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Blue Hope TCP Inception Meeting

Hotel Carthage Thalasso, Gammarth, Tunisia

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Meeting Report (English version)

1. Background

The objective of this Inter-Regional TCP¹ is to strengthen the capacity of public and private stakeholders in Turkey, Algeria and Tunisia to develop integrated multi-sectoral investment plans using the FAO Blue Growth Initiative (BGI) framework in order to make the concerned sectors and areas more productive and sustainable, the associated value chains more efficient and inclusive, and to contribute to rural poverty reduction, decent job creation, and better livelihoods. Strengthening the capacity of specific territories in these Countries to implement the Blue Growth approach will also put them in a position to solicit additional funding from various domestic and foreign sources².

Rationale

The rationale and impetus for this TCP stems from the fact that fisheries and aquaculture sectors face increasing pressure in Mediterranean Sea coastal areas as the result of limitations in fisheries governance, climate change and urban development. These factors are exacerbated by poverty, lack of alternative livelihoods and political instabilities. The FAO BGI framework offers an approach to holistically maximize social and economic benefits while minimizing environmental degradation in the development of fisheries and aquaculture.

Outputs

The main expected outputs of the TCP are two-fold, including:

1. Three integrated, multi-sectoral investment strategies and plans prepared (one for each country³) using the FAO Blue Growth Initiative approach to identify and prioritize public and private sector investments in fisheries and aquaculture over the long term to improve the resilience and livelihoods of target communities/areas in Algeria, Tunisia and Turkey.
2. Strengthened capacity of Government, key institutions and stakeholders in Algeria, Tunisia and Turkey to apply the BGI/Blue economy approach to develop such investment plans, mobilize resources and possibly scale up impact.

It is implicitly understood that:

¹ The Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP) was created to enable FAO to make its know-how and technical expertise available to member countries upon request, drawing from its own resources. The TCP provides assistance in all areas pertaining to FAO's mandate and competence that are covered by the FAO Strategic Framework to respond to governments' priority needs. TCP projects catalyze change, foster capacity development and assist countries in mobilizing resources, in line with the Country Programming Frameworks (CPFs) agreed to with governments.

² The Global Environment Facility and the African Development Bank both have Blue Growth as investment priority areas.

³ The scope and scale (community-level to national) of the investment plans will be determined by the stakeholders and will influence the next steps depending on financing opportunities available.

- (a) the prepared territorial investment strategies/plans could lead to various projects/business plans (to be funded locally by various public and private sources starting from the promoters-investors' own resources, grants, incentives and credit from national financial institutions) and help identify some public goods investment ideas that could be funded by ongoing and future projects to be financed by the State, local authorities and donors;
- (b) these territorial strategies/plans could serve as example of how to apply the BGI/blue economy approach at territorial level at other sites/fisheries for enhancing partnerships and identifying and prioritizing potential investments (both public and private), facilitating public private dialogue for sustainable and responsible investment and development of the area/ facilitating access to finance; and consider that developing territorial investment plans could be one activity of larger scale Blue Growth investment projects at country level.

2. Opening Ceremony

Marc Fantinet, FAO Senior Investment Support Officer and Chair of the Blue Hope Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP) inception meeting, opened the meeting and briefly explained its purpose. Mr. Mohamed Amrani, acting FAO Representative for FAO's Subregional Office for North Africa, welcomed participants and highlighted the importance of this TCP given the challenges facing fishing and aquaculture sectors bordering the Mediterranean, while building on existing and past collaboration and projects (for full remarks see Annex VI). Mr. Chiheb Hafi, Regional Director of Fisheries and Aquaculture in Mednine, thanked FAO and the organizers for having the inception meeting in Tunisia. Henry DeBey, Lead Technical Officer (LTO) for the TCP, thanked participants for their attendance, thanked Tunisia as host and introduced the FAO staff members supporting the project. Following opening ceremony speeches, the Chair presented the agenda for the workshop (see agenda Annex I) and then asked participants to introduce themselves. The meeting included a total of 45 participants (full participant list in Annex II)

3. Plenary Session

The FAO LTO for the project gave a short presentation explaining the purpose of the Blue Hope TCP, including its objectives and outcomes, including the development of territorial investment plans using an FAO Blue Growth Initiative approach for each country. He explained that the investment plans will be used to obtain financing to implement existing or future management plans, using a multi-sectoral approach. Following the presentation there were a number of questions from delegates including the importance of considering small-scale fishing communities