

# Overview IEO activities on fisheries scientific research and stocks advisory in CECAF area

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Central  
Atlantic  
Fishery**

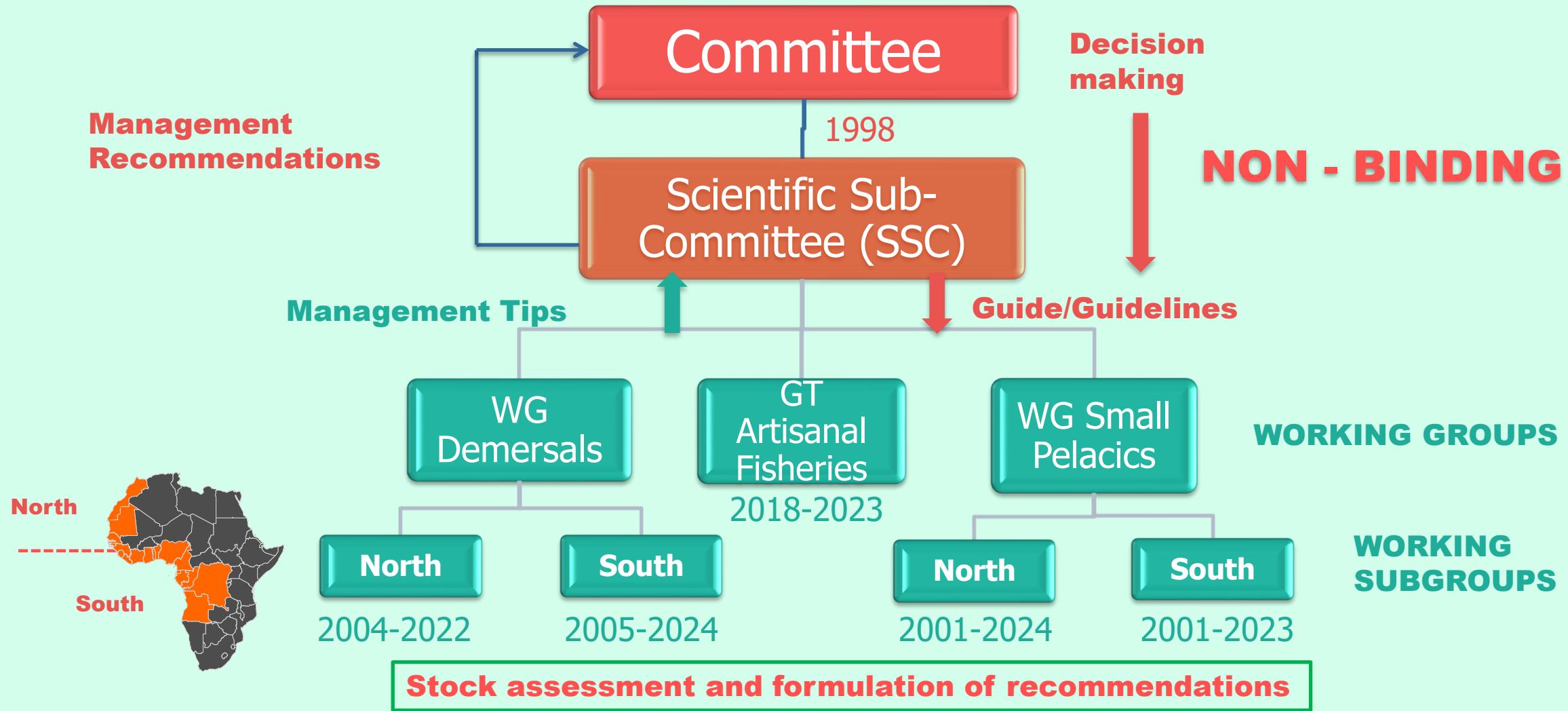


**FAO Regional Fisheries  
Organisation (RFO)**

34 Member States



# STRUCTURE CECAF



# SPANISH FISHERIES

## Fisheries in Africa

- Framework **SFPA** (Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements) – UE
- Framework **SMEFF** (Sustainable Management of External Fishing Fleets)

## Fisheries in Canary Islands



Area 34 FAO

Strait of Gibraltar

Congo river mouth  
Area 47.1.1, 1.2 y 1.3  
FAO

Enlargement 2005



# SPANISH FISHERIES – SFPAs AFRICA



Marruecos



Mauritania



Senegal



Guinea-Bissau



# SPANISH FISHERIES – SFPAs AFRICA

**Morocco**



- Purse seine North (anchovy, sardine)
- Artisanal longline North (Sparidae)
- Artisanal Sout traps, line, rod (rubberlip grunt, black seabream)
- Bottom trawl and longline South (black hakes) (F and Fr)
- Bottom longline South (Atlantic pomfret)

**Mauritania**



- Bottom shrimp trawl (deep-water rose shrimp, pink shrimp, alistado) (Fr)
- Bottom trawl (black hake) (F and Fr)
- Bottom longline (Atlantic pomfret)

**Senegal  
Gambia**

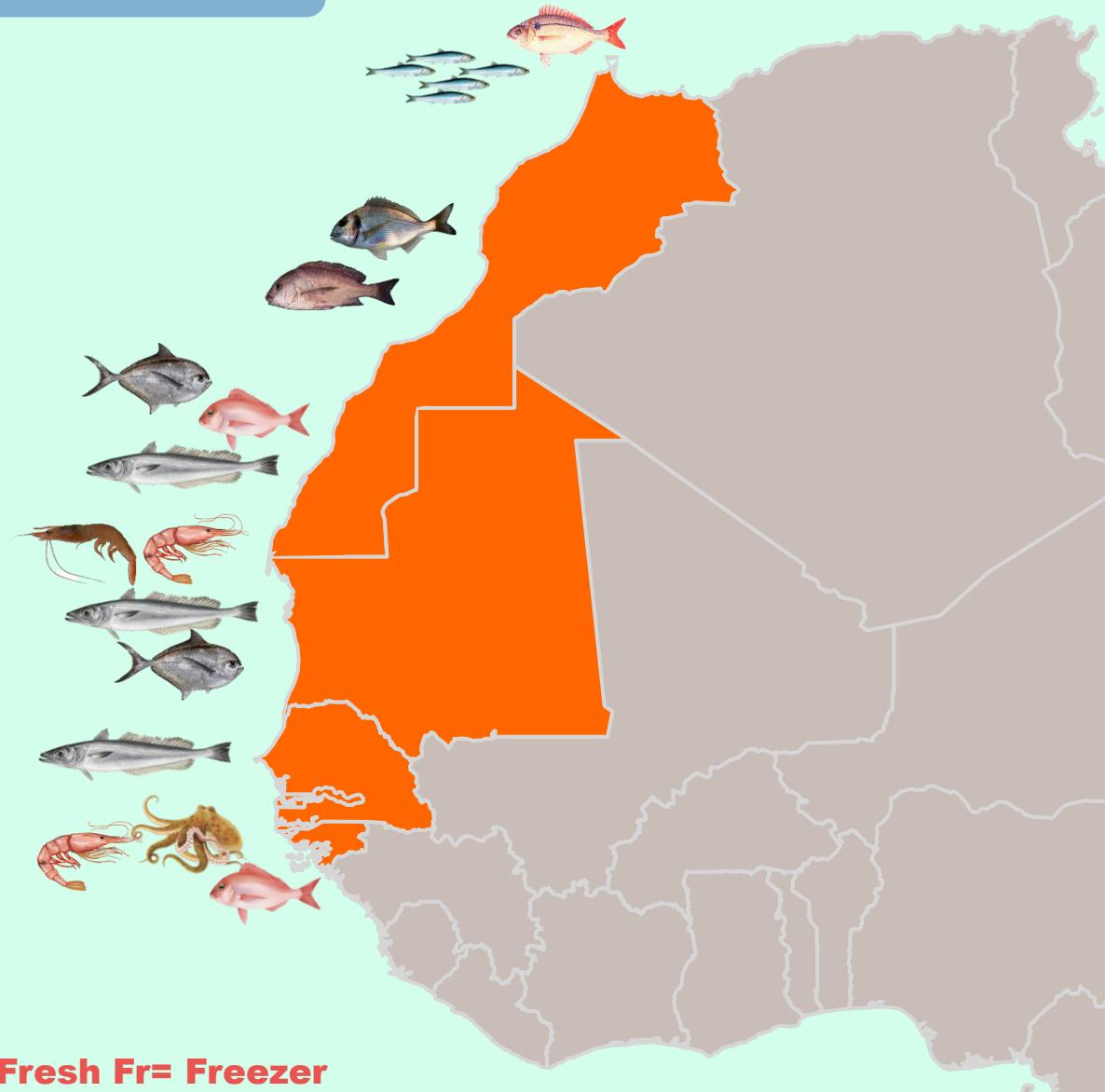


- Bottom trawl (black hake) (F and Fr)

