

Technical Assistance to the Directorate General of Fisheries and Aquaculture of Gabon.

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Companies Involved: Agrer Ltd. and Canaest S.L (subcontracting)

Description :

The Institutional Support to the Directorate General Fisheries and Aquaculture project is developed within the framework of the Support Programme to Fisheries and Aquaculture Sector. The project's objectives are the following:

- a) Review of all the legal texts and elaboration of reform proposals for their validation in a national workshop.
- b) Evaluation of the national and international market potentials for the fisheries and aquaculture products.
- c) Analyses of the micro finance sector and support and development of the appropriate structures.
- d) Support the extension throughout all the country of the pilot project of fisheries data collection and analyses in ArtFish.
- e) Review and strengthening of the national system of quality control and inspection of fisheries products through formation of inspectors, laboratory technicians and private operators, as well as the elaboration of procedure manuals.

Canaest participates in the project with the incorporation of an economist to the team with the task of elaborating the national and international market studies.

The market studies aim to contribute to the improvement of the fisheries products distribution system through the identification of bottlenecks along all the distribution chain of products, from the production to the final consumers. The imports and exports flux will also be analyzed. The studies will offer the orientations of the strategies to be set in order to diversify the qualitative offer from the national production and identifying new possible market objectives for fisheries products, in Gabon as well as in third countries.