



Terms of Reference

FOR A SENIOR SHORT TERM EXPERT IN FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE



1. Background

1.1 Short summary on the programme “Improved Regional Fisheries Governance in Western Africa (PESCAO)”

The contribution of fisheries to the economic development of West Africa is sub-optimal and the current management of fisheries threatens food security, means of subsistence and marine biodiversity. Climate change is likely to exacerbate this situation. Key problems and issues to be addressed include poor management of fish stocks, the importance of Illegal Unregulated and Unreported (IUU) fishing, and lack of coordination and cooperation among regional institutions and national competent authorities.

The PESCAO Programme, funded by the European Union, aims at improving regional fisheries governance in Western Africa through better coordination of national fisheries policies. The programme consists of three components. First, it will support the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) in developing a framework for regional fisheries priorities and facilitating cooperation with sub-regional organizations and development partners (Component 1). Second, it will build on the capacities of competent national and regional monitoring, control and surveillance authorities to deter IUU fishing (Component 2). This will be done by setting up a partnership with the Sub-Regional Fisheries Commission (SRFC), the Fisheries Committee for the West Central Gulf of Guinea (FCWC) and the European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA). Third, it will support the coordinated approaches for shared fisheries management (Component 3). For more information, see the PESCAO programme Action Document.

1.2 The Technical Assistance PESCAO/ ECOWAS

Hosted by the Directorate of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD), in Abuja, Nigeria, the Technical Assistance will support ECOWAS in the achievement of result 1 of the PESCAO programme. This will be accomplished through five expected results, which are:

- ECOWAS developed a solid understanding of the regional fisheries issues
- A ECOWAS level a regional fisheries and aquaculture is drafted and adopted contributing to integration of fisheries issues in regional policies and strategies
- Institutional anchorage between RECs (ECOWAS and WAEMU) and RFBs (FCWC and SRFC) is defined and consolidated and operationalized
- a network of stakeholders is developed at ECOWAS level
- Coordination between fisheries projects and donors in Western Africa is reinforced



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Beneficiary countries

All ECOWAS member States covered by the EU-West Africa regional Indicative Programme (i.e. Benin, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Togo) as well as Mauritania with a specific focus on coastal countries.

2. Specific duties and methodology of the planned mission

2.1 Objectives

Based on the Review/Analysis realized in frame of the [Food and Nutrition Security Impact, Resilience, Sustainability and Transformation Programme \(FIRST\)](#) assistance to ECOWAS Commission. This should contribute to the creation of a single document on "Fisheries & Aquaculture and Food Security in West Africa".

The final document will be used for knowledge sharing among ECOWAS Member States, as well as development partners and stakeholders in the fisheries and aquaculture sector in Western Africa.

2.2 Expected Outputs

- A comprehensive document on "Fisheries, Aquaculture and Food security in Western Africa".

2.3 Activities

The consultant shall undertake the following tasks:

- A desk review of the national reports of the Review/Analysis of the contribution of National Policies and Strategies of Fisheries and Aquaculture to the Food and Nutrition Security of populations in West Africa.
- Travel to meet with ECOWAS Commission in Abuja will be critical for this assignment to present draft final reports.
- Based on the desk review and meetings with ECOWAS, the consultant will prepare a comprehensive report containing a synthesis and analysis of fisheries and aquaculture and food security and nutrition in Western Africa.

3. Time schedule

The mission is scheduled for a period of 15 working days within 1 month as follows:

- 13 Working days (WAE) for the preparation of the synthesized document on "Fisheries, Aquaculture and Food and Nutrition Security in West Africa".
- 02 working days to finalize the synthesized document, taking into account the comments from the ECOWAS Commission staff after their review of the draft document.



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4. Products and expected results

- A comprehensive report on Fisheries, Aquaculture and Food and Nutrition Security in West Africa is produced and validated.

5. Time schedule

Fifteen (15) working days

6. Date of presentation of report(s)

March, 04th 2019.

7. Qualifications

The candidates will be assessed against the following minimum requirements:

- At least a Master's degree (academic agree) in Natural resources Management and/or Governance or other fields related to Fisheries and Aquaculture.
- At least 10 years of relevant experience in fisheries and aquaculture management, fishery policy analysis, food and nutrition security.
- Sufficient experience in producing technical and scientific publications at regional and international levels, and experience in Western Africa would be an asset.

The candidate should be computer literate and have excellent communication and writing skills in English and French.