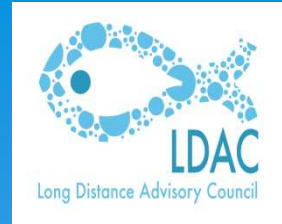




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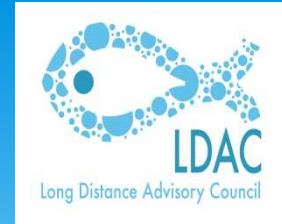
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State of progress of the work of ATLAFCO



- I. Regional Onboard Observers Program**
- II. Regional Port Inspection Program**
- III. Outcomes of Think Tank on Piracy in the Atlantic**
- IV. Conclusion**





I-Regional Observers Program at Sea 1/2

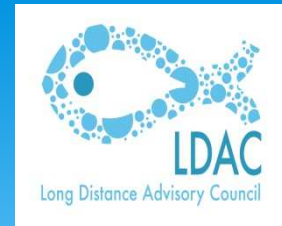


- The **restitution and validation** workshop took place on November 11, 2017 in Rabat
- The workshop **achieved its objectives** as it was positively rated by participants
- **The action plan** proposed by the consultant was analyzed by the participants and validated



Regional Observers Program at Sea

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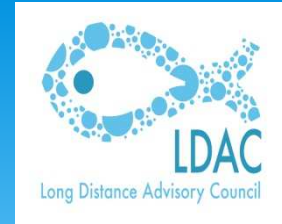


- Articulating a **Regional Program on the basis of existing** National and Sub-Regional programmes
- The association of **Coastal States, Flag States and shipowners** in the definition and the implementation of the regional programme through a Steering Committee
- **The implementation**, through a specific agreement between parties, of a mechanism of mutual recognition of Regional Observers
- A high-level **harmonised training** of observers with regional competence
- Harmonised standards for **data collection protocols and observer reporting** at the regional level
- The definition of rules for **the protection and dissemination of data collected** by observers with regional competence
- **An equitable distribution of the workload** between the parties concerned
- **Sustainable financing mechanisms**





Regional Observers Program at Sea -Action Plan-



☐ Initiation phase

▪ Institutional prerequisites:

- ✓ MoU signatures
- ✓ constitution steering committee,
- ✓ general management of the program

☐ Creation and launch phase

- Constitution and operationalization of the steering committee and the general management

