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

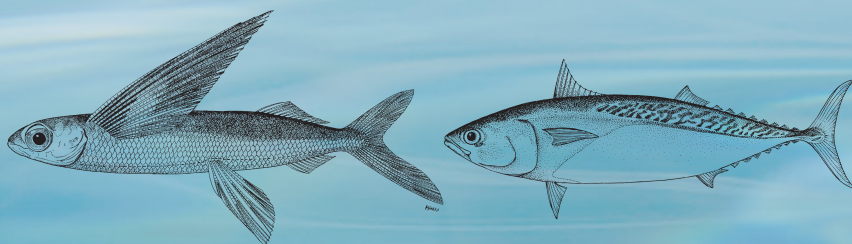
Sao Tome and Principe

FISH4ACP sets out to advance coastal pelagic fisheries on the African island nation of Sao Tome and Principe by developing the sector sustainably, enabling communities to make their livelihoods better with improved production and access to organised commercial markets.

VALUE CHAIN AT A GLANCE

Coastal pelagics, including flying fish and frigate tuna

(*Exocoetidae* spp. and *Auxis thazard*)*



PRODUCTION METHOD

Artisanal purse seine, longline, gillnets (fixed or drifting) and hand line



VOLUMES **

6 600
tonnes



VALUE **

USD 24
million

* full list of target species below
**primary production

WHAT WE focus on

- ➔ **Improve artisanal production practices** to ensure sustainable exploitation while generating jobs for young people.
- ➔ **Improve cold chain**, post-harvest handling practices and quality control systems.
- ➔ **Open up new markets** for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and modernizing businesses and regulatory environments.
- ➔ **Help enterprises** to access additional sources of finance and investments.





Facts & figures

Sao Tome and Principe's fish consumption has increased over recent years, reaching **45 kg** per capita per year, the highest among the coastal countries of Central Africa.

Almost all coastal pelagics caught in Sao Tome and Principe's are **destined** for **domestic consumption**.

Coastal pelagic fishing employs some **3 000** artisanal fishermen and **2 500** female fishmongers. At least **35** coastal communities depend on it.

Fish is the main source of protein for the people of Sao Tome and Principe, an island nation in the Gulf of Guinea over 200 km off the coast of Gabon. The fisheries sector provides jobs for thousands of people and represents the most important revenue source for low-income families after cacao.

Fisheries in Sao Tome and Principe are largely artisanal and focused on coastal pelagics. The sector offers great potential for growth in terms of production, processing, and marketing, but suffers from the country's relative isolation, a major constraint in accessing export markets.

FISH4ACP aims to advance the processing and quality control standards of the sector to create jobs and income opportunities for the island's overwhelmingly young population. In addition, the species targeted – flying fish, little tunny, frigate tuna, bigeye scad, decapтерus nei, blue runner, balao halfbeak, skipjack tuna – represent a source of affordable and safe animal protein.

FISH4ACP will work to overcome some of the complex challenges of post-harvest infrastructure to comply with national and international health requirements and open the value chain to new export markets, safeguarding aquatic resources for the benefit of communities that rely on them for their livelihoods and food security.



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