
**AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL
ORGANIZATION FOR MARKETING INFORMATION AND COOPERATION SERVICES FOR
FISHERY PRODUCTS IN AFRICA**

A Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Establishment of the Intergovernmental Organization for Marketing Information and Cooperation Services for Fishery Products in Africa, which was held in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, on 12 and 13 December 1991, adopted the Agreement establishing the Intergovernmental Organization for Marketing Information and Cooperation Services for Fishery Products in Africa (INFOPÊCHE).

Pursuant to paragraph 1 of Article 14, the Agreement was signed in Abidjan on 13 December 1991 on behalf of the five States mentioned below and remained open for signature at the Headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in Rome until 31 December 1992. In accordance with paragraph 1 of Article 14 of the Agreement, the African States referred to in Annex I to the Agreement may become parties to the Agreement either by signature, followed by the deposit of an instrument of ratification or by the deposit of an instrument of accession.

Paragraph 4 of Article 14 provides that the Agreement shall enter into force with respect to all States that have ratified it or acceded to it on the date when instruments of ratification or accession have been deposited by the Governments of at least five States listed in Annex I to the Agreement. In accordance with this provision, the Agreement entered into force on 23 December 1993, date of receipt of the fifth instrument of ratification or accession. The Agreement was registered with the Secretariat of the United Nations on 9 June 1994 under N° 31029.

Subject to paragraph 3 of Article 6 of the Agreement, at any time after the entry into force of the Agreement, any State not referred to in Annex I may apply to the Director-General of FAO to become a member of INFOPÊCHE. The Governing Council of INFOPÊCHE shall then decide on the application.

Signatories and Parties to the Agreement

The following are the signatories and the participants that deposited their instruments on the corresponding date indicated:

Participants	Signature	Ratification	Accession
Cameroon			18 Feb 1994
Congo			12 Jun 1995
Côte d'Ivoire	13 Dec 1991	16 Sep 1994	
Gambia	13 Dec 1991	14 Jun 1994	
Ghana			8 Mar 1995
Guinea			29 Dec 1992
Guinea-Bissau	13 Dec 1991	7 Apr 1993	
Liberia	6 Nov 1993	9 Nov 1993	
Mauritania	13 Dec 1991	2 Jun 1995	
Morocco	28 Dec 1992	24 July 2006	
Namibia			30 Dec 1996
Nigeria	13 Dec 1991	11 Apr 1995	
Senegal			28 May 1993
Sierra Leone			23 Dec 1993