☐ Operational conditions

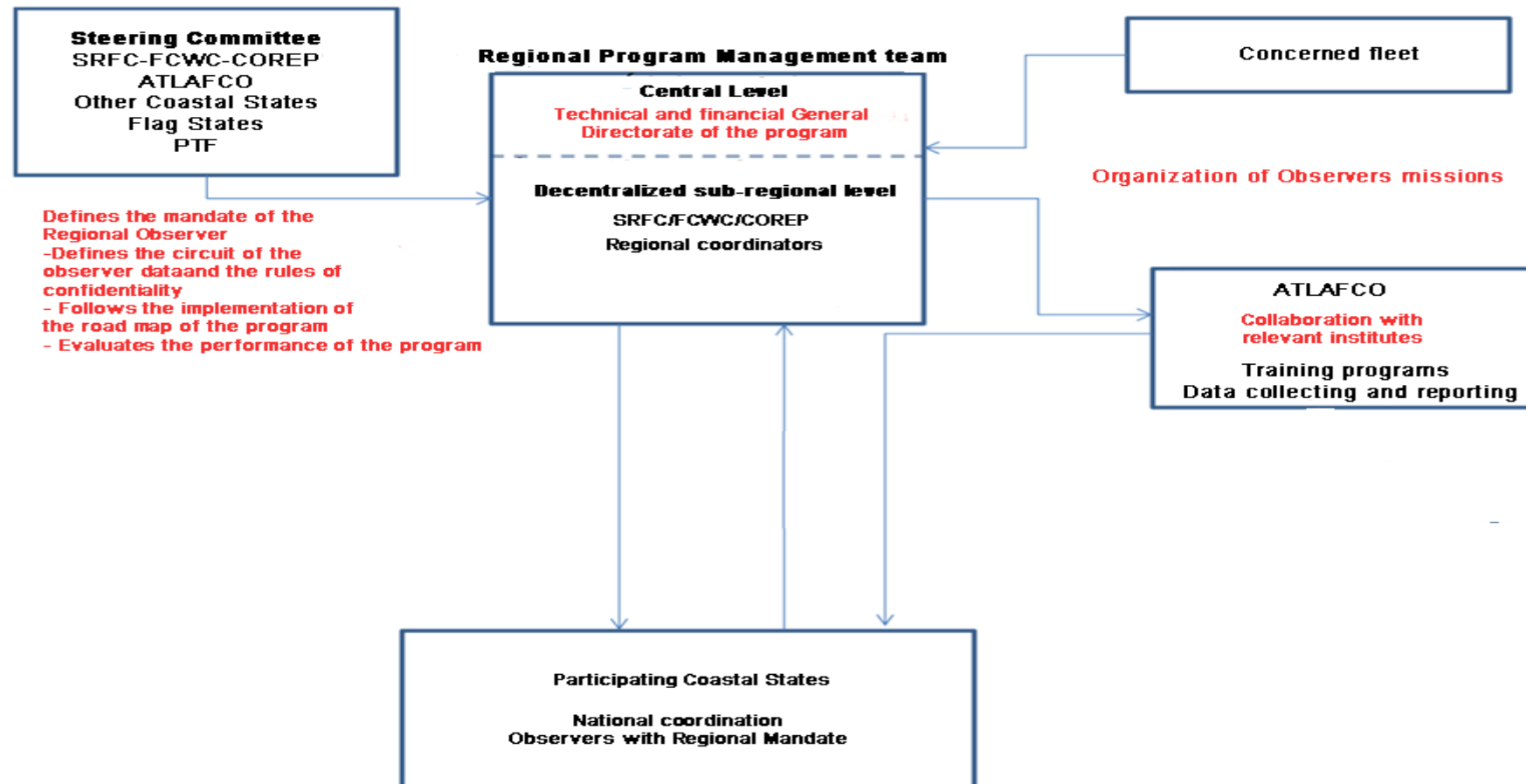
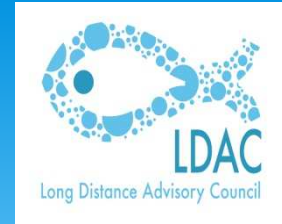
▪ Preparation and adoption of key elements of the program:

- ✓ regional observer mandate,
- ✓ mutual recognition,
- ✓ harmonized training and collection standards,
- ✓ data dissemination rules,
- ✓ deployment procedures...



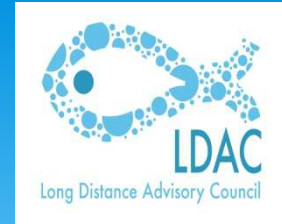


Overview of the structure





Implementation Calendar



Initiation of the Program

- Initiation and conclusion of a MoU with coastal states
- Initiation and conclusion of a MoU with flag States
- ICCAT Commission Negotiations

Formally initiated regional program

Creation and launching bodies of the Program

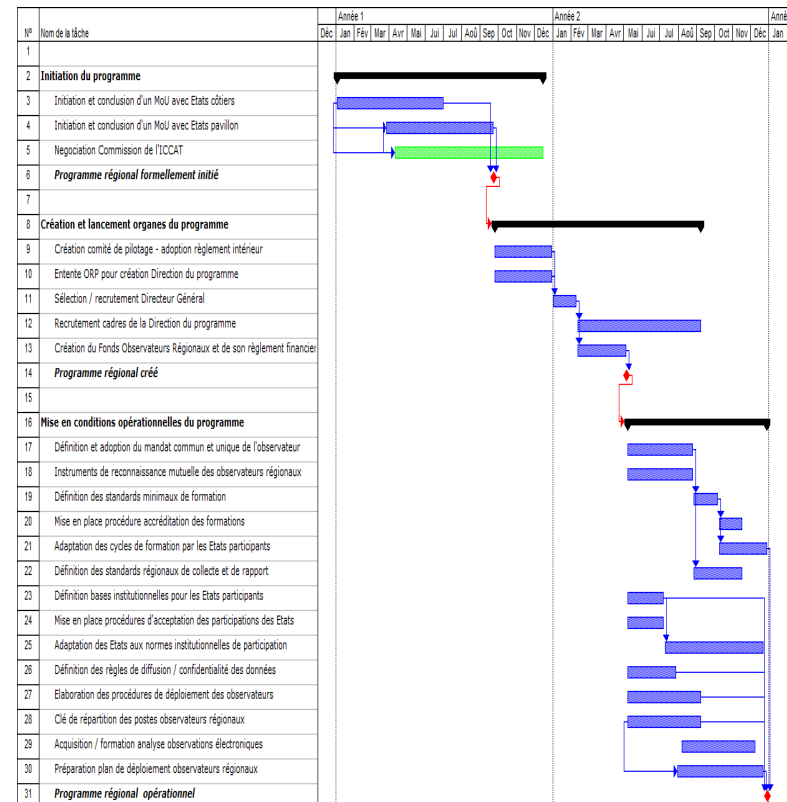
- Creation steering committee - adoption rules of procedure
- RFO Agreement for Creation Program Branch
- Selection / Recruitment General Manager
- Executive recruitment of the Program Directorate
- Creation of the Regional Observers Fund and its regulations

