SUPPORT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ECOSYSTEM APPROACH TO FISHERIES FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF SHARED SARDINELLA STOCKS IN THE GAMBIA

NUMBERS

- **Donor**: FAO
- **Budget**: USD 92 000
- **Implementation Period**: December 2020 - May 2022
- **Technical and Operational Partners**: Ministry of Fisheries, Water Resources and National Assembly Matters, Fisheries Department

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Capacity development and strengthening of scientific knowledge on Sardinella to support the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries (EAF) management process.
- According to the EAF principles, development, implementation and monitoring of harmonized management systems at regional level.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Twenty data collectors trained on accurate and reliable data collection and length frequency measurement.
- Data collectors appointed in all small pelagic landing sites to conduct a catch and stock assessment for the target species and other small pelagic species.
- Ten Fisheries Department’s laboratory technicians trained on the sampling of biological parameters in the laboratory, e.g. measuring the total length and weight of small pelagic fish and identification of sex.
- A baseline assessment of the Sardinella fishery in the Gambia Using EAF Implementation Monitoring Tool was conducted.
- A communication team established with representatives from media organizations, responsible for the visibility of activities on print and electronic media. The team is headed by the communication officer of the Ministry.
- A ten-member gender desk/working group established at the Department of Fisheries to conduct capacity needs assessment, training and exchange sessions on gender mainstreaming.

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