**Guinea  
-Bissau**



- Bottom shrimp trawl (deep-water rose shrimp, pink shrimp, alistado) (Fr)
- Bottom cephalopods (octopus, cuttlefish, squid) and fishes (black hake, horse mackerel) trawl (Fr)

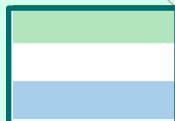


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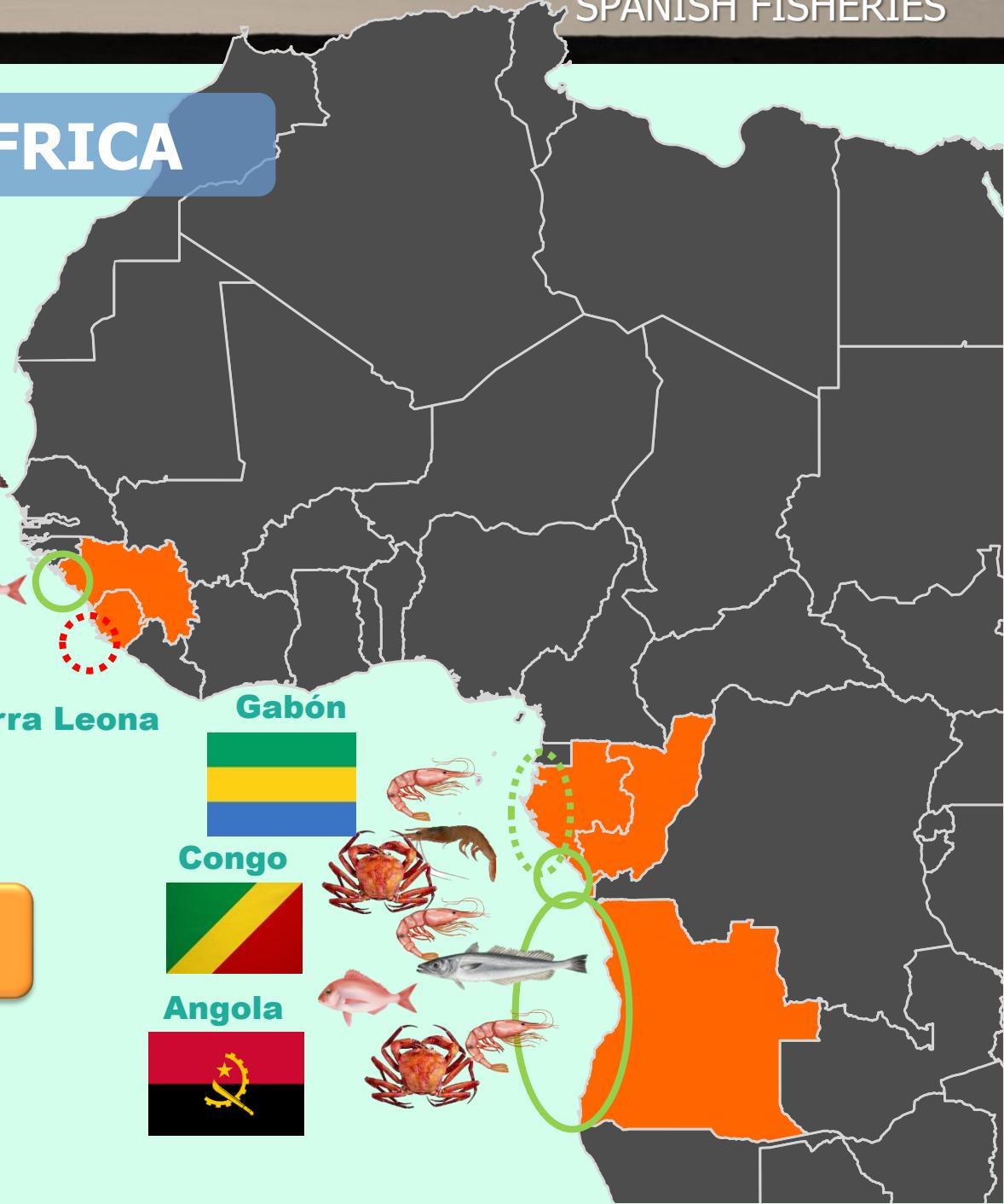
Direct authorisations framework SMEFF  
(Sustainable Management of External  
Fishing Fleets). Regulation (EU) 2017/2403  
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Guinea



Sierra Leona



- FREEZERS: Mainly demersal shrimps trawling (deep-water rose shrimp, alistado, red crab) and fish (hakes, Sparidae, monkfish)

..... Possible SFPA ..... Potential fishing ground

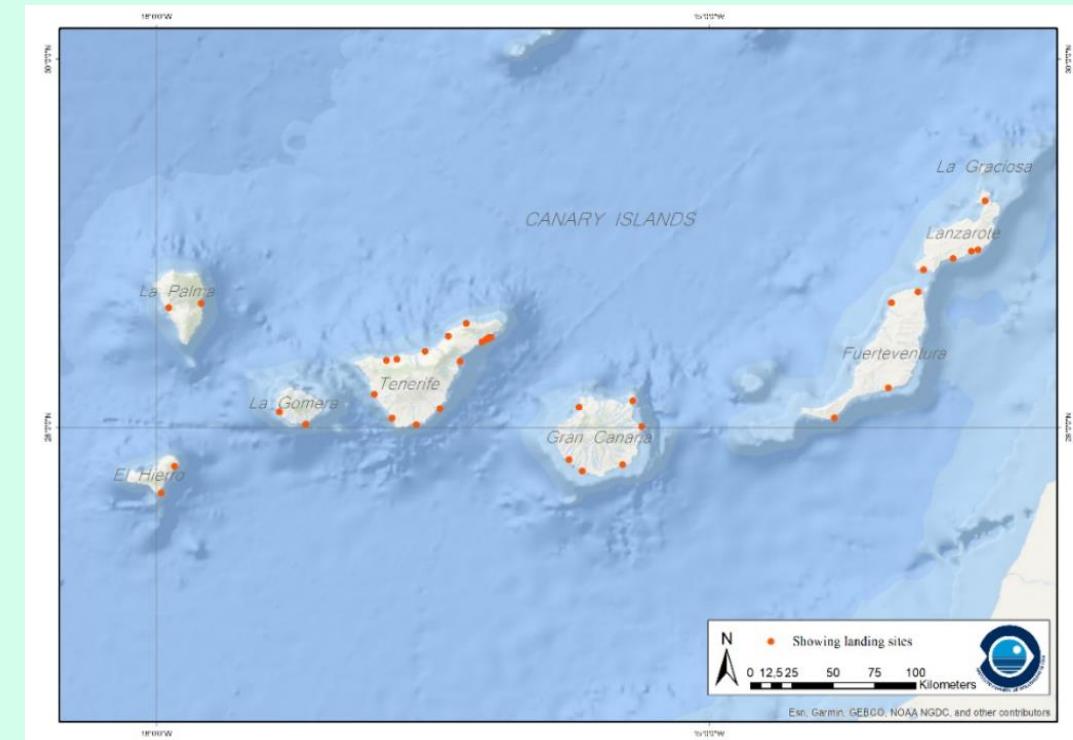
# SPANISH FISHERIES – CANARY ISLANDS

**MULTISPECIFIC ARTISANAL FISHING.** Around 600 boats with <10 m length, daily trips and “minor gears” license.

- “*Traíñas*” (purse seine) targeting small pelagics. Around 30 boats.
- Multipurpose and multi-gear (traps, gillnets, hooks) aimed at demersal species of fish, crustaceans and cephalopods. Most of the boats.