Regional program created

Operational conditions

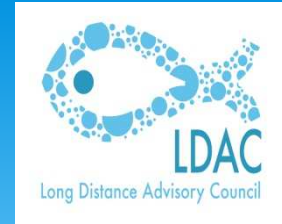
- Definition and adoption of the common and unique mandate of the observer
- Mutual Recognition Instruments for Regional Observers
- Definition of minimum training standards
- Establishment procedure accreditation training
- Adaptation of training cycles by participating States
- Definition of regional standards for collection and reporting
- Definition institutional bases for participating States
- Establishment of procedures for the acceptance of State participations
- State adaptation to institutional standards of participation
- Definition of the rules of diffusion / confidentiality of the data
- Developing observer deployment procedures
- Distribution key of regional observer posts
- Acquisition / training analysis electronic observations
- Preparation of regional observers deployment plan

Operational regional program





II-Regional Port Inspection Program 1/3



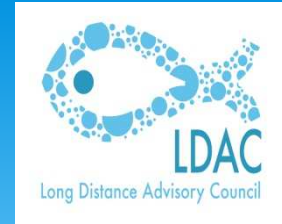
- ❑ The study on a **harmonized regional port inspection program** launched following the Rabat Declaration on Regional Cooperation for the fight against IUU fishing adopted by the 9th Ministerial Conference of ATLAFCO in September 2014 and following the conclusions of the ATLAFCO workshop held in Marrakech in October 2015
- ❑ It is essential for the success **of the port inspections** that the member States of the ATLAFCO progress in **the framework of their RFOs** on other equally important initiatives like:
 - the conclusion of **specific sub-regional conventions** on the issues of cooperation in the MCS,
 - with the **sharing of sub-regional registers of fishing vessels**
 - whose **contribution to port inspections is crucial**





Regional Port Inspection Program

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Proposed recommendations to address constraints and strengthen that can be described as the main pillars of the implementation of the Regional Port Inspection Program

1. Upgrading the national regulations

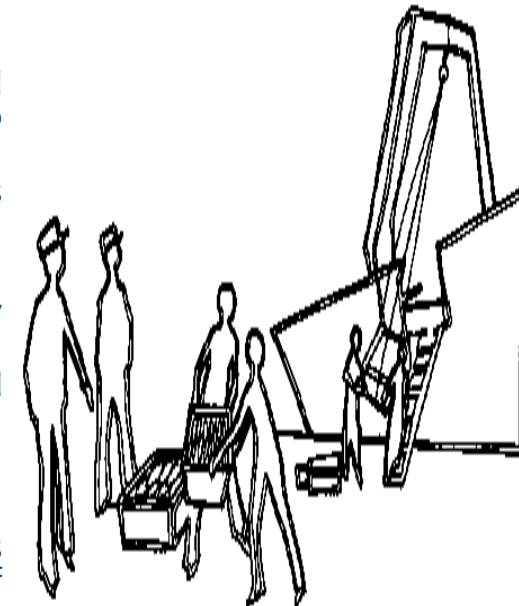
- States that have acceded to, or have committed to, the PSMA should implement an assessment of the national legislative framework in relation to PSMA
- Relevant national entities should develop / reform the regulatory texts following the outcome of the assessment

2. National mechanisms for inter-agency cooperation

- Sub-regional workshops should be organized on the theme of inter-agency cooperation on port inspection
- Contracting of sub-regional facilitators of inter-agency working groups should be considered

3. Training of port inspectors

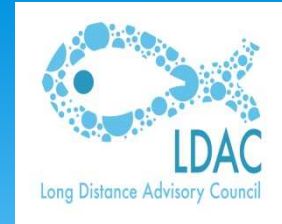
- States concerned should prepare training plans for their port inspectors
- Efforts should be made to identify, coordinate and harmonize the interventions of different donors or international organizations (FAO, ICCAT) in the training of port inspectors
- Promotion of availability of training materials, manuals or e-learning modules should be made.





