

PROJECT: TOWARDS REGIONAL POLICIES FOR SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES FOR SMALL PELAGICS IN NORTHWEST AFRICA

#### REGIONAL SEMINAR ON MANAGEMENT SHARED STOCKS IN NORTHWEST AFRICA

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# Establishment of Advisory Committee of Management and conservation

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# Establishment of an advisory committee of management and conservation of small pelagics in North West Africa

#### **National Governance Framework**

What are shared stocks?

these are stocks that are found in more than one EEZ and therefore could be exploited by the countries concerned through collaboration in different aspects of the life history of the resource. The small pelagics in the CCLME are shared by most countries of SRFC and Morocco

# National Governance of shared stocks of small pelagics

#### pre-requisite

- Legal framework that articulates that small Pelagics are shared stocks and requires regional concerted management
- Institutional framework and management plan that allows co-management and research
- Access limitations through licensing and gear restrictions
- Strengthen surveillance

# Pre-requisites cont.....

 Regular data collection, surveys and other research on spawning areas, stock status, environmental regimes, effort levels and TACs

- Identify and sensitize fishers and other stakeholders on small pelagics as shared stocks, and the benefits of concerted management. Train and involve stakeholders in management
- Review existing regulations to include specific actions for management of shared stocks
- The Project to provide technical backstopping to countries that require

## **Existing situations in countries**

Legal framework exist although not specific for small pelagics

Institutional framework exist

Some countries have management plan e.g. morocco

 Some countries have ongoing research and comanagement arrangements

### Regional governance framework

- Set up a regional management plan
- Enhance information sharing among member states
- Enhance collaboration in research
- set up management committee (MC) on small pelagic stocks within the SRFC
- Regional surveillance
- Implementation to be done at the regional and national level.
- Model to be developed by the MC