



## **AU-IBAR: APRIFAAS**

### The Global Instruments On Biodiversity

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INSTRUMENT	REGIONAL STATUS	ТНЕМЕ
Fisheries and Aquaculture	Ratified	Management
FAO - PSMA	Ratified	IUU fishing
MARPOL Annex III – Annex IV	Ratified	Pollution from ships
MARPOL Annex VI	Ratified (most)	Prevention of Air Pollution from Ships (UNFCCC)
Ballast WMC	Ratified (most)	Protection of Aquatic Biodiversity
OPRC, 90	Ratified	Oil pollution
CBD	Ratified	Biological diversity (SOI GD)



## Mechanisms for implementation

- Established Working Groups: Fisheries, TOP, EMA, MSP, etc. ٠
- Task teams for OSC and BWM established to facilitate initiatives.
- Annual meetings have been convened: knowledge sharing, best ٠ practices, exchange visits, plans, etc.
- OSRA undertaken Recommendations: Update Coastal Sensitivity Maps; • Regional Oil Spill Contingency Plan; technical support from IMO; Strengthen private sector partnerships; etc.
- Collaboration strengthened with GI WACAF under the IMO: • 10<sup>th</sup> Conference in Nov 2024, Togo.
- BCC Secretariat continues to advocate for and support countries in their efforts to Ratify, Domesticate and Implement relevant instruments.

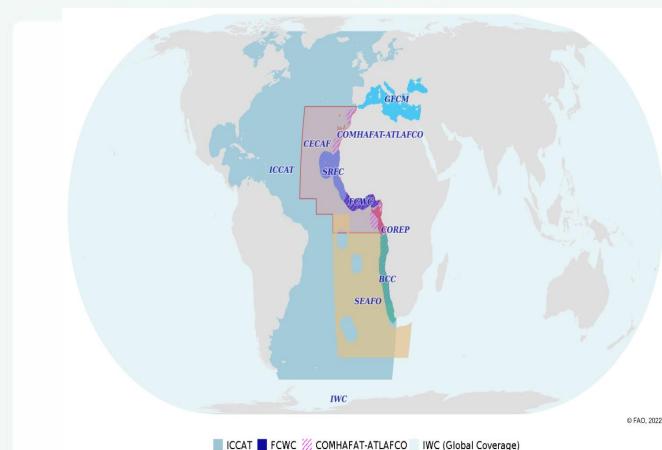




- The updated BCC SAP 2023 2033 is complete (validation)
- National Action Plans aligned to SAP are developed,
- Resources mobilization to implement the updated SAP:
  3 x regional projects on the pipeline
- Regional environmental guidelines for stress reduction at sector level developed (*Plastic pollution, Oil and Gas and Mining activities*)
- SOMER has been updated amongst others...



#### 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting: CBD SOI-Global Dialogue: East Atlantic Africa Region



The Seoul Outcomes of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of SOI-Global Dialogue **June 2024**: <u>East</u> <u>Atlantic African region</u>. (BCC, CECAF, COMHAFAT, FCWC, SEAFO, SRFC)

Shared experiences, lessons-learned and opportunities to improve collaboration on **GBF**.

A SOI regional workshop is planned in **Dakar, Senegal** for early 2025

The objective is to strengthen collaboration in SOI and develop a work program for the EAAR region.

CECAF GFCM BCC SRFC COREP SEAFO



Three countries sharing a productive ecosystem

# Thank You / Obrigado!!

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