**TUNA VESSELS WITH LIVE BAIT.** 35 vessels with “tuna” licence. They catch large quantities of small pelagic fish as “bait” (mainly mackerel and horse mackerel). Interaction with the “minor gears” licence, and their catches are unknown.

**Very complicated characterization of landing and efforts**



**38 authorized landing points**

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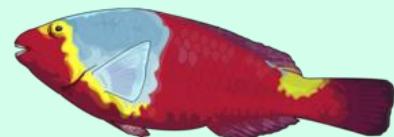
- Framework Regulation: EU – Outermost Regions
- Relationships with CECAF, ICCAT, ICES, Madeira

## SMALL PELAGICS



- *Scomber colias*, *Trachurus* spp.,  
*Sardinella aurita*, *Sardina pilchardus*

## FISHES



- *Sparisoma cretense* ("VIEJA")



## DEMERSALS SPECIES

## CRUSTACEANS



- *Plesionika* spp.

## MOLLUSCS



- *Octopus vulgaris*, *Sepia officinalis*,  
*Ommastrephidae*

- *Sparidae*, *Muraenidae*, *Seriola* spp., *Beryx* spp., *Serranidae*...

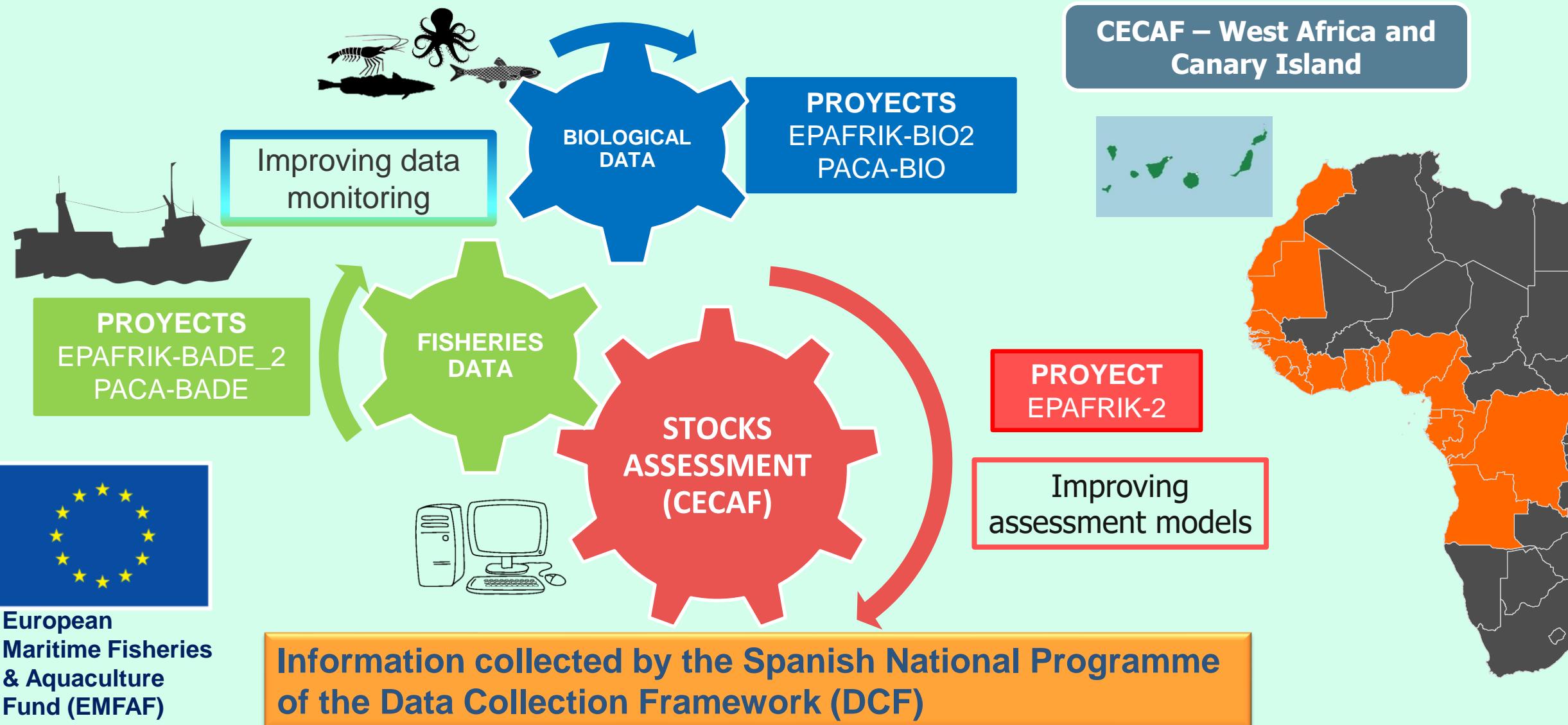
# PROJECTS

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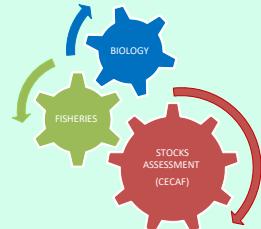
Financiación	Proyectos	Objetivo	Observaciones
FEMPA	EPAFRIK-BADE_2	Estudio de las Pesquerías de AFRICA-Estadística y BAses de DAtos de África	UE (70%)-IEO, CSIC
	EPAFRIK-BIO2	Biología de recursos vivos de Africa	UE (70%)-IEO, CSIC
	EPAFRIK-2	Estudio de las Pesquerías de AFRICA	UE (70%)-IEO, CSIC
	PACA-BADE	BAses de Datos y Estadística de las pesquerías Artesanales de Canarias: Evaluación, Interacciones ambientales y Modelización de los Stocks	UE (70%)-IEO, CSIC
	PACA-BIO	Biología de recursos vivos de Canarias	UE (70%)-IEO, CSIC
	PACA-CAMACU*	CAMpaña de evaluación ACUSTica y cartografiado del área de distribución de pequeños pelágicos de interés comercial en las islas Canarias. <b>Campaña PECAN</b>	IEO (PIE)
Contrato Marco CINEA (UE)	EASME2018_SC10	Mapping of marine protected areas and associated fishing activities: Atlantic EU Western Waters and EU Outermost Regions	UE
	EASME2019_SC02	Provision of Advice, Coordination and Participation of Scientists in International meetings of Regional Fisheries Management Organisations and bodies, Multilateral Environmental Agreements and SFPAs for DG Mare and of the EU Delegations.	UE
	EASME2019_SC04	Scientific and technical knowledge of the UE-fisheries, exploited stocks and sensitive marine habitats in the high seas and third countries waters not subject to SFPAs and/or RFMOs jurisdiction	UE
	EASME2019_SC05	2022-23 Coordination and thematic meetings between DG MARE and EU scientists involved in RFMOs and SFPAs	UE
	EASME2019_SC07	Provision of Advice, Coordination and Participation of Scientists in International meetings of Regional Fisheries Management Organisations and bodies, Multilateral Environmental Agreements and Sust.. for DG Mare and of the EU Delegations.	UE
Asistencias Técnicas (AT)	ATBISSAUSEL02	Mejora de la selectividad del arrastre y la reducción de las capturas no deseadas en la ZEE de Guinea Bissau. (BISSAU_SEL_2022)	ANACEF
	ATPLEXSESANECA	Campaña 2022 del Plan Experimental de seguimiento del sable negro en Canarias	Gobierno Canarias
	ECOAFRIKBP21	Preparación de un plan de acción para la biodiversidad (BAP) para el proyecto de gas de BP "Greater Tortue Ahmeyim" ubicado en la frontera marítima entre Senegal y Mauritania	Asociación Ecoafrik
Campañas SGP	ANGOLA2011	Evaluación de los recursos demersales de interés pesquero de la ZEE de la República de Angola	SGP
	EVABIS23	Evaluación Recursos Demersales de la ZEE de Guinea Bissau.	SGP
Competitivos externos	DEMERSTEM	DEMERsal ecosySTEMs	UE-PROGRAMA PESCAO

