



Presentation of the study for the establishment of a
regional program for the onboard observation in ATLAFCO
region

Coordination meeting LDAC/ATLAFCO

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Context and conduct of the study

- ❑ Rabat Declaration september. 2014, for the fight against IUU fishing
- Policy Framework
- ❑ Main recommendation of the workshop organized on 27-28 October 2015 in Marrakech, on the theme of "*Monitoring, control and surveillance (MCS), an effective tool for the fight against fishing INN*".
- ❑ Initiative for the transparency in the tuna fishery (TTI) in the framework of the collaboration LDAC/COMHAFAT;
- ❑ International call for tenders;
- ❑ Successful tenderer: The Cabinet F&S Fisheries/maritime affairs;
- ❑ Duration of the study: 5 months (July 2016 -December2016);
- ❑ Held 3 meetings of coordination and follow up with the Cabinet
- ❑ Organization of a workshop on restitution grouping together th Member States, RFOS and other stakeholders ,during February 2017
- ❑ Identification of solutions for achieving a system of common observer, unique and permanent in ATLAFCO region





Review of observer programs

- the different programs -

- ❑ Onboard observation encouraged by the International Law
- ❑ Several programs either mandatory or voluntary in ATLAFCO region:
 - ICCAT (tropical tuna): REC. 10-10 (obs. Scientific), rec. 15-01 (obs. Moratorium), rec. 12-06 (obs. Transshipments) / SEAFO (deep species);
 - Access agreements: EU agreements, other agreements;
 - National programs - data collection on board, e.g. DCF program of the EU, programs coastal States;
 - Voluntary programs of armaments (good practices; chain of traceability);





The institutional landscape in ATLAFCO region

- Fisheries organizations -

- ❑ **ATLAFCO** : organ of cooperation in the field of fisheries, supported by networks (REFMA /AFISMER), at the origin of the conclusion of a memorandum of cooperation with regional fisheries organizations and interests of distant fishing fleets
- ❑ **SRFC** : AMC revised in 2012 (provide for recourse to the observation) + convention/data sharing, and advanced state of a convention Sub-regional SCS with application protocols (provides subregional system of embedded observation)
- ❑ **FCWC** : AMC adopted in 2013 (provides the use of the observation) + convention data sharing, reflection on a regional system SCS. Control Cooperation
- ❑ **COREP** :CMA adopted in 2016 (provides the use of the observation), no other known advances
- ❑ **ICCAT** : Prescriptive RFMO and user of data observers (tuna fisheries)
- ❑ **CECAF** RFMO user of observers data (all fisheries)
- ❑ **The interests of the EU and the World Bank** In strengthening the fisheries sector governance in West Africa





Toward a regional program in ATLAFCO region

- Constraints / recommendations -

- ❑ Structuring by support on Sub-regional or national programs → **Memorandum of Understanding**
- ❑ Need to associate the coastal States and flag States → **Constitution of a steering committee, governance body**
- ❑ Centralization of operational tasks with a deconcentrated part → **Constitution of the general direction of the program, executive body**
- ❑ Need for a mechanism for the mutual recognition of Observers → **specific instrument to set up**
- ❑ Single mandate of the common regional observer, unique and permanent → **To define but scientific mandate recommendation**
- ❑ High level and harmonized training of observers → **Definition of a mandatory minimum curriculum with the accreditation system** Verified by regular audits
- ❑ Harmonization of the collection of data protocols at the regional level → development of **Regional standards for manual regional observer and protocol for data collection**





