



ANNUAL COORDINATION MEETING LDAC & ATLAFCO

Tuesday 20th of January 2026

Madrid - Spain





STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Objective 1: Conservation and sustainable use of fisheries resources

Objective 2: Improving sector performance

Objective 3: Promoting regional trade in fishery products

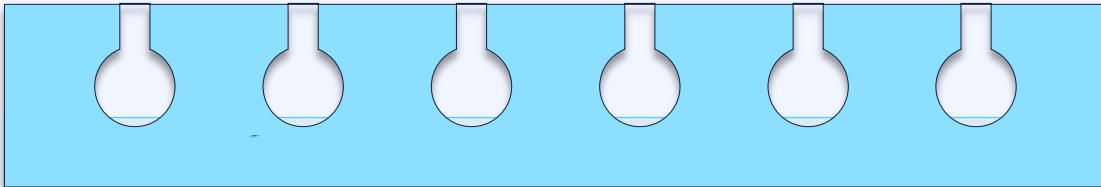
Objective 4: Strengthening the ATLAFCO group in international fisheries bodies

Objective 5: Maritime safety and security

Objective 6: Protection of the marine environment

Objective 7: Institutional strengthening of the ATLAFCO secretariat

Reminder strategic objectives selected in the 2025 Action Plan

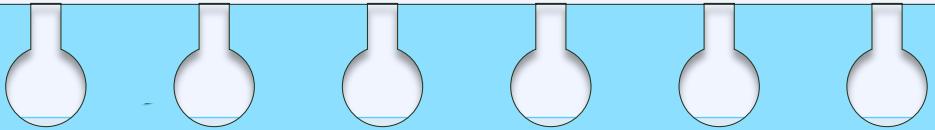


February 5-9, 2025
Agadir - Morocco

7th Edition of the HALIEUTIS trade fair



- Organized under the theme "**Research and innovation for a sector Sustainable fisheries**
- This event highlighted the **progress technological and innovation** in fishing, aquaculture and the processing of seafood
- Alongside the trade fair, a **series of conferences** was organized and addressed several current topics, particularly regarding **climate change , the blue economy , the sustainable use of marine resources , digital health** for seafarers, **traceability , and pelagic transformation**
- ATLAFCO had a **very active central stand**, visited by numerous delegations
- The **ATLAFCO stand** was awarded **Best Stand of this 7th edition 2025**
- The trade fair highlighted the dynamics **of inter-African cooperation** technological innovation and development sustainable management of marine resources

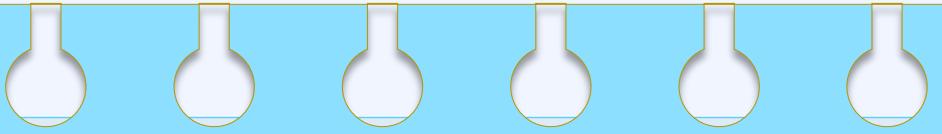


February 6-7, 2025
Agadir - Morocco

Workshop "Raising awareness of the impacts of climate change and economic adaptation strategies"



- **Raising awareness and improving communication** about the effects of climate change and its impact on fishing activity and on artisanal fishing communities, including women
- **To illustrate the role of RAFEP** as a channel for raising women's awareness of greater resilience to climate change through economic, social and professional adaptation strategies
- **Supporting network members** to raise awareness of global and regional challenges related to the effects of climate change on the entire fisheries value chain
- **Strengthening the resilience of women in the African fishing industry** to climate change through adaptation strategies
- **To emphasize the importance of the fish value chain** in maintaining incomes in the context of climate change.