# EMFAF PROJECTS

## Fisheries monitoring and stock assessments

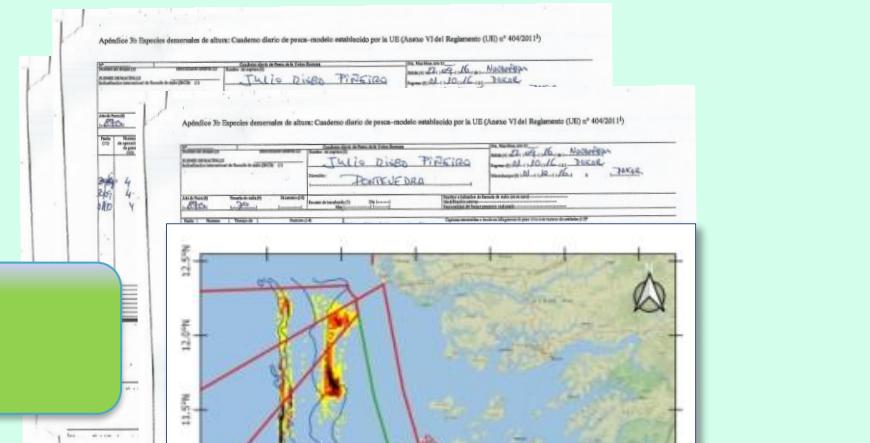


# EMFAF PROJECTS



## DATA SOURCES

1 - Logbooks



2 - Vessel Monitoring System (VMS)



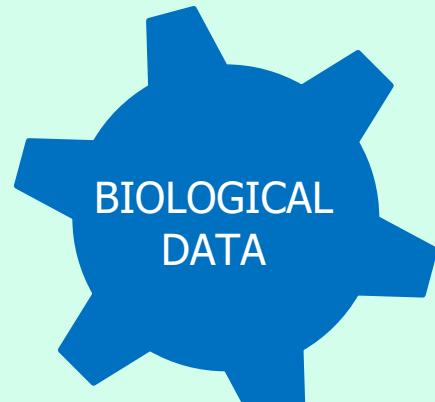
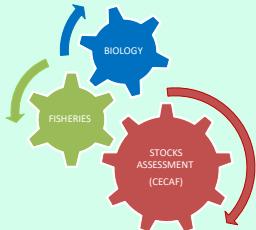
3 - IEO Information and sampling Network



4 - IEO Programs of observers on board

# EMFAF PROJECTS

## BIOLOGICAL STUDIES



IEO Programs of  
observer on board,  
sampling network  
and Surveys

### Shrimps



*P. notialis*



*P. longirostris*



*A. varidens*

**Mauritania**  
**G. Bissau**

### Black hakes and Atlantic pomfret



*Merluccius polli*



*Merluccius senegalensis*



*Brama brama*

**Morocco**  
**Mauritania**  
**Senegal**  
**Gambia**

### Cefalopods



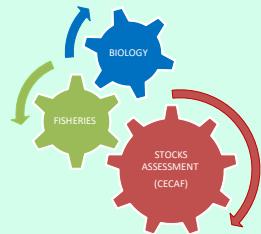
*Octopus vulgaris*



*Sepia spp - (S. hierredda)*

**Guinea Bissau**

# EMFAF PROJECTS



Active participation in CECAF WGs:

- Demersal North
- Demersal South
- Small Pelagics North
- Artisanal fisheries

Other assessment meetings:

- WG *P. longirostris* CRODT Senegal
- GT Scientifique IMROP Mauritania

# ASSESSMENTS



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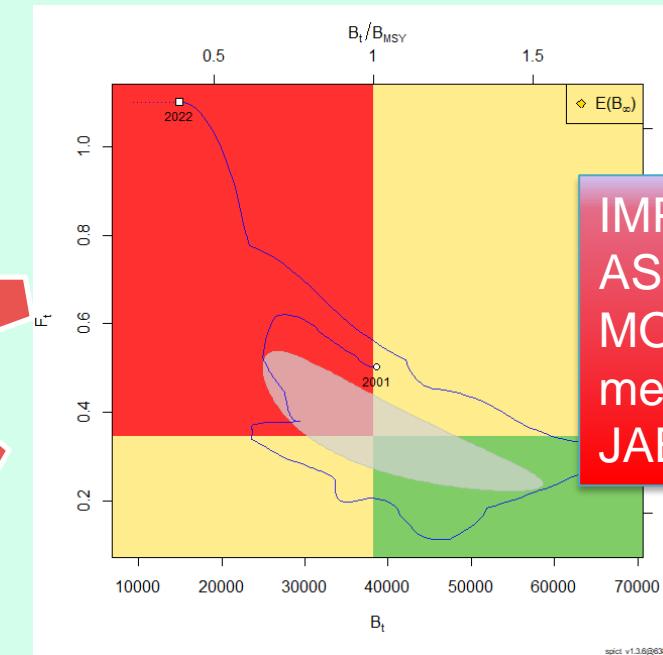
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Modelling drivers of trawl fisheries discards using Bayesian spatio-temporal models

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IMPROVING ASSESSMENT MODELS: (new methods): SPiCT, JABBA, CMSY

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 Review Article



Effects of misreporting landings, discards, and Catch Per Unit of Effort index in state-space production models: the case of black hake in northwest Africa

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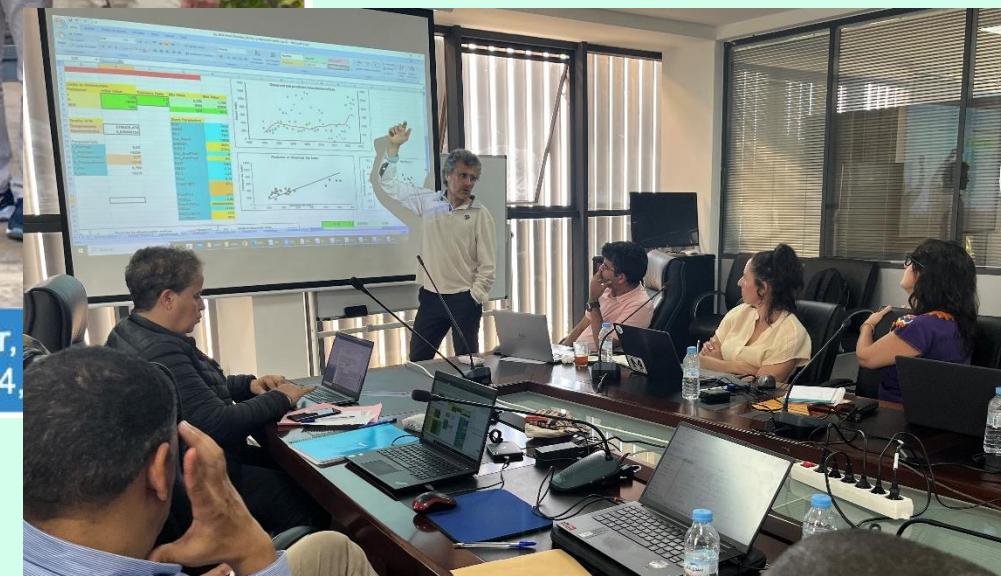
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# CINEA PROJECTS

European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency

To advice about EU fisheries from external waters (West Africa) and  
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## CECAF-West Africa

- Analysis and exploitation of **observer reports** in EU fisheries from NW African waters (EASME2016\_SC12)
- Improving environmental sustainability of **deep sea fisheries** with emphasis on the conservation of vulnerable marine ecosystems (**VMEs**) (EASME2019\_SC01)
- Provision of advice, coordination and **participation of scientists** in international meetings of RFOs, multilateral environmental agreements and SFPAs, in support of the EU (EASME2019\_SC02)
- On the EU-fisheries, exploited stocks and **sensitive marine habitats** in the high seas and 3<sup>rd</sup> countries waters not subject to SFPAs and/or RFMOs (EASME2019\_SC04)
- Coordination and thematic meetings between DG MARE and EU scientists involved in RFMOs and SFPAs (EASME2019\_SC05)