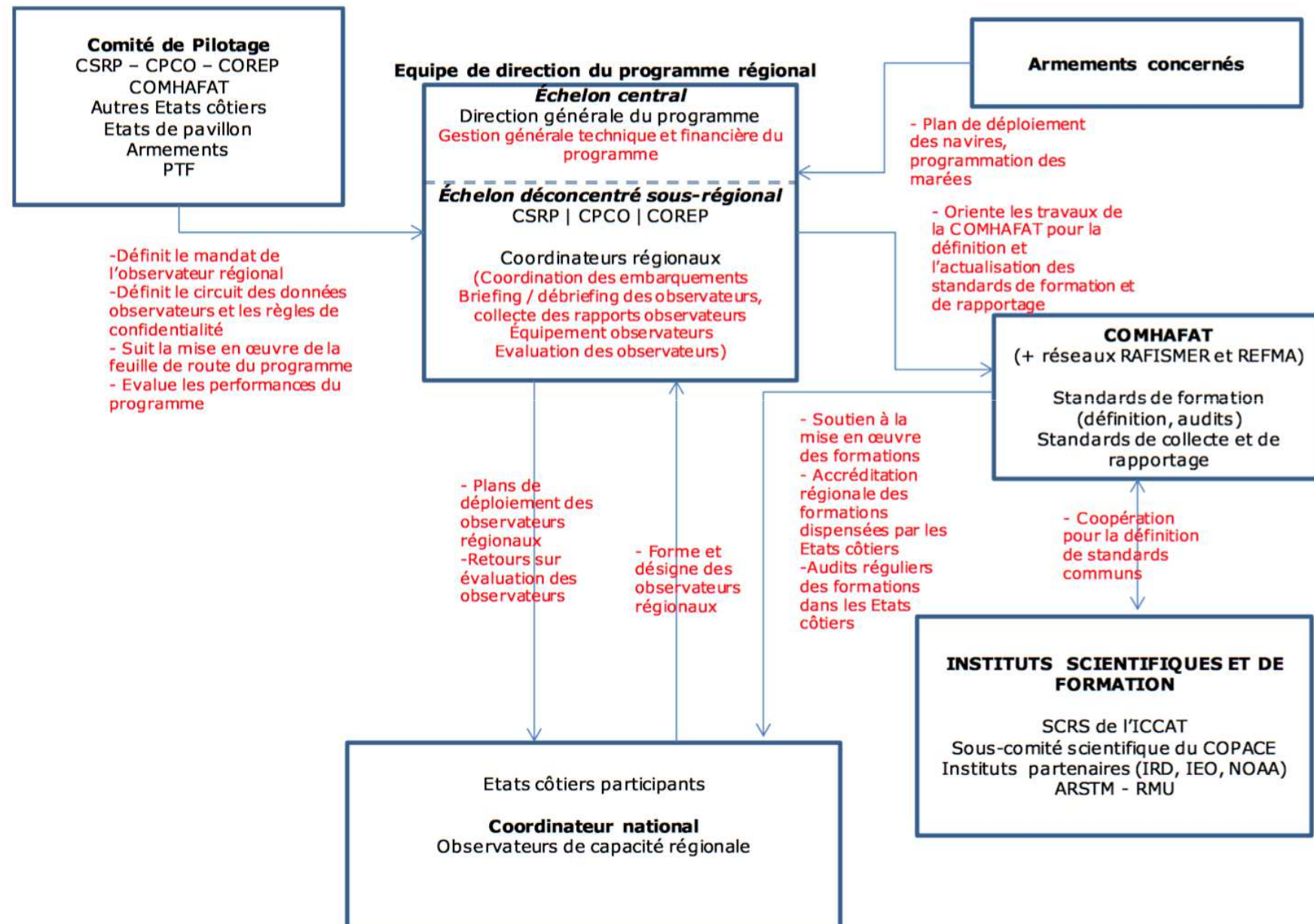
Toward a regional program in ATLAFCO region

- Constraints / recommendations -

- ❑ Stable Institutional Base in the participating States
→ **Institutional criteria to meet** (observer status, funding)
- ❑ Sensitive data property of different participating entities
→ **Definition of the rules for the protection and dissemination of data** Collected by the regional observers
- ❑ Equitable distribution between the participating States
→ **Distribution key on the basis of transparent criteria.** Pro-rata Catches in the EEZ recommendation
- ❑ Sustainable funding : creating **Of a fund observer managed by the direction of the program with balanced expenditures by shipowners contributions** (annual budget of 1.6 M€)
- ❑ Nevertheless, **Need in grants for the creation phase** of the program (is. 1.2 M€) with possible support of donors



