Sustainable small scale fisheries in Morocco and Tunisia

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Objectives

Contribute to *reduce the poverty* of the target artisanal fisheries communities by improving their livelihoods.

Contribute to *improve positive integration* of these communities in *fisheries management* and in the *integrated development of the coastal areas*.

Support and promote *CCRF and EAF* principles.

**Results** concern three different levels:
- **Local** level (the three target fishing communities and their neighbors)
- **National** level (Morocco and Tunisia)
- **Regional** level (Mediterranean)
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**Project’s beneficiaries**

- Small Scale Fishery, Ghannouch (Tunisia)
- Women collecting clams, Akarit (Tunisia)
- Small Scale Fishery, Dikky (Morocco)

**National’s stakeholders**

- GFCM and members

**Approach:** participatory, based on the involvement of beneficiaries and local-region actors

**Initial Diagnosis: results**

- High level of **dependency** on the exploited resources
- High level of **vulnerability** and **poverty**
- Low level of **education**, reduced access to social services, health and other basic services (water access...)
- No implication/participation in **decision making and management**
- SS Fishers and **communities marginalized**
- Level of vulnerability and marginalization **more important for women**
- **Not known/recognized** the contribution and roles of SSF
Support **fishermen’s organization** within prospect evolution towards **co-management** for the artisanal fisheries:

- 2 local fishermen’s cooperatives supported and created
- Fishermen trained on administrative and financial management of a producer organization

**Governance and enforcement**

- A SSF monitoring system implemented by fishermen or community members
- Fishermen and producer organizations trained for data collection
- Update and standard biological, ecological, social, and economical data produced
- Visibility of SSF raised
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Safety at sea and of working conditions

- Training courses on safety at sea for fishermen
- Safety equipment and first aid materials provided
- Improvement of working conditions by providing winches on Dikky landing site

Support and promote CCRF and EAF principles

Dissemination of CCRF and EAF principles reinforcing/developing links and collaboration between SSF community, research and administration for fisheries management

Reduction the illegal practices and the promotion of sustainable practices
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Social and economic development

Livelihoods development as alternative to small scale fishing activity

A fishermen – beekeepers cooperative created
securing additional income

Traditional embroidery and carpet weaving

Postharvest Fish processing

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Social development and gender equality

Development Association of fishermen’s wives

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Practical training on building and reparation of SSF nets

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