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## Regional Activities of the Strategic Partnership for a Sustainable Fisheries Investment Fund in the Large Marine Ecosystems of Sub-Saharan Africa West

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*Participants during 1st RAC Session held in Nairobi*

- (i) **Significant and permanent capacity for fisheries reform established at the African Union.** As a result of this grant, the AU has established a Fisheries Section and recruited a full-time Sr. Fisheries Officer, and is in the process of recruiting an additional Fisheries Officer, all with core AU funding. This Section has been designated as the Secretariat for the Conference of African Ministers of Fisheries and Aquaculture (CAMFA).
- (ii) **Sustainable fisheries have been included in a number of the World Bank's Country Assistance Strategies (CAS's)**, including for Guinea-Bissau, Mauritania and Senegal, as well as the Regional Integration Assistance Strategy (RIAS) for Africa.
- (iii) **Communications efforts on sustainable fisheries have been launched throughout the region**, including establishment of a new website [www.spff.org](http://www.spff.org) and publication of a periodical 'African Fisheries Partnership Digest'.

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## PROJECT OBJECTIVE

The objectives of this project in support of the Regional Activities of the Strategic Partnership were:

- Strengthen regional coordination in order to ensure complementarity among country-level and regional projects, particularly in respect to management of trans-boundary resources;
- Promote learning and information exchange at the regional level to ensure that the lessons from successes and failures of country and LME level investments are adequately disseminated;
- Encourage direct financial support in the SSA countries for the necessary governance (i.e. policy, legal, and institutional) reforms and sector adjustments to manage their fisheries sustainably in a way that ensures a distribution of benefits that will contribute to poverty reduction and food security;
- Assist individual coastal countries to build the capacity to participate in the ongoing GEF-led Large Marine Ecosystem (LME) projects and regional fisheries bodies (RFBs) as well as collaborate through these initiatives to implement management measures for the marine ecosystems and the trans-boundary fisheries resources and/or fishing fleets that would be more appropriate at the sub-regional scale (e.g. sub-regional monitoring, control and surveillance systems, management of fishing capacity, sub-regional research initiatives, networks of marine protected areas (MPAs), etc.).

## RESULTS: PROCESS

The main results to date have been:

**RESULT 1.** Promotion of sustainable fisheries policies and activities within key decision-makers with the inclusion of fisheries in policy documents such as PRSPs, and key policy reform instruments such as national fisheries management plans and laws; Awareness of recent developments and proven approaches to management for sustainable fisheries, of the status of global fisheries, and of the dialogue between developing and developed countries and distant water fishing interests on sharing benefits promoted in at least 25% of all Sub-Saharan African countries.

**RESULT 2.** Establishment of permanent capacity at the African Union to support regional coordination of fisheries and ensure that lessons from successes and failures of country and LME-level investments are adequately disseminated.

**RESULT 3.** Assistance to 8 countries to mobilize some US\$180 million in co-financing from the World Bank to directly support the necessary governance reforms and sector adjustments to manage their fisheries sustainably in a way that ensures a distribution of benefits that will contribute to poverty reduction and food security.

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