

Problematic and some proposals of sub-regional measures to combat Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing in the CCLME area

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CONTEXT AND KEY ISSUES



- ▶ In the CCLME area, IUU fishing has both artisanal and industrial components. Fishing regulations are inherently difficult to enforce when the vessels are very numerous and the landing sites dispersed.
- ▶ Fishing gear regulations are particularly difficult to address when they change across jurisdictions.





Monitoring and Surveillance Systems in place (national)



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Policies

Member States base their fishery monitoring systems. The CCLME States rely on several international legal texts, including:

The 1993 Convention on subregional cooperation in the exercise of hot of the Sub-regional Fisheries Commission (SRFC)

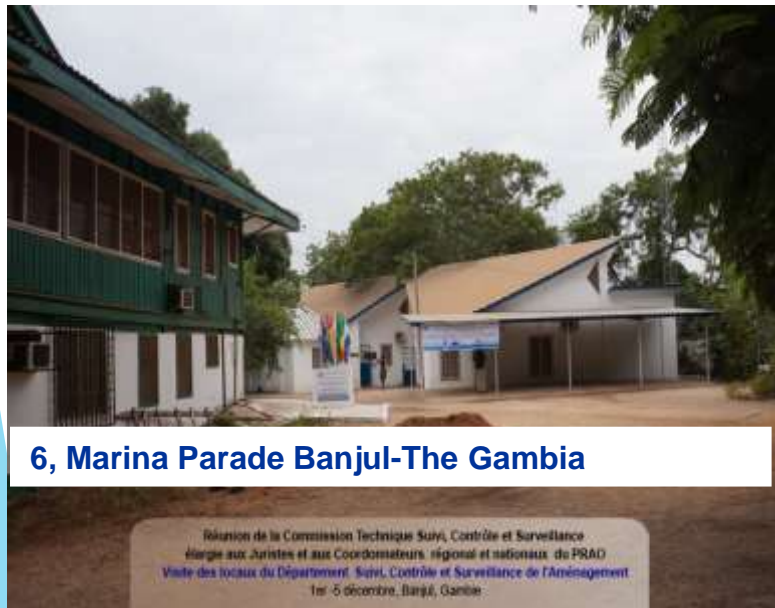
Equipments/Control

- Satellite (Vessel monitoring system- VMS and Automatical Identified system - AIS);
- Patrol vessels;
- Patrol aircraft;
- Coastal stations equipped with radar;
- Port inspections;
- Exchange of information





Monitoring and surveillance systems in place (Regional)



Sub Regional Fisheries Commission have among his 3 Departments :

Department of Monitoring, Control and Surveillance of the Management of the Fisheries (DSCSA): Coordination Unit for Surveillance Operation

The DSCSA / CUSO coordinates the sub-regional information exchange;

Any Member State that detects an IUU vessel automatically alert the country to which the ship tries to take refuge; existence of a Convention for this purpose (1993 Convention on subregional cooperation in the exercise of hot pursuit).





Monitoring and surveillance systems in place (Regional)

- **Treatment of IUU vessels:**
- Application of national laws of the Member States (judicial penalties and / or fines);
- In an operation conducted by the DSCSA, application of the law of the country where the arrest was made

- **How to reduce IUU fishing?**
- Strengthening international cooperation in the fight against IUU fishing
- Criminalize some violation





Some Priority Steps need to be taken

- Support the ongoing work on the sub regional register of fishing vessels and the Observer program
- Strengthen sub regional mechanism for exchange of information
- Organize operations combined air-sea fisheries surveillance (at least 5 times a year)
- Include in the curricula of universities, institutes and schools of the maritime sector training modules MCS



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