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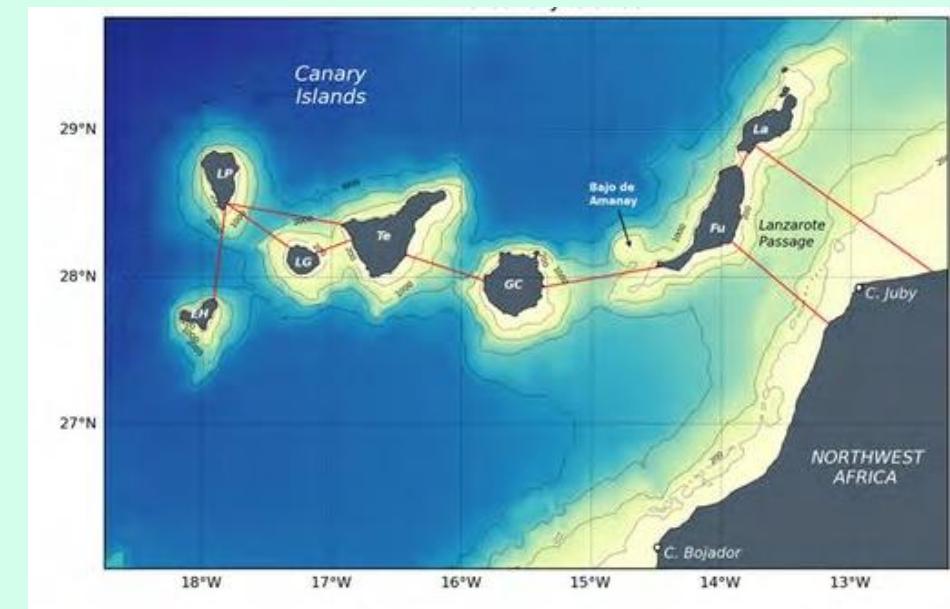
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## CECAF- Canary Islands

- Overview of the state of data collection and scientific advice in the 9 European Outermost Regions (Azores, Madeira, Canary Islands, Guadeloupe, Martinique, French-Guiana, Saint-Martin, Mayotte and Réunion). (EASME2018\_SC02)
- Regionalization PPC (EASME2018\_SC07).
- Mapping of marine protected areas and their associated fishing activities: Atlantic EU Western Waters and EU Outermost Regions (EASME2018\_SC10)



# CINEA PROJECTS

European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency

## Analysis and exploitation of observer reports on EU fisheries in West Africa



- 1) Inventory and analysis of available information
- 2) Evaluation of the implementation of scientific observation programs
- 3) Observer Operations Manual
- 4) Workshop for the standardization of scientific observation methodologies



**Study on improvement for the  
analysis and exploitation of  
observer reports in EU  
fisheries from NW African  
waters**

FINAL REPORT

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### Observer Operations Manuals (Task 3 of the project)

- \* Harmonize methodologies and protocols for data collection and analysis in support of fisheries management.

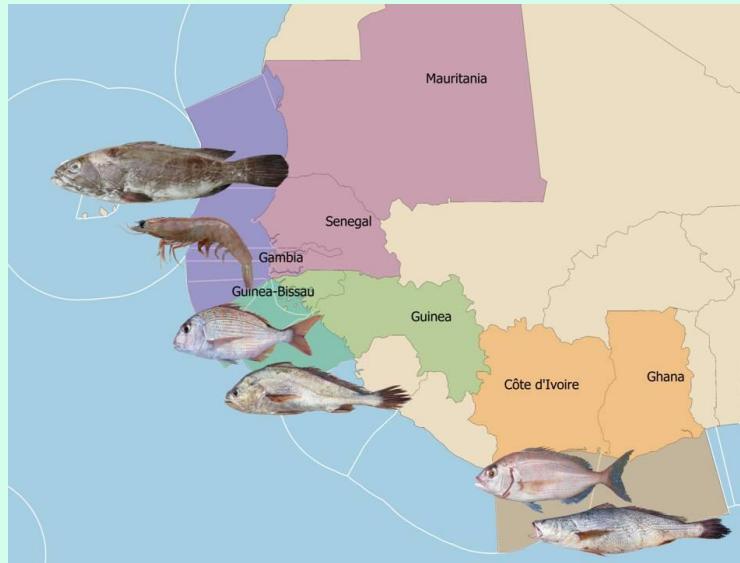
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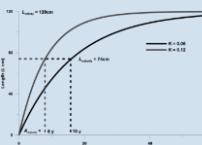
# DEMERSTEM Project (DEMERsal ecosySTEMs )



## Stocks differentiation 2019-2024

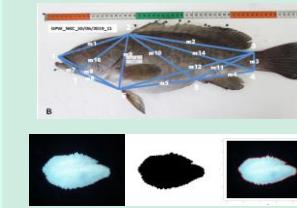
### Life History Traits

- Weight parameters, reproduction, etc



### Morphometry

- Study based on morphometric measurements of the species.



### Genetics

- Study of the genetic structure of the populations to identify the geographical limits of stocks using microsatellite markers.



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- *E. aeneus* → one single stock in Mauritania and Senegal (results from morphometry and genetics).
- *P. notialis* → morphometry: each sampled country-zone conforms a phenotypically homogeneous group, with clear differences to the others.
- *P. caeruleostictus* and *P. elongatus* → morphometry: phenotypically homogeneous groups can be distinguished at least at country level : 1 from Guinea-Bissau and 1 from Guinea, each species.
- New barcoding information of 4 new species in free genetic data bases.
- The results are useful for fisheries assessment and management recommendations of these species within CECAF.

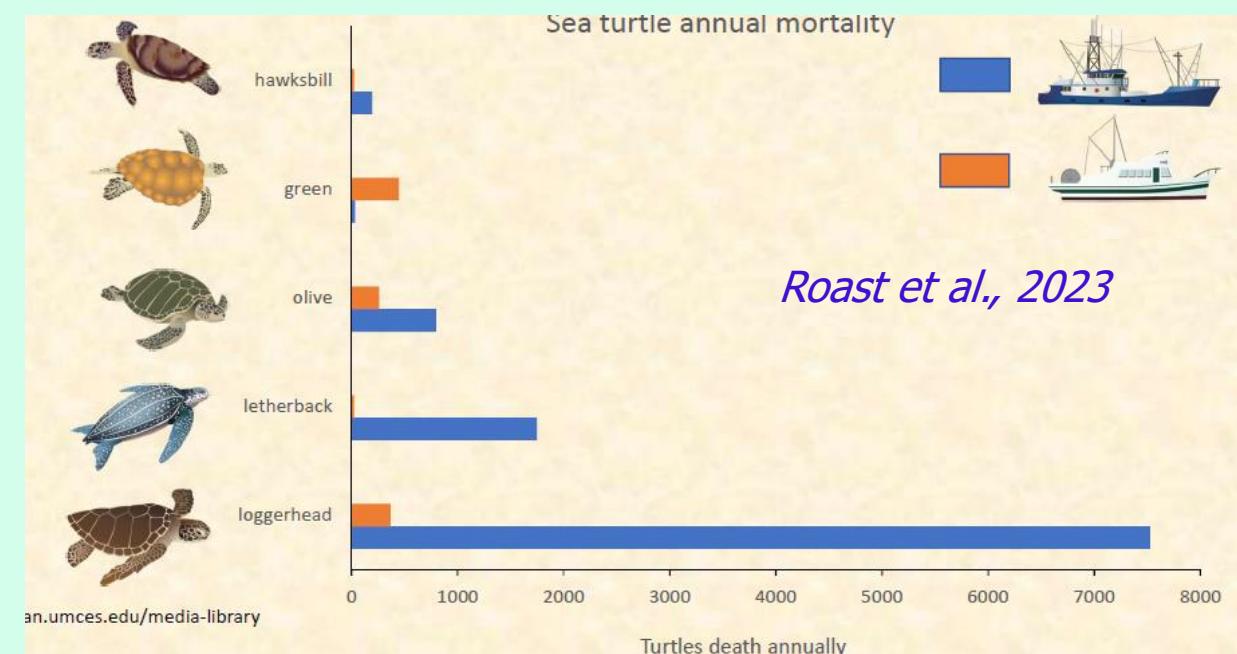
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# REDUCE Project

Reducing bycatch of threatened megafauna in the East Central Atlantic 2024-2027. IEO-CSIC more 12 partners from 7 countries.