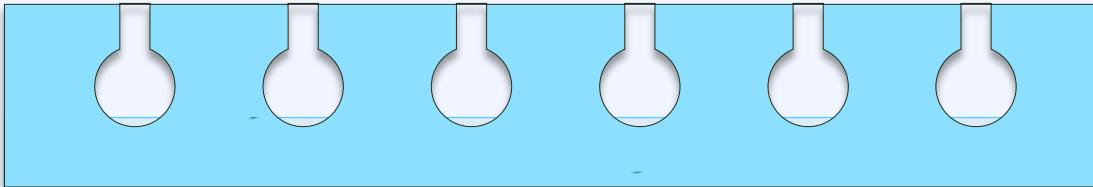


**March 18-19, 2025
Tangier, Morocco**

Workshop "Digital health and telemedicine serving seafarers: towards innovative and accessible



- **Establish a legal framework** governing telemedicine at the level of Member States that do not yet have one
- **Strengthening basic infrastructure** to house the equipment necessary for the practice of telemedicine
- **Training flight crew** in essential first aid and safety procedures
- **Supporting Member States** in acquiring specialized medical personnel through specific training programs
- **Encourage cooperation between Member States**, in particular through the transfer of knowledge from the most advanced countries in the field to those that are less so, and through the support and intermediation of ATLAFCO.

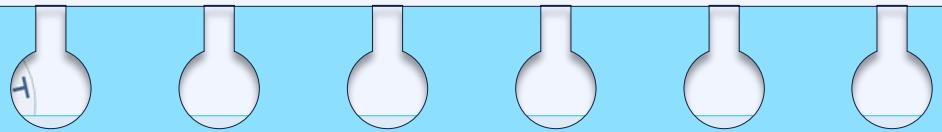


April 23, 2025
Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire

Experts' Session of the ATLAFCO



- **Summary of the conclusions** of the last session of the Bureau of Ministers (Tangier, October 8, 2024)
- Presentation by the Executive Secretariat of the **Draft Strategic Action Plan 2025-2027** of ATLAFCO
- Raising awareness of **the sustainable use of living marine resources** and global governance
- Experts recommended:
 - **strengthen** the commitment of Member States to ATLAFCO, and improve the fight against IUU fishing.
 - **pooling** resources for fisheries research
 - **participate** in international bodies.
- They also recommended
 - **support** sustainable aquaculture,
 - **develop** the capacities of stakeholders (particularly women and young people),
 - **strengthen** regional networks and improve governance and the legal framework.
- **The experts have validated** the draft Strategic Action Plan of ATLAFCO 2025-2027.

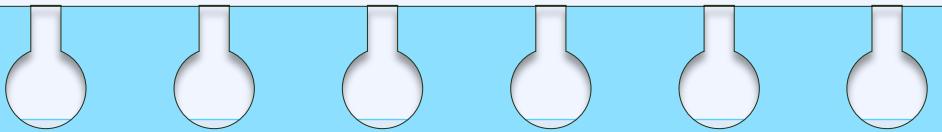


April 24, 2025 Abidjan –Côte d'Ivoire

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- The Conference of Ministers of ATLAFCO held its 11th ordinary session **on April 24, 2025 in Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire)**
- **It adopted** the new Strategic Action Plan 2025-2027
- the presidency was entrusted to **Guinea** for the following period

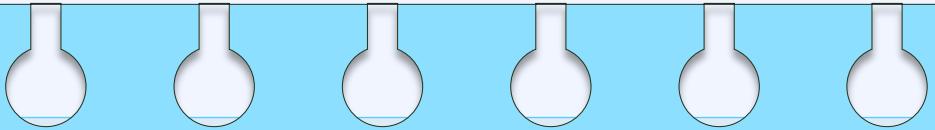


**April 28-30, 2025
Busan, South Korea**

**ATLAFCO participation
at the 10th International Conference
"OUR OCEAN"**



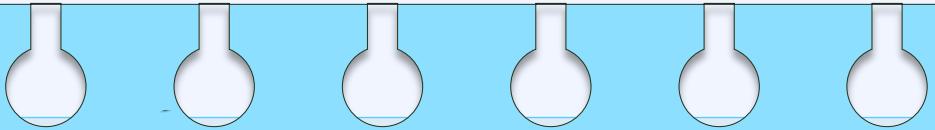
- Under the theme "*Our Ocean, Our Action*" to dialogue and promote global actions in favor of a sustainable ocean.
- A **high-level annual event dedicated to ocean governance**
- A major event for all **players in the fisheries sector worldwide**
- It aims to
 - **Share experiences on the subject**
 - **Propose solutions to governments** facing the numerous current and future challenges of the oceans, with a view to ensuring sustainable development for these spaces of life and global connectivity.
- The participation of ATLAFCO was encouraging insofar as **the topics addressed during the seven (7) sessions** and **the themes discussed** were all integrated into **its strategic action plan for the period 2025-2027**, which was adopted in Abidjan on April 24, 2025