Regional Port Inspection Program

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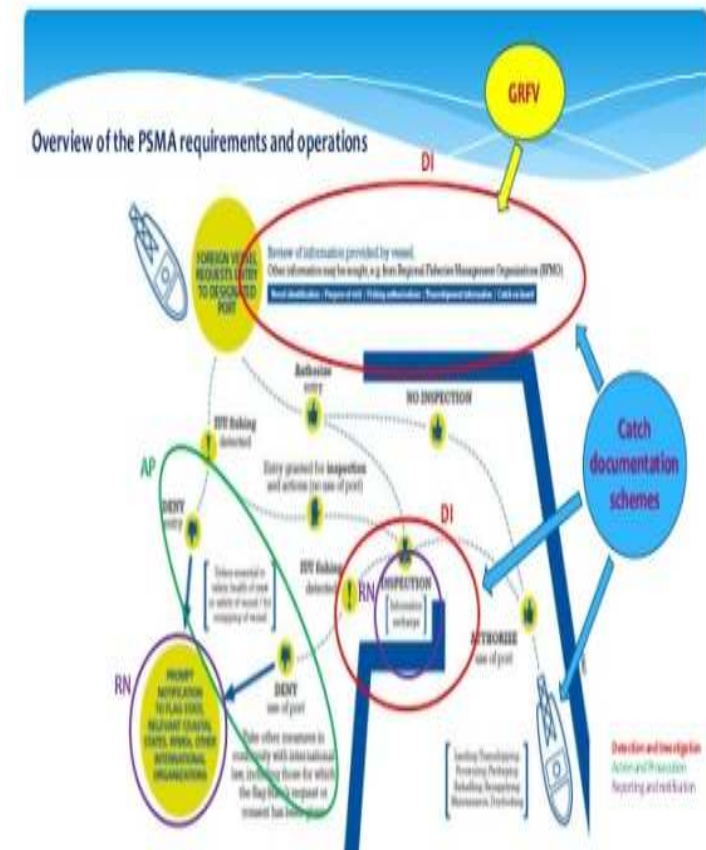


4. Support to operational inspection procedures

- Stakeholders should participate in **the working groups that will be organized by FAO and ICCAT in 2018** on the development of tools and mechanisms for the exchange of information in support of the implementation of port inspections planned by these organizations
- **Regional fisheries organizations** should make rapid progress towards establishing **sub-regional registers** of authorized fishing vessels
- A harmonized regional port inspection program should not embark on **the creation of an autonomous platform** for the exchange of information between port States due to **possible duplication** with initiatives initiated by FAO and ICCAT

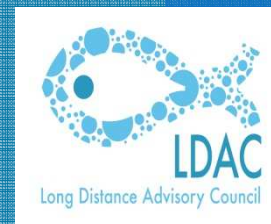
5. Procedures for prosecution of offenders

- Inter-agency cooperation mechanisms should involve the judiciary of States
- A specific fund should be secured for the mobilization of international legal assistance





Who does what?



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Contributeur : Contribue à la mise en œuvre de l'action

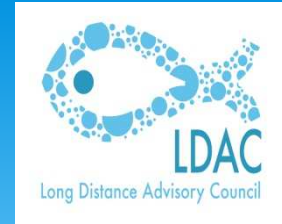
Informé : Est tenu informé des avancées de l'action

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R	Responsible:	Responsible for the action
A	Approver:	Validate the results of the action
C	Contributor:	Contributes to the implementation of the action
I	Informed:	Is kept informed of the progress of the action