Information from observers on board industrial tuna vessels and demersal trawler fleets in CECAF area and establish mitigation measures.

- Longline drifting increased incidental mortality of turtles in the Canary Current Greater Ecosystem Area (CCLME) and in the Macaronesia (industrial) region.
- Loggerhead turtle most impacted
- Hotspot Loggerhead turtle between northern Cape Verde and continental Africa

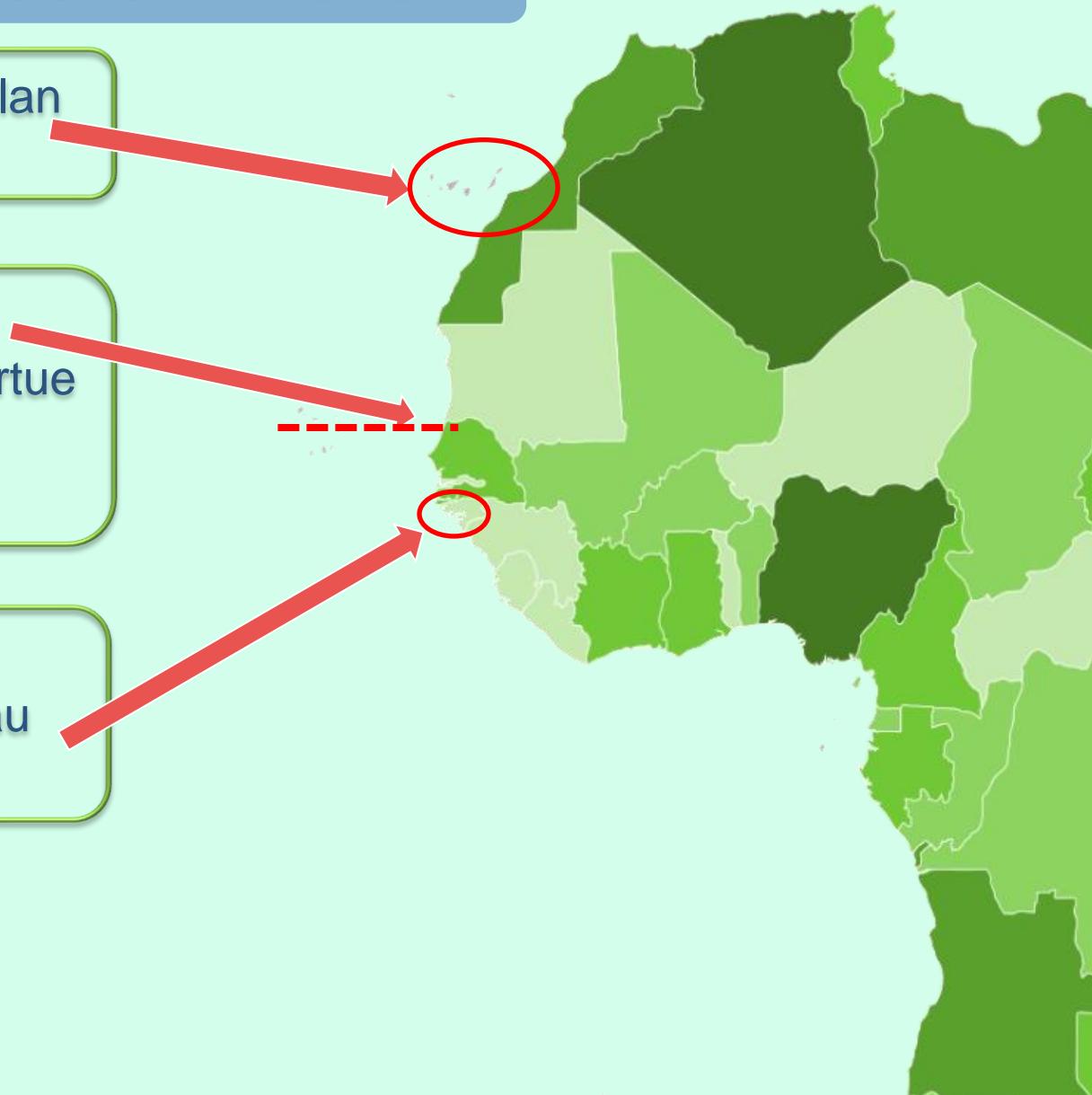


# CONTRACTS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCES

**AT-PLEXSESANECA:** Experimental Monitoring Plan for the Black Scabbard (2022-)

**ECOAFRIKBP21:** Environmental Vulnerability Analysis (EVA) for the BP gas project "Greater Tortue Ahmeyim" (GTA) located on the maritime border between Senegal and Mauritania (2021-2023)

**AT-BISSAUSEL02:** Selectivity surveys EU commercial vessels for trawl gear in Guinea-Bissau (Surveys BISSAU\_SEL\_2022\_2023).



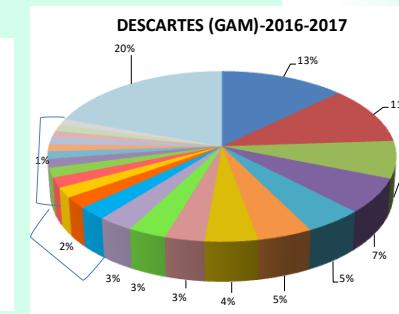
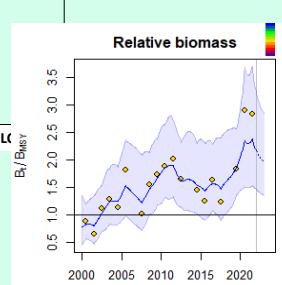
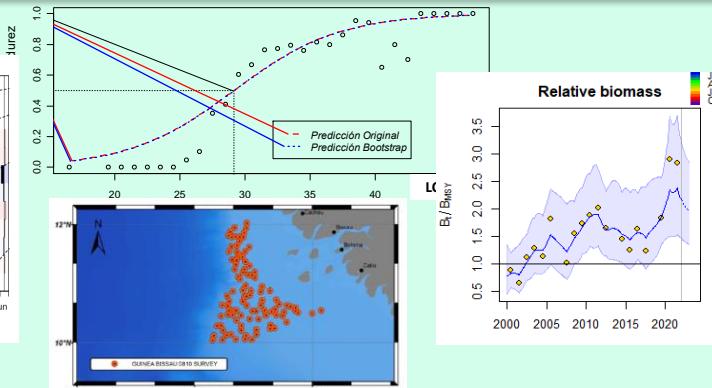
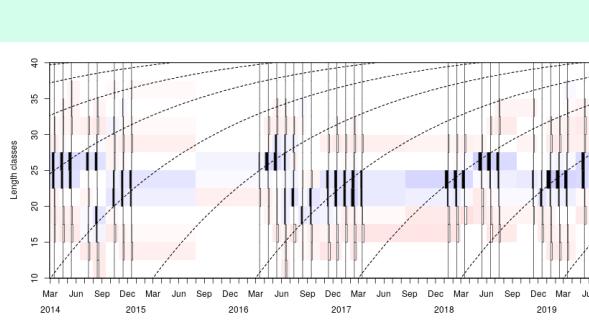
# OTHER PROJECTS AND COLLABORATIONS

The Canary Current Large Marine Ecosystem (CCLME) project funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and other partners



Towards the Sustainable Management of the Great Marine Ecosystem of the Canary Current (CCLME) – strategic combination of fisheries and ecosystem governance frameworks.