**May 14-18, 2025
New York, USA**

**ATLAFCO participation
at the meeting on the Agreement
United Nations on stocks of
fish (UNFSA)**

- **The ATLAFCO secretariat participated in the informal consultations of the States Parties to the Agreement for the implementation of the provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating** to the conservation and management of straddling fish stocks and highly migratory fish stocks (United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement (UNFSA)).
- The secretariat's contribution was a presentation on **ATLAFCO and capacity building for better implementation of UNFSA in the Africa-Atlantic region.**

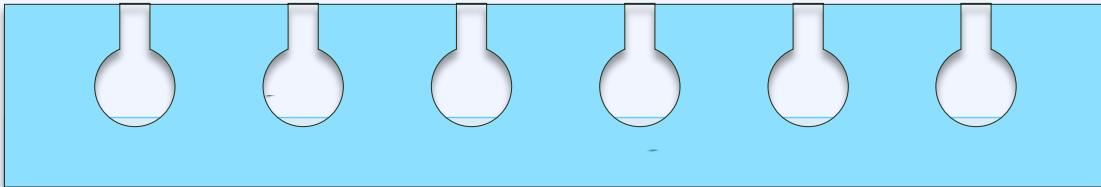


May 13-14, 2025
Vigo, Spain

ATLAFCO's participation in the seminar on the European Union's common fisheries policy in its external dimension



- **This falls** within the provisions of the MoU between ATLAFCO and the Long-Distance Fisheries Advisory Council (LDAC) of the European Union
- This common fisheries policy **illustrates the role played by the European Union in global ocean governance, in regional fisheries management bodies and organizations, and in promoting the BBNJ international treaty**
- **Outlining** the new generation of Fisheries Partnership Agreements for sustainable fisheries and investments in the fisheries sector with third countries
- **Sharing** new tools for preventing and combating illegal, unregulated and unauthorized (IUU) fishing
- **Discussing** ways to strengthen the role of market states for the sustainability of fishing activities and market stability

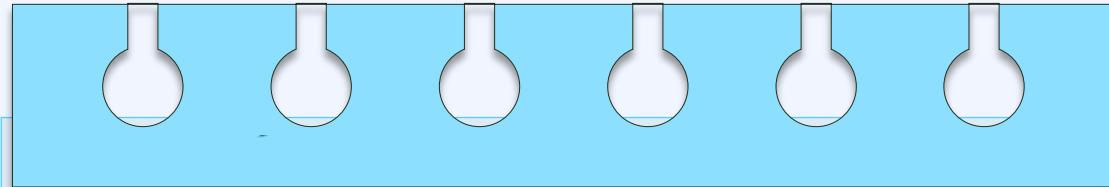


**May 20-23, 2025
Rome, Italy**

ATLAFCO's participation 3rd session of the FAO Aquaculture Sub-Committee



- **This participation** is part of its efforts for sustainable and concerted management of fisheries resources and the development of aquaculture in the region, in coordination with relevant international organizations such as the FAO
- **Key points** and general discussions from this session included:
 - **The importance of aquaculture** : Recognizing the crucial role of aquaculture, particularly on a small scale, for food security, nutrition, livelihoods and economic development.
 - **International cooperation**: Encourage FAO to work in partnership with national, regional and international initiatives to promote sustainable aquaculture.
 - **Ecosystem approach**: Emphasize the importance of the ecosystem approach to aquaculture and request technical assistance for its implementation.
 - **Challenges and opportunities**: Addressing the challenges and opportunities related to the implementation of the Guidelines for Sustainable Aquaculture (GSA).

