



CCLME Project

« Towards Sustainable management of the Canary Current Large Marine Ecosystem (CCLME) – initial support to the Strategic Action Program (SAP) implementation »

Virtual Inception Workshop

Concept Note

1. Context and rationale

The Canary Current Large Marine Ecosystem (CCLME) is one of the most productive and biologically diverse large marine ecosystems in the world. It is home to a wide range of marine and coastal habitats, including wetlands, estuaries, seagrass beds, mangroves and coral communities that are home to a large number of endemic and migratory species. The CCLME's annual fish production ranges from 2 to 3 million tons, the highest fish production of any African large marine ecosystem (LME) with the total value of catches exceeding USD 3 billion per year. The CCLME provides vital food and economic resources to the coastal populations bordering the LME, as well as much of West Africa.

The Global Environment Facility (GEF) investment in the CCLME began in 2005 with a preparatory phase that led to the development of a Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA) of the CCLME. The preparatory phase was followed by the project "Protection of the Canary Current Large Marine Ecosystem (CCLME)" implemented from 2010 to 2019. As part of this project, the seven CCLME countries, namely Cabo Verde, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Mauritania, Morocco, Senegal and The Gambia, have developed and approved a Strategic Action Program (SAP) to combat the degradation of CCLME caused by overfishing, habitat modification and changes in water quality.

The SAP focuses on CCLME by solutions and actions management that will result in a healthy, sustainably managed ecosystem providing equitable services and benefits to human well-being by 2030. The implementation of the SAP will address the root causes of existing problems at various levels, removing key barriers and putting in place a series of measures based on the implementation of an ecosystem approach to fisheries management that can lead to real changes to rebuild fish stocks, reverse habitat degradation and improve water quality.

To capitalize on the momentum and partnerships created during the previous CCLME project, the project "Sustainable management of the Canary Current Large Marine Ecosystem (CCLME) – initial support for the implementation of the Strategic Action Program" (MSP) for the transition phase aims to create favorable conditions for the effective implementation of the CCLME SAP.

To achieve this objective, the project will implement a series of activities under the following three components:

- **Component 1:** Strengthen partnerships and encourage investments for the implementation of the CCLME SAP,
- **Component 2:** Develop the knowledge, management and capacities of fishing institutions and communities for the sustainable use of transboundary fishing resources and associated ecosystems,
- **Component 3:** Communication, monitoring and evaluation

The expected duration of this transitional phase of implementation of the SAP of the CCLME project is estimated at 18 months. This implementation will be carried out by FAO, which is one of the GEF implementing agencies, and to mark the official start of the said project's activities, it is planned to organize the launch workshop with all stakeholders.

2. Goals of the inception workshop

The objective of the workshop is to present the Project "Sustainable management of the Canary Current Large Marine Ecosystem (CCLME) – initial support for the implementation of its Strategic Action Program" allowing actors and partners to have a good knowledge of the activities of the project, as well as the sharing of information and exchanges to help define the institutional roles and responsibilities of countries and partners.

3. Expected results

The main results expected by this start-up workshop are:

- The initial support for the implementation of the Strategic Action Program of the CCLME project is widely understood by all stakeholders (Countries, Actors and Partners).
- The first annual plan of activities of the project is discussed and validated by the countries as well as the implementation modalities by each actor concerned.
- The framework for collaboration and coordination between the partners in the implementation of the CCLME project is reviewed and revitalized.

4. Procedure and participation of the workshop

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the inception workshop will be held virtually via the Zoom platform. It will take place over 2 days, **4th and 5th November 2021, from 9am to 12pm (GMT)** each day (see Provisional Agenda below).

Participants in this project inception workshop include among others:

- The Technical Coordinators and National Focal Points of the project countries,

- The partners (EAF-NANSEN, CFI-IPC, ECOWAS (FIRST & PESCAO), WARFP, CSRP, COMHAFAT, Abidjan Convention, AU-IBAR, IEO, MAVVA, IUCN, Wetlands International, PRCM, RAMPAO, PANEPAO, etc.),
- Regional Coordination Unit of the CCLME,
- FAO and CECAF.