IEO provide scientific knowledge available in the African waters of the CCLME area

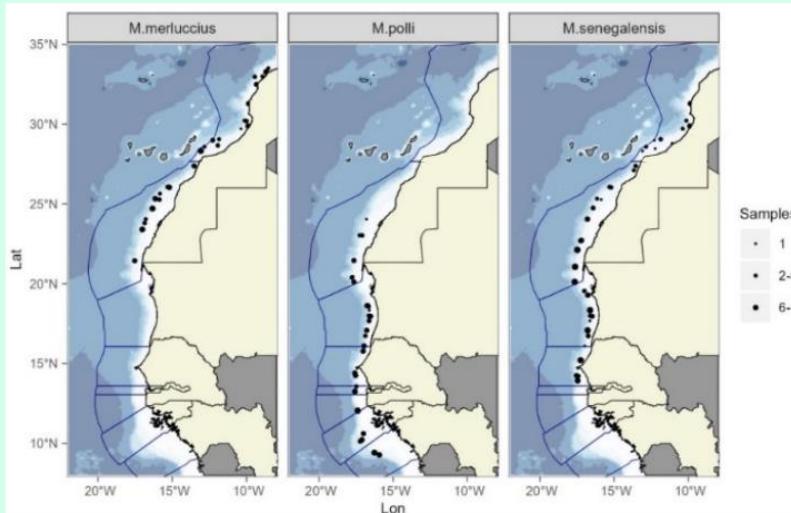


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R/V Dr Fridtjof Nansen  
Survey March-April 2022

FAO EAF-Nansen  
Project

Workshop “Processing of hakes  
for stock identification analyses”  
(IEO-Tenerife, 27/02-03/03 2023)



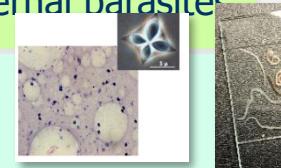
## Otolith shape

- ShapeR



## Parasites

- Identification and counting of external and internal parasites



## Meristics

- Gill rakers count



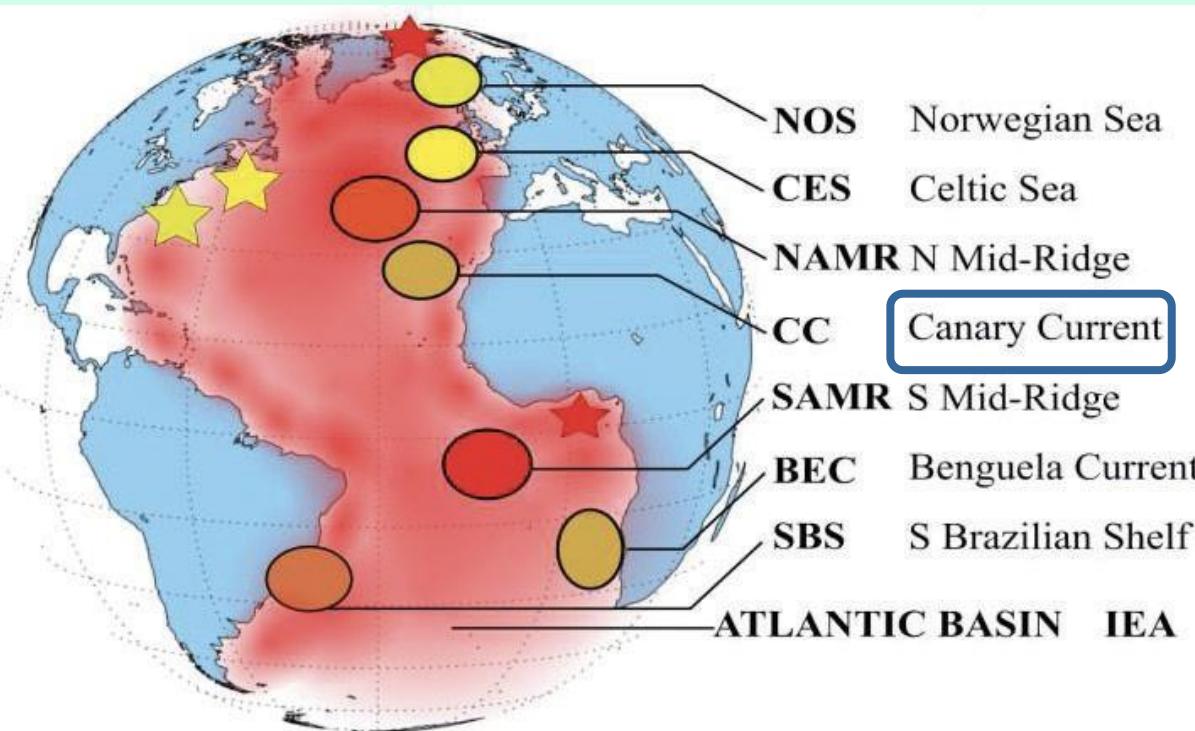
*Results in progress*

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# Mapping and assessing present and future status of the Atlantic marine ecosystems under multiple stressors (2020-2025)

# Integrated Ecosystem Assessment (IEA)



Seven regional case studies across a broad latitudinal gradient in contrasting biogeographic regions

Analyze a ranking of sectors, pressures and ecological characteristics in each case.





# SURVEYS

## R/V Dr. Fridtjof Nansen – Participation IEO

- Mesopelagics transect NW Africa (December 2019)
- Demersal trawl: 1 leg Tanger-Cap Blanc (Feb.-March 2020)
- Ecosystem Cabo Verde (December 2021)
- Seamounts Sierra Leona (February 2022)
- Demersal trawl: 2 legs between Guinea –Casablanca (March-April 2022)



## R/V Vizconde de Eza

- Demersal trawling Guinea Bissau 2019

## R/V Lassana Conté (Jefe Campaña IEO)

- Demersal trawling Guinea Bissau 2023

## C/V Releixo

- Demersal trawling Guinea Bissau 2022

## R/V Miguel Oliver

- Demersal trawling Angola 2022
- Demersal trawling Guinea Bissau 2023
- Demersal trawling Angola 2024

## R/V Ángeles Alvariño

- Several surveys in Canary Islands (Marine Strategy Framework Directive)

## ADVICE: FAO - AFRICA

### FAO/CECAF

- WG Assessment Demersal North
- WG Assessment Demersal South
- WG Assessment Small Pelagics North
- WG Artisanal Fisheries
- Scientific Sub-Committee CECAF
- Committee CECAF
- Meetings *ad hoc*

### African Researchs Institutions

- WG Deep Sea Crustacean Assessment Senegal (CRODT)
- WG Fisheries Scientific Mauritania (IMROP)
- MoU IEO-CSIC – INIPO Guinea Bissau
- MoU IEO-CSIC – INIPM Angola

### FAO/CCLME Project

- Towards sustainable management of the Canary Current Large Marine Ecosystem - IEO Advisory Committee Member.
- CCLME Working Group Ecosystem Analysis and Planning

### FAO/EAF - NANSEN Project

- Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries (EAF)
- Workshop Processing of biological samples of hakes for stock identification analyses.
- Transparent Assessment Framework and estimates of Stock Status.

## ADVICE: EUROPA

### EU/SFPA

- Joint Scientific Committees Agreements
  - EU – Morocco
  - EU – Mauritania
  - EU – Senegal – Gambia
  - EU – Guinea-Bissau
  - EU – Gabon (experimental survey)\*
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  - UE – Morocco
  - UE – Mauritania
  - UE - Senegal-Gambia\*

### ICES WG/WK

- ADGHAN
- WGCEPH
- WKLIFE XI
- WKLIFE XII
- WKRBDES-INTRO2

### Regional Coordination Group for Long Distance Fisheries (RCG-LDF)

- Meeting to coordinate all European fisheries carried out outside EU waters

## ADVICE: SPAIN

### Secretaría General de pesca (SGP)

- SMEFF Regulation fleet (Scientific endorsement)
  - Guinea
  - Congo
  - Angola
- Miscellaneous reports
  - Experimental survey Gabon
  - Experimental survey Canary I. Black Scabbard
  - Angola Survey 2211
  - Octopus in pots Category 3 SFPA Morocco
  - Small pelagic La Palma volcano
  - TAC Canary Islands horse mackerel
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### Government Canary Islands

- Technical Assistance black scabbard monitoring (*Aphanopus carbo*)