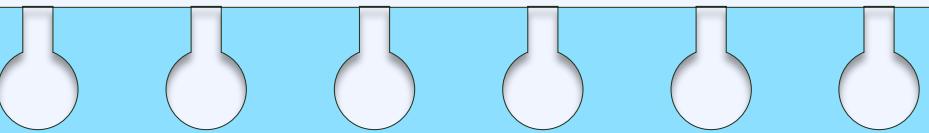


**June 9-13, 2025
Nice, France**

ATLAFCO's participation in the 3rd United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC3)



- **ATLAFCO mobilized** to contribute to the success of UNOC 3 by inviting its Member States, networks and institutional partners to participate actively and thus consolidate Africa's voice within the highest international bodies governing the Oceans.
- This event aimed to
- **Supporting the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14 (SDG 14)**, with three main priorities, in order to produce an ambitious Ocean Action Plan
- **Working towards the completion** of multilateral ocean-related processes to raise the level of ambition for ocean protection
- **Mobilizing** financing to conserve and sustainably use oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development (SDG 14) and support the development of a sustainable blue economy
- The 3rd United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC-3) concluded with the adoption of the "**Nice Commitments for the Ocean**"

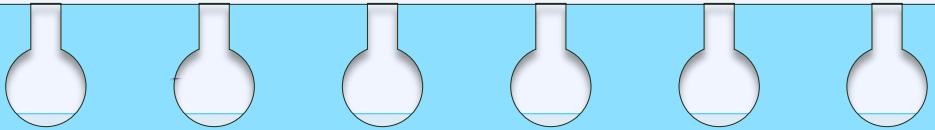


**June 23-24, 2025
Rabat, Morocco**

Workshop on the theme "Towards effective implementation of the Agreement on Port State Measures (PSM) to Prevent, Counter and Eliminate IUU Fishing "



- **This workshop made it possible to take stock** of the initiatives taken at the level of Member States but also at the level of the areas covered by the other ORPs invited to this workshop to ensure an effective and comprehensive implementation of the AMREP.
- **At the ATLAFCO level, 17 States are parties to PSMA**, and 5 others are completing the accession procedures.
- **The main needs of Member States for the implementation of this instrument** relate to technical and financial assistance, training and capacity building, support for the development of policies, laws and institutions, and access to technology and information systems.
- **ATLAFCO is willing to collaborate with all partners, particularly the PSMA/FAO Secretariat**, to contribute to the successful and effective implementation of PSMA in the ATLAFCO region.

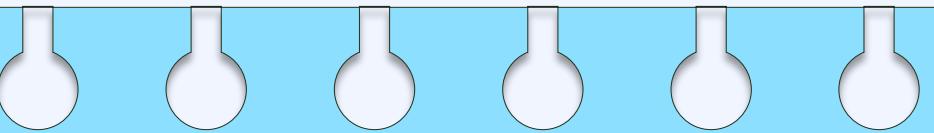


**June 25-27, 2025
Rabat, Morocco**

Workshop: "Towards greater awareness of the importance of maritime safety, search and rescue of human lives at sea in the ATLAFCO region"



- **To provide an overview of the international instruments** that offer a robust legal framework for ensuring the safety of fishing vessels and fishermen, and for guaranteeing decent working conditions on board
- **To conduct an inventory of maritime safety and sea rescue systems at the Member State level**
- **To share and deepen knowledge on onboard safety, fire risks, and measures to be taken to protect human lives and equipment onboard** (fishing gear, other fishing aids, etc.)
- **To become familiar** with best practices in maritime safety and the rescue of human lives at sea

