

# Improved Regional Fisheries Governance in Western Africa

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*" To combat the over-exploitation of fish stock, threatening the livelihoods of millions, we support strong regional leadership and action"*



## Key Information

SECTOR: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

LEAD PARTNER: Fisheries Committee for the West Central Gulf of Guinea (FCWC)

OTHER PARTNERS: EUROPEAN FISHERIES CONTROL AGENCY; AGRER

DURATION: 2018 - 2022

TOTAL BUDGET EUR: 1,120,000.00

EU CONTRIBUTION EUR: 1,120,000.00



## Background



The Programme for Improved Regional Fisheries Governance in Western Africa (PESCAO) is a five-year, European Union-funded initiative, implemented with the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Commission. PESCAO will support the ECOWAS to facilitate cooperation with development partners and the two-sub regional fisheries organizations, the Fisheries Committee for the West Central Gulf of Guinea (FCWC) and the Sub-Regional Fisheries Commission (SRFC). PESCAO, through its cooperation with the FCWC will support and strengthen existing fisheries mechanisms, such as the West Africa Task Force (WATF), while building new partnership, such as between the FCWC and the European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA).



## Project Details



The project will enhance the contribution of fisheries resources to sustainable development, food security and poverty alleviation in West Africa.

It seeks to improve regional fisheries governance in Western Africa through better coordination of national fisheries policies and expected to reduce Illegal Unreported and Unregulated fishing (IUU) in the FCWC area by 20%.

The Ghana component benefits the FCWC who will receive a grant contract to improve their monitoring, control and surveillance of fisheries. They will also receive support from an international expert in this area to help them in implementation.

## Expected Results



Regionally, the project expects 3 key results. In Ghana, implementation will begin in 2018, focusing on a component of Result 2.

### Result 1:

A Western African fisheries and aquaculture policy is developed, and coordination of regional stakeholders is improved

### Result 2:

Prevention of and responses to IUU fishing are strengthened through improved Monitoring, Control and Surveillance at national and regional levels

### Result 3:

Marine resources management at the regional level is improved, building resilience of marine and coastal ecosystems to perturbations



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