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The regional program of observers at sea and the regional program of harmonization of port control protocols



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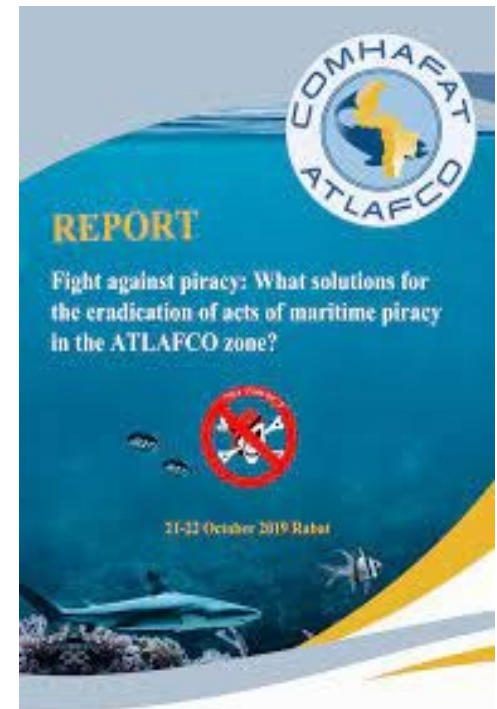
Introduction

- ❑ The regional dimension of IUU fishing in the ATLAFCO area
- ❑ The need to strengthen the monitoring of fishing vessel activities



Require consideration of on-board observation and port inspection in the context of an integrated regional approach, ensuring sustainable exploitation of fishery resources

- ❑ In supporting the African region of the Atlantic, following the Rabat Declaration on Regional Cooperation in the fight against IUU fishing adopted by the 9th Ministerial Conference ATLAFCO in September 2014 and the recommendations of the Marrakech workshop on MCS of October 2015, the Secretariat of ATLAFCO commissioned 02 studies for the region.
- ❑ One relating to the implementation of a regional observation onboard program and the other related to the establishment of a Regional Harmonized Port Inspection Program.





Background

- ❑ **Declaration of Rabat** Sept. 2014 which defines the political framework for the commitment of MS to the fight against IUU fishing in the ATLAFCO region
- ❑ **Recommendations of the ATLAFCO workshop in Marrakech** (Oct. 2015) on the strengthening of regional measures for the MCS of fishing activities,
- ❑ **Entry into force of the Agreement on Port State Measures, 2016 (PSMA)** the first binding international agreement to prevent, deter and eliminate IUU fishing
- ❑ **Mandatory recommendation for ATLAFCO MS** which are contracting parties of ICCAT
- ❑ **Initiatives of RFBs** at sub-regional level
- ❑ **Both studies were validated by EM experts** during feedback workshops organized in Rabat in November 2017 and April 2018





The regional program of observers at sea and the regional program of harmonization of port control protocols 2021 sessions



- ❑ With the assistance of the Grouping of African Maritime Training Establishments (REFMA), a specialized body, ATLAFCO entrusted:
- ❑ The Regional Academy of Maritime Sciences and Techniques (ARSTM) of Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire) with the training of onboard observers which brought together 20 auditors from eleven (11) African French speaking member countries of ATLAFCO and took place from 08 to 26 November 2021
- ❑ The Higher Institute of Marine Fisheries (ISPM) of Agadir (Morocco) with the training of port inspectors which brought 15 senior fisheries inspectors from eleven (11) African which brought together 20 auditors from eleven (11) African French speaking member countries of ATLAFCO and took place from 25 November to 09 December 2021
- ❑ Both sessions were for the benefit of participants from French speaker countries
- ❑ These training sessions were for each of the participants and each of the trainers, a great opportunities for discussion and sharing of experiences



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- The objective of these sessions is to strengthen the capacities of executives operating within the Directorates and bodies in charge of inspections and Fisheries MCS as well as observers of ATLAFCO countries on topics related to regulations relating to fisheries management



- At the end of these training session, the following capacities were sought at the level of the participants:
 - Mastering ethics, the inspection and observation missions and **being able to exercise its function in complete transparency with integrity**
 - Master the national and international legislation in force and applicable in terms of **good governance of fisheries**
 - Master the procedures for monitoring and sharing information at **the national, sub-regional and regional levels**
 - Master the ICCAT **Standard Operating Procedures**
 - Master the Port State Control **measures**



2022 program sessions



- ❑ This year, ATLAFCO has organized in **The Regional Academy of Maritime Sciences and Techniques (ARSTM) of Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire) the second session training of onboard observers** which brought together 12 auditors from six (06) African English speaking member countries of ATLAFCO and took place from 19 to 30 September 2022

- ❑ ATLAFCO intends to organize in collaboration with the Institute of Marine Fisheries Technology (ITPM) in Larache, Morocco, a **second session training on Port Control Inspectors of maritime fisheries** † (02 weeks) for the benefit of 12 participants from six English-speaking countries from 28 November to 10 December 2022 with a focus on:
 - ❑ To update the status and the implementation of the PSMA
 - ❑ To build up the understanding and capacity of the participants on the PSM
 - ❑ To enhance knowledge, skills, and experience of the participants on inspection to support the PSM and port control





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