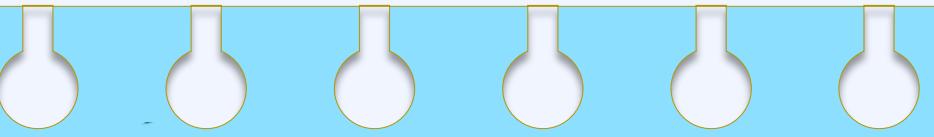


**June 23-30,
2025
Agadir, Morocco**

Capacity building internship in fisheries governance



- Participation of **15 managers** and officials from 15 Member States, representing national fisheries and aquaculture administrations .
- **The objective of this internship was:**
 - **Strengthening** the technical and strategic knowledge of managers on sustainable fisheries governance,
 - **Promoting** the exchange of experience between member countries
 - Promote regional integration .
- **It enabled:**
 - **Strengthening** regional cooperation
 - **Harmonizing** management approaches and equipping participants with concrete tools to address current fisheries governance challenges

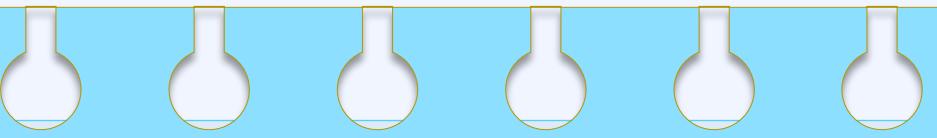


**July 1-4, 2025
Dakar (Senegal)**

ATLAFCO's participation in the "22nd session of the SRFC Ministerial Conference"



- **Held under the slogan "40 years in the service of sub-regional cooperation"**
- **This 22nd ordinary session** saw the participation of the ministers in charge of maritime fisheries and aquaculture from the seven (07) member states.
- **They reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening sub-regional cooperation**, combating illegal (IUU) fishing and improving scientific research, training and capacity building.
- They also stressed **the need to harmonize governance policies, develop South-South cooperation and partnerships**, promote regional oceanographic leadership, modernize and industrialize the fisheries sector, and facilitate access for their products to new markets.



September 11 and 12, 2025 Casablanca (Morocco)

Preparatory and coordination meeting of ATLAFCO at 20th session of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES CoP20)



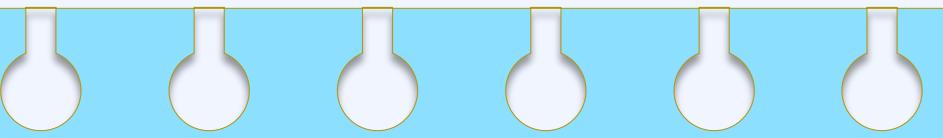
- Participants recommend
 - to support the conservation and management of marine resources** on a sound scientific basis,
 - to strengthen national capacities and scientific cooperation,
 - to improve coordination between the institutions in charge of fisheries and the environment.**
- They emphasize the importance of taking into account the specific characteristics of fisheries, including **the essential role of artisanal fishing and the challenges related to climate change.**
- They also call for better **coordination and harmonization of the positions of ATLAFCO member states**, particularly **within the framework of CITES, based on FAO scientific advice**, while taking into account the constraints of developing countries and prioritizing **sustainable use before any restriction on international trade.**



**September 29-30 - October 1,
2025
Casablanca
(Morocco)**

**RAFISMER/ATLAFCO network
workshop on the presentation and
discussion of a project to study and
monitor marine biodiversity in West
Africa (environmental DNA)**

- **Workshop for the presentation and discussion of a project to study and monitor marine biodiversity in West Africa**
- organised by the network of fisheries research institutes and marine sciences (RAFISMER).
 - Designate national focal points ,
 - create a regional network of scientists ,
 - establish reference lists of marine species
 - Strengthen cooperation with existing programs
 - to establish national working groups.
- The project also plans to:
 - collect key data on fisheries and ichthyoplankton ,
 - develop training programs,
 - to integrate an inclusive approach to gender, to develop a communication strategy linked to the blue economy
 - assess the available infrastructure,
 - prepare a data management plan that complies with international standards.