5. The provisional agenda

Provisional agenda

Activities/Activités	Time/Horaire	Responsible
Day 1: 4th November 2021 Jour 1: 04 Novembre 2021		
1. Launch of CCLME MSP Project and opening of the workshop - Lancement du MSP du Projet CCLME et ouverture de l'atelier 1.1. Words of Welcome - Mots de Bienvenue 1.2. Opening Remarks of the Workshop - Discours d'Ouverture de l'Atelier	9.00 – 10.00	- Mr. Ndiaga Gueye Secrétaire COPACE, FAO-RAF - Mr. Gouantoueu Robert GUEI, Coordonnateur FAO-SWF et FAO Rep. au Sénégal
2. Organisation of the workshop - Organisation de l'atelier 2.1. Introduction of participants - Présentation des participants 2.2. Election of Chair, Vice-chair - Election du Président, Vice-président 2.3. Information on work schedule – Information du programme 2.4. Adoption of the workshop agenda - Adoption du l'ordre du jour de l'atelier	10.00 – 10.30	- Unité Régionale de Coordination du CCLME - CCLME Regional Coordination Unit
<i>Break- Pause</i>	10.30-10.45	
3. Presentation of the Medium Sized-Project « Towards sustainable management of the Canary Current Large Marine Ecosystem (CCLME) – initial support to SAP implementation» – Présentation du MSP « Vers une gestion durable du grand écosystème marin du courant des Canaries (CCLME) - Appui initial à la mise en œuvre du PAS »	10.45 – 11.15	Mr Aboubacar Sidibé Unité Régionale de Coordination du CCLME
4. Country presentations on potential activities in synergy with the CCLME – Présentations pays de potentielles activités en synergie avec le CCLME 4.1. Cabo Verde – Cabo-Verde	11.15 – 11.30	Point focal et Coordinateur technique

4.2. The Gambia – Gambie	11.30 – 11.45	
4.3. Guinea – Guinée	11.45 – 12.00	
Day 2: 5th November 2021 Jour 2: 05 Novembre 2021		
4. Country presentations on potential activities in synergy with the MSP – Présentations pays de potentielles activités en synergie avec le MSP		
4.4. Guinea-Bissau – Guinée-Bissau	09.00 – 09.15	Point focal et Coordinateur technique
4.5. Mauritania - Mauritanie	09.15 – 09.30	
4.6. Morocco – Maroc	09.30 – 09.45	
4.7. Senegal - Sénégal	09.45 – 10.00	
Overview of eventual activities of regional bodies, NGOs and partners in synergy with the CCLME - Aperçu d'éventuelles activités des organismes régionaux, ONGs et partenaires en synergie avec celles du CCLME		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EAF-Nansen, - CECAF, - CFI, - ECOWAS (FIRST & PESCAO) - CSRP, - UICN - PRCM, - RAMPAO. - IEO 	10.00 – 11.10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Représentant des Partenaires et/ou Coordinateurs des projets - Representative of the Partners and/or Project Coordinators
<i>Break-Pause</i>	11.10 – 11.20	
5. Review of – Discussion on activities to be planned on MSP activities - Examen – discussion sur les activités à planifier pour le MSP		
5.1. The CCLME Project work plan Year 1 - Plan de travail Année 1 du Projet CCLME	11.20 – 11.45	CCLME RCU/URC
5.2. Monitoring and evaluation plan of the MSP – Plan de suivi et évaluation du MSP (Prodoc M&E plan, review of the results matrix, preparation of the PIR, the Tracking Tools and the Terminal Evaluation)	11.45 – 12.00	GEF/FAO Coordination unit
5.3. Stakeholder participation and communication strategy – Stratégie de participation des parties prenantes et de communication ?	12.00 – 12.15	L'équipe du support du projet CCLME
9. Endorsement of workshop recommendations - Adoption des recommandations issues de l'atelier	12.15 – 12.30	Participants
10. Closure of workshop– Clôture de l'atelier	12.30	Secrétaire du COPACE