

West Africa Fisheries Management Analysis (USAID/Pragma Corporation)

Year:	2018
Location:	The geographic scope covered ECOWAS coastal countries, from Senegal to Nigeria: Senegal, Gambia, Guinea Bissau, Guinea, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Togo, Benin and Nigeria, with special attention to Mano River Union Countries (Guinea, Sierra Leone, Liberia and Côte d'Ivoire).
Client:	USAID / The Pragma Corporation
Description:	<p>The objective of the assignment was to identify opportunities for moving the West African capture marine fisheries sector towards sustainability. The specific objectives and tasks are detailed below:</p> <p>2.1. To present an overview of the West Africa regional fisheries management context</p> <p>> Desk review and documental analysis of pertinent literature and documents (non-exhaustive list):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Studies and assessments conducted by donors, NGOs, governments and academic community.b) USAID documents and reports.c) National government policy and regulatory documents describing fisheries laws, regulations, and fish trade policies, as well as planned developments in these sectors.d) Documents describing the roles and actions of regional institutions with a fisheries management or oversight mandate.e) Project documents from other donor-funded sustainable fisheries projects in West Africa including, publicly available, planned interventions.f) Other materials and documents as necessary. <p>2.2. To identify areas for supporting improvements in sustainable regional fisheries management</p> <p>> Threats and opportunities for sustainable regional fisheries management in West Africa:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Discussion of current political economy barriers to effective regional fisheries management.b) Identification of types of information needed to frame a Political Economy Analysis (PEA) and the factors limiting the effectiveness of regional coordination and concerted action and, in particular, the weight of factors related to influence and power.c) Fisheries and ecosystems under particular threat.d) Leverage points where targeted investment could result in transformative change.e) Opportunities for regional institutions to gain influence. <p>2.3. To propose concrete recommendations, in line with the objectives and requirements of USAID <i>Feed the Future and Biodiversity</i> congressional directive funding.</p>