**October 16-17, 2025
Tangier (Morocco)**

Workshop on the theme: Food security through aquaculture: regional sustainability and synergy



- **The discussions helped to open up new perspectives for**
 - deepen technical knowledge,
 - stimulate innovation
 - better understand the challenges related to sustainable aquaculture production in the ATLAFCO region.
- **Supporting the development of African aquaculture through**
 - The need for clear aquaculture planning,
 - An entity dedicated to the sector
 - Technical support to develop regulatory frameworks.
- **The priorities also include**
 - appropriate selection of sites,
 - training,
 - infrastructure improvements,
 - strengthening biosecurity,
 - improved access to markets
 - storage solutions to limit post-harvest losses.



**October 21-22, 2025
Cape Town, South Africa**

Participation of ATLAFCO “Integrating climate change into international fisheries governance – The case of regional fisheries management organizations in the Atlantic region »

- **Workshop organised by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in cooperation with Rhodes University.**
- **To provide an overview of how RFBs address climate change** in multilateral fisheries governance practices
- **Highlighting trends in how RFBs** respond to climate change
- **Demonstrate examples of good practices and how to integrate them into RFB practices**



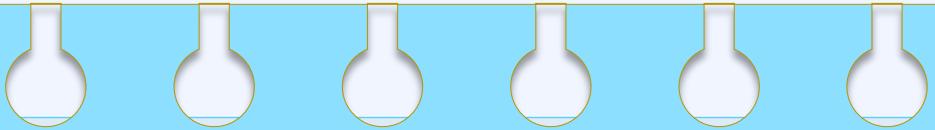
**November 11-13, 2025
Lagos (Nigeria)**

ATLAFCO's participation in the "16th Conference of Ministers of the FCWC"



**16 ÈME CONFÉRENCE DES MINISTRES DE
LA CPCO**
11-13 novembre 2025
Lagos (Nigéria)

- The event focused on:
 - **fighting** against illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing,
 - **strengthening** regional cooperation
 - **improving the management** of shared marine resources.
- The conference focused on:
 - **strengthening** of law enforcement measures,
 - **better** data sharing
 - **improved governance** to combat illegal fishing.
- Discussions focused on **strengthening cross-border regional collaboration and partnerships** for the **effective management of shared marine resources**.



**November 15-24, 2025
Seville (Spain)**

**Participation in the 29th Ordinary
Meeting of the International
Commission for the Conservation of
Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT)**



- A process in which the ATLAFCO member states **were very active throughout** this 29th session
- They were also directly involved in the discussions and negotiations of the CPC, presenting draft recommendations and resolutions throughout the event
- **The adoption of 12 recommendations and 3 resolutions**
- The meeting resulted in:
 - **the adoption** of new TACs for bluefin tuna,
 - **the progress of the** skipjack tuna management procedure
 - **launch** of a pilot tuna farming project in the Canary Islands
 - **strengthening of measures** to protect sharks and combat IUU fishing.
- **The approval of a resolution by the BBNJ**
- **The election of Ms. Zakia Driouich to the presidency of the ICCAT**



November 24 - December 5, 2025 Samakand (Uzbekistan)

Participation in the 20th session of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES CoP20)



Focused on

- **the regulation of the global trade** in wild species,
- **the revision of species protection**
- **the examination of proposals to amend the CITES appendices** in order to protect threatened animals and plants from overexploitation.
- An agenda focused on **regulating trade in endangered species** , including discussions on **sharks, sea cucumbers** and other **aquatic species** , wildlife crime, digital permits and the strategic vision for the next 50 years of CITES, aiming for legal, sustainable and traceable trade.
- Apart from **Cabo Verde**, all **ATLAFCO member states** participated in **this meeting**.
- Thanks to African solidarity, **exemplary coordination and anticipation**, **the ATLAFCO Group** , together with **all the African countries present** , succeeded in **countering the proposal to list all eel species in Appendix II of CITES** .
- The ATLAFCO secretariat actively participated in the side event organized by the United Nations Division for the Law of the Sea on the theme by giving a presentation on the theme "**Linking the BBNJ Agreement and CITES for enhanced conservation and sustainable use of marine species**"



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