assessment
 - EFCA to support exchanges of inspectors (WASOP)
- Presence at FMC
- “Hands-on” training (inspectors, FMC operators, legal officers)
- Control means:
 - Possible synergies with actors in the region

Main areas of intervention



Support to the
maritime picture
awareness

- Satellite image analysis
- Facilitate exchange of fisheries data and intelligence
 - Promoting/developing standardized protocols for data exchange/information management;
 - Promoting exchange taking advantage of existing regional tools
- Presence in FMCs



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Support to regional and national development of MCS:

- Support implementation of national strategies to reinforce MCS capacity
- Assist in aligning legislation and action plans with international and RFMO obligations.

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Provision of training

- Training for trainers, Fisheries Monitoring Centres operators, fisheries inspectors, judicial personnel, and officials in charge of the validation of EU catch certificates;
- Training on risk assessment;
- Training to be delivered on
 - Key areas identified by joint risk assessment
 - Key areas identified by DG MARE
 - Specific requests by 3rd countries