	ATLAFCO	MEMBER STATES	RFOS	FAP/ICC AT	DONORS
Adaptation of the regulatory framework					
Preparation of standardized terms of reference	R	C	A	I	I
Assessment of the national regulatory framework	I	R	I	I	I
Resumption of existing texts, development of new	I	R	I	I	I
Implementation of interinstitutional communication	C	R	I	I	I
Expected results: PSMA aligned regulatory texts					
Inter-agency cooperation mechanisms					
Organization of subregional workshops	R	I	C	I	I
Contractualization of facilitators of inter-agency working groups	C	C	R	I	I
Expected results: formalized inter-agency mechanisms					
Training of port inspectors					
Preparation of training plans (initial and continuous)	R	C	I	I	I
Participation FAO / ICCAT working groups capacity building	C	C	C	R	I
Mapping donor interventions	R	C	C	C	C
Organization of International Conference of Donors	R	I	I	C	C
Promotion training material	R	I	I	I	I
Expected results: standardized training cycles in place					
Operational support for inspection activities					
Participation FAO / ICCAT working groups mechanisms for information exchange	C	C	C	R	I
Revitalization of initiatives for the creation of subregional ship registers	R	C	C	I	I
Expansion of the FCWC network to other States	R	I	C	I	I
Expected results: functional exchange mechanisms					
Prosecution of offenders					
MoU Negotiation with NGO for legal support fund	R	I	I	I	I
Expected Result: MoU available for mobilization of legal assistance					



III-Outcomes of Think Tank on Piracy in the Atlantic

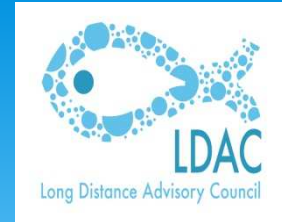


- ❑ A Think Tank meeting on **“Maritime piracy off the African Atlantic coast: Extent and prospects for a more effective fight”**, was held from 18 to 19 September 2017 in Tangier (Morocco)
- ❑ Have participated in this meeting, the delegates of Member States, the regional, sub-regional organizations and institutions (**AU / IBAR, IOC, FCWC, COREP, OECD**, the Regional Academy of Sea Sciences and Techniques (**ARSTM**) of Abidjan, the Institute for Policy and International Affairs **London Chatham House** and **Independent experts** in international maritime law and the fight against maritime piracy operations
- ❑ Discuss the phenomenon of piracy in terms of **International law**
- ❑ Analyze **the origins, nature and extent and the economic and social impacts** of maritime piracy in the countries of the area
- ❑ Review the **initiatives and mechanisms** in the region to fight against
- ❑ Formulate **recommendations** aimed at strengthening and improving existing systems to combat maritime piracy, in particular in terms of:
 - improved information exchange
 - coordination and collaboration
 - pooling of efforts
 - financing
 - operationalization of national and regional strategies





Recommendations of Think Tank on Piracy in the Atlantic

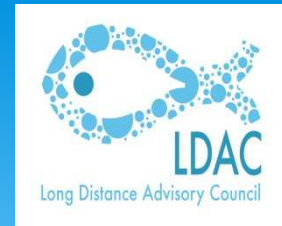


- To alter **into national legislation the provisions of international legal instruments** relating to the fight against maritime piracy
- To facilitate **the harmonization of the legal and institutional framework** of the States of the Region
- To establish **mechanisms to facilitate the exchange of relevant, effective information** timely
- To develop **common training programs** on the keeping safety, security and order at sea
- To favor **the pooling of means** to combat maritime piracy and illegal acts at sea
- To learn from the **experiences and good practice**
- To ensure **coordination between the various parties** involved in the fight against maritime piracy
- To ensure **sustainable financing for the operationalization of strategies** to combat maritime piracy
- **To involve regional and sub-regional fisheries organizations and economic integration organizations** in the fight against maritime insecurity in Africa





CONCLUSION



- ❑ ATLAFCO is committed to strengthening good **governance** of fisheries in Africa
- ❑ ATLAFCO has a **roadmap for the fight against IUU fishing**, and the strengthening of the MCS of fishing activities in the region through the actions recommended by:
 - ✓ **Regional Onboard Observers Program**
 - ✓ **Regional Port Inspection Program**
- ❑ Both programs reflect **political will** and **require the mobilization of public and private institutional actors** for their effective operationalization
- ❑ **Different partners** are invited to support ATLAFCO in the implementation of these programs and related initiatives





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