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## FISH4ACP

Unlocking the potential  
of sustainable fisheries and aquaculture  
in Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific

# Cameroon

**FISH4ACP** aims to increase the competitiveness and environmental sustainability of Cameroon's shrimp sector, its main fish and seafood export product, to boost incomes and improve food and nutritional security.

### VALUE CHAIN AT A GLANCE

Guinea shrimp, Pink shrimp, Giant tiger prawn,  
Caramote prawn, Deep-water rose shrimp

(*Parapenaeopsis atlantica*, *Penaeus notialis*, *Penaeus monodon*, *Penaeus kerathurus*, *Parapenaeus longirostris*)



#### PRODUCTION METHOD

Wild caught,  
artisanal and  
industrial

#### VOLUMES \*

400  
tonnes

#### VALUE \*

USD 3  
million

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\* estimate primary production

### WHAT WE **focus** on

- ➔ Value chain analysis to help all groups **tap into the maritime fisheries potential**.
- ➔ Support Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) to **meet domestic demand** as well as access **high-value export markets**.
- ➔ **Create new jobs and enhance working conditions** by strengthening the business and regulatory environment.
- ➔ Ensure the shrimp value chain is **more environmentally sustainable** through better stock management and a reduction in by-catch.
- ➔ Help enterprises access **additional sources of finance** and investment.





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Cameroon sits on the Atlantic coast where Western and Central Africa meet. Stretching back as early as 1472, it was named “Rio dos Camarões,” or, “River of Prawns” by Portuguese explorers, because of the abundance of the crustaceans that were discovered in the area.

Today, shrimp is Cameroon’s main seafood export product. With a coastline spanning over 400 kilometres, an estimated production of 365 tonnes from industrial output and 60 tonnes from artisanal fishing, the shrimp trade employs thousands of people who also depend on their catch for nutritional intake.

FISH4ACP sets out to improve the productivity and competitiveness of Cameroon’s shrimp sector in a sustainable manner to boost local incomes and meet domestic demand, while promoting access to high-value export markets.

By strengthening the businesses and regulatory environment, FISH4ACP strives to create more jobs for women and young people. It also aims to reinforce local economies, in addition to supporting initiatives improving stock management and reducing by-catch to ensure the shrimp value chain is more environmentally sustainable.

## Facts & figures

In 2019, Cameroon’s shrimp exports averaged around **150 tonnes**, at a total value of **USD 1 million**— with Asian countries making up the biggest share of the market.

Cameroon’s shrimp **exports** to the European Union (EU) have been **suspended since 2004** due to several points of non-compliance, with repercussions for all concerned parties.

Some **1 500 people** are **employed** across the shrimp value chain, many are youth.

Almost all fishermen are men and **women** make up most of the **processing** and **retailing workforce**.



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