
AD-HOC WORKSHOP ON ADDRESSING KEY KNOWLEDGE GAPS ON SARDINELLA STOCKS IN NORTHWEST AFRICA AT THE OCEAN HOTEL, DAKAR- SENEGAL

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INTRODUCTION

- NCC is the composition of Small pelagic Fishery Landing Sites Management Committees within seven fish landing sites along the Atlantic Coast, Fisheries Dept, Navy, MP, etc,

- that was established following a series of consultative workshops organized and financed by SRFC.

- Recommendation from the workshops was the need for establishment of Small pelagic Fishery Co-management Committee in order to develop a co-management plan and also to improve the socio-economic, biology and governance for sustainable pelagic fishery management in The Gambia.
INTRO. Cont.

• NCC envisions to address irresponsible fishing practices, the overexploitation of matured and juvenile small pelagic fish species and the modification of their habitats by promoting the use of selective and environmentally friendly fishing gears and advocating strict management measures.
INTRODUCTION

• The project “Towards regional policies for sustainable fisheries for small pelagic in Northwest Africa” being implemented by the Sub-Regional Fisheries Commission (SRFC),

• aim to support processes leading to coordinated policies and management of small pelagic fisheries between countries bordering the Canary Current upwelling system; Morocco, Mauritania, Senegal and The Gambia.

• Concerned species are: sardine (*sardine pilchardus*), sardinella (*sardinella aurita* and *sardinella maderensis*), horse mackerel (*Trachurus trecae*, *Trachurus trachurus* and *caranx rhonchus*), chub mackerel (*Scomber japonicus*), bonga (*Ethmalosa fimbriata*) and anchovy (*Engraulis encrasicolus*).
INTRODUCTION

• The project focused basically on strengthening the institutions and instruments of cooperation for the joint management of the stocks shared between Mauritania, Senegal and The Gambia (SRFC) including Morocco.

• Project first step was support to the establishment of a national consultation framework for improved management of small pelagic through the establishment and strengthening of co-management committees also known as Local Consultative Committees, at the local level.

• LCC in Banjul, Bakau, Old Jeshwang, Tanji, Sanyang, Gunjur and Kartong Landing sites were identified and established as small pelagic fishery co-management committees to assist the NCC and fisheries authorities with conservation and management of these resources.

• From these committees, other institutions and individuals, together with other stakeholders including fisheries administration and research was the establishment of a National Consultative Committee (NCC).
WHY NCC

• NCC officially inaugurated 13\textsuperscript{th} July 2010 as the national cooperative apex body composed of Small Pelagic fisher folks, NGOs both industrial and artisanal and Government which envisage the responsible and safe exploitation of the small pelagic for conservation, management, protection and development of the fisheries resources as well as to enhance food production and improve livelihoods of fishing communities for now and the future generations.
MISSION

NCC is conscious of the urgent need for the development of the fisheries sector with the intention to:

• Create LCC to support in the implementation of planned activities

• Identify and close the gaps required by SRFC in addressing key knowledge gaps on Sardinella Stocks in the Gambia,

• Ensure that the small pelagic reaches international quality standards (quality control, co-management, data collection and monitoring),

• Also curb IUU fishing and to intervene collectively in order to make a positive difference in the rehabilitation and transformation of resource users into responsible fisheries practitioners,

• Encourage the use of ecosystem approach to fisheries management which includes ecological, social and economic factors,
GOAL

• Conservation and Management of the small pelagic fish resources, contributing to food security needs of the Gambia, poverty alleviation through employment generation and improved income earnings.
MEMBERSHIP OF NCC

• 15 members comprising:

• LCC – Kartong, Gunjur, Sanyang, Tanji, Bakau, Jeshwang and Banjul,
• GAMFIDA – (one person)
• NAAFO – (one person)
• TAGFC
• DOFISHERIES – (2 Persons)
• MOF, WR&NAMs – (one person)
• NEA – (one person)
• Member of Parliament – (one person)
• Gambia Navy – (one person)
ROLE OF NCC & LCC

NCC will take the lead to:

- Establish small pelagic Co-management Committee NCC,
- The committee will have authority to jointly with Government,

- Set management objectives
- Establish fishing rights based approaches to management
- Assist and be involved in enforcement
- Update management plan
- Assist in communication with all stakeholders
- Assist in research
ROLE OF NCC Cont.

In cooperation with the Department of Fisheries

• Establish harvest rules appropriate to management objectives,
• Participate in international fishing agreements,
• Work with the LCCs and the Department of Fisheries to jointly,
  • Establish harvest rules for each landing site
  • Assist in compiling landing information,
• Conduct local periodic assessments based on sustainability criteria to be determined (Not full stock assessment)
ROLE OF LCC

Enforcement of agreed rules and regulations relating to gear selectivity- (Legally binding meshed nets), data collection, sanitization, fish handling, marketing and distribution, etc,
NCC ACTION PLAN (June – December, 2011)

• Establishment of NCC and LCCs
• Development of Constitution,
• Preparation of an MOU between NCC and DoFish,
• Capacity building and development on Co-management, EAF principles, sensitization of the Fisheries Act 2007 and its Regulation 2008, data collection, etc,
• Preparation of small pelagic management plan,
• Commission studies on Bio-ecology, socio-economic &Cultural aspects, Governance and Evolution of Pos in the Gambia,
NCC ACTION PLAN cont.

• Conduct Study Validation workshop, and
• Develop a research programme on small pelagics with emphasis on wealth creation and rent maximization
IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES

Mr. Ayoubi, former Project coordinator visited The Gambia from 15\textsuperscript{th} to 19\textsuperscript{th} August 2010. His mission was the extension and communication of the establishment of NCC on small pelagic, disseminate recommendations and results of the inaugural meeting of the NCC held in Banjul on 13\textsuperscript{th} July 2010.

For this purpose, the NCC undertook an out reach mission in the seven landing sites to Inform and update stakeholders on its creation, objectives, mandate and membership composition,

Extension of the main results and conclusions, action plan and activities scheduled, characteristic of the resources and the need to strengthen their management on national and regional level, and,

Inform stakeholders about the Project and its approach, and about the SRFC Sensitive to support the NCC and the need for better communication between fisher folks and Prepare and send the MOU and note of results of the inaugural meeting to all NCC members.
IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES Cont.

- Establishment of NCC and LCCs
- Development of Constitution and legal registration of NCC,
- Development of validated an Action plan,
- Signing of an MOU between NCC and DoFish,

Out reach sensitizations
IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES Cont

• NCC meeting to award contract following first disbursement of funds in December, 2011

• Advertise all Consultancies

• Awarding and Contract signed 4th January, 2012

• Commission studies on Bio-ecology, socio-economic & Cultural aspects, Governance and Evolution of Pos in the Gambia, (30 days)
IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES Cont.

• Studies draft submitted to NCC Secretariat for onward transmission to the project Coordinator for review and inputs,

• NCC conducted outreach sensitization workshop in Gunjur 13th June, 2012, to present studies results (35 LCCs and fisheries extension staff) – Comments were made and incorporated by all consultants,

• Also NCC organized a one day validation (14th June, 2012), 14 LCCs members invited and Fisheries officials,
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