Overview of the structure





Action Plan

❑ Initiation Phase

- The institutional prerequisites: signatures of MoU, Preparation constitution Steering Committee, General Directorate of the program

❑ Phase of the creation and launch

- Constitution and operationalization of the Steering Committee and the General Directorate

- ## ❑ Operational implementation conditions
- Preparation and adoption of the key elements of the program: regional observer Mandate, mutual recognition, harmonized standards of training and collection, rules for dissemination of data, procedures for deployment, Etc .

- ## ❑ If the regional program is initiated in 2017, It could be operational in 2019



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30	Préparation par de déploiement observateurs régionaux																								
31	Programme régional opérationnel																								



Who does what?

* RACI = Responsible/Director, Accountable/Responsible, consulted, informed

	COMHAFAT	ORPs	Etats côtiers	Etats pavillon	Direction programme	Comité de pilotage
Initiation du Programme						
Initiation et conclusion d'un MoU avec Etats côtiers	R	A	C	I		
Initiation et conclusion d'un MoU avec Etats pavillon	R	C	I	A		
Négociation Commission de l'ICCAT	R	C	C	C		
Résultat: programme régional formellement initié						
Création et lancement organes du Programme						
Création comité de pilotage - adoption règlement intérieur	R	C	I	C		
Entente ORP pour création Direction du programme	C	R	I	I		
Sélection / recrutement Directeur Général	I	R	I	I		A
Recrutement cadres de la Direction du programme	I	C	I	I	R	I
Création du Fonds Observateurs Régionaux et de son règlement	I	C	I	I	R	A
Résultat: programme régional créé						
Mise en conditions opérationnelles						
Définition et adoption du mandat commun et unique de l'observateur	I	I	I	I	R	A
Instruments de reconnaissance mutuelle des observateurs régionaux	I	I	I	I	R	A
Définition des standards minimaux de formation	C	I	I	I	R	A
Mise en place procédure accréditation des formations	C	I	I	I	R	A
Adaptation des cycles de formation par les Etats participants	C	C	R	I	I	I
Définition des standards régionaux de collecte et de rapport	C	C	I	I	R	A
Définition bases institutionnelles pour les Etats participants	C	C	I	I	R	A
Mise en place procédures d'acceptation des participations des Etats	C	C	I	I	R	A
Adaptation des Etats aux normes institutionnelles de participation	C	C	R	I	R	I
Définition des règles de diffusion / confidentialité des données	I	I	I	I	R	A
Elaboration des procédures de déploiement des observateurs	I	I	I	I	R	A
Clé de répartition des postes observateurs régionaux	I	I	C	I	R	A/I ?
Acquisition / formation analyse observations électroniques	C	I	I	I	A	I
Préparation plan de déploiement observateurs régionaux	I	I	C	C	R	I
Résultat : programme régional opérationnel						



Conclusion

- * **The regional program for the onboard observation is technically feasible**
- * Main engine: **The political will of the participants** to put their resources and know-how in common to achieve a common regional system, unique and permanent
- * A regional program for the onboard observation **Will mark in the history of the governance of fisheries in Africa as the first Collective Initiative** of institutional and private actors aimed to pool and optimize the conditions for monitoring of the fleets
- * Reinforces two pillars of governance (i) the monitoring, control and surveillance, and the fight against IUU fishing and (ii) the improvement of scientific advice
- * **First candidate fleet** The fact of its operational characteristics: **industrial Tuna sieners**
- * **Very favorable context** With the willingness of shipowners and donors for achieving this type of regional system
- * **A successful experience** on this segment of the fleet **Will promote the expansion of the program** to other segments of the fleet (e.g. the freezer pelagic trawlers)



Thank you for your attention