### Fishing Producers (ANACEF)

- Scientific advice conferences/workshops
- Reports of observations on board

**Results: numerous meetings and preparation of multiple scientific-technical advisory reports**

# SCIENTIFIC PRODUCTION

+ 30 Peer-reviewed papers



+ 45 Communication Scientific conferences/Congresses



Ecology and Evolution

Open Access

+ 50 WD or communications to WG/WK

CRUSTACEANA

+ 60 Advice reports to Spanish/European administrations



+ 50 Workshops/Working groups, Committees/other meetings

Hydrobiologia

+ 25 project reports

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NATURE

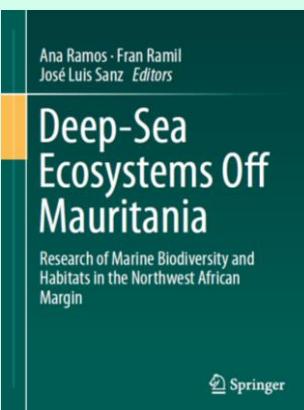
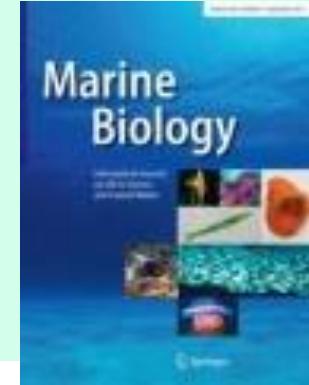
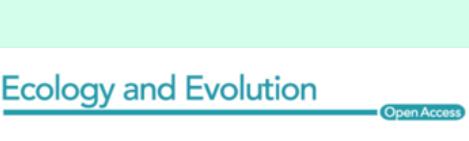
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Around 12 Research surveys

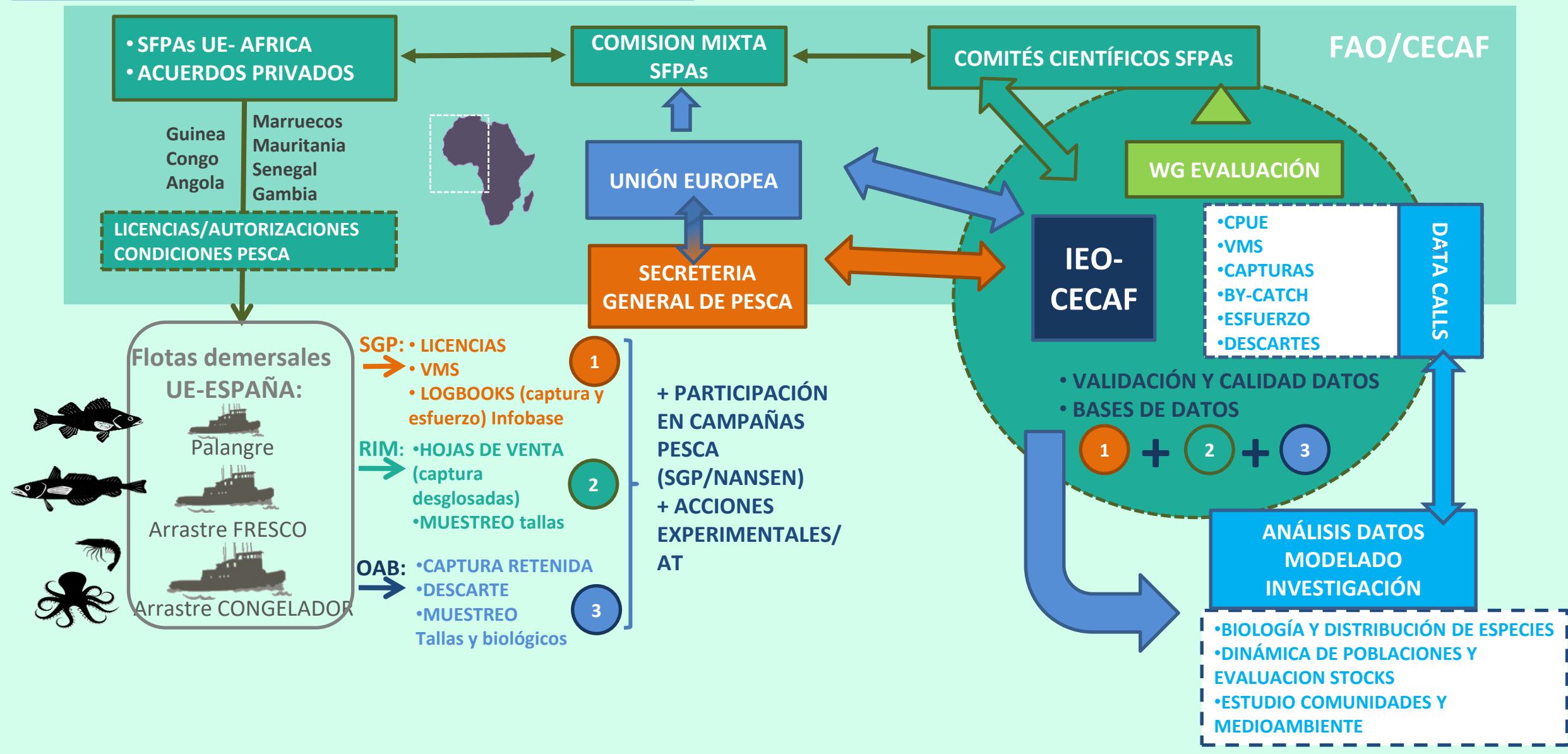


Several PhD and Master Thesis in progress

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# RESEARCH AND ADVICE





## Conclusion: Marine Living Resources

□ **Main difficulties/constraints/challenges** in the collection of marine and coastal scientific research information/data:

1. Improve data collection systems (fisheries and biological data) in different countries
2. Lack of regular scientific surveys in most countries
3. Lack of regularity of the scientific observers onboard program (IEO)
4. IUU fishing

□ **Key Gaps** in marine and coastal scientific knowledge and data:

1. Fishery and biological information in marine ecosystem, dependent on SFPAs (IEO)
2. Fishery and biological information, dependent on the observers onboard program (IEO)
3. Scientific Forums, Workshops and Scientific-Technical Meetings

□ **Perspectives/planning/preliminary analyses** to be carried out:

1. Stock identification of coastal demersal species (continuation DEMERSTEM)
2. Estimates of fishing effort for targeted species from VMS data of Spanish trawlers
3. Spatio-temporal variability of life history traits of species targeted by Spanish fleets
4. Improve the stocks assessments
5. Capacity building (AECID grants)



## Conclusion: Transversal knowledge

□ **Main difficulties/constraints/challenges** in the collection of marine and coastal scientific research information/data:

1. Lack of regular multidisciplinary surveys in most countries
2. Data scarcity and/or quality
3. Data sharing
4. Stocks shared, management shared

□ **Key Gaps** in marine and coastal scientific knowledge and data:

1. Spawning/Nursery/Recruitment areas of key species
2. Plankton studies
3. Habitat mapping

□ **Perspectives/planning/preliminary analyses** to be carried out:

1. Zoom in the Integrated Ecosystem Assessment (IEA) for Senegal-Gambia-G. Bissau (Mission Atlantic)
2. Compilation/update of environmental information (satellite data, literature).
3. Capacity building (AECID grants)

# Scholarships program AFRICA-MED



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2021-2024 (4-10 months each):

- 1) Stock identification (morphometry) -CNSHB Guinea
  - 2) Study of artisanal fisheries. INIPO Guinea-Bissau
  - 3) Effects of climate change on coastal small pelagic resources in Guinea- CNSHB Guinea
  - 4) Stock identification *P. caeruleostictus* (otolith shape)- CNSHB Guinea
  - 5) Fisheries Data Bases- INIPO Guinea-Bissau (2x)
  - 6) Stock identification *E. aeneus* (otolith shape)- IMROP Mauritania
  - 7) Otolith morphometry of demersal species – IRMOP Mauritania
  - 8) Taxonomic study of the fish fauna of Guinea Bissau
  - 9) Methods to study artisanal fisheries- INIPO Guinea Bissau
  - 10) CPUE standardization and stock assessment of *P. longirostris* of Senegal
- and much more...



A wide-angle photograph of a sunset over a calm sea. The sky is filled with dramatic, layered clouds illuminated from behind by the setting sun, creating a warm orange and yellow glow. In the lower-left foreground, a small dark silhouette of a boat is visible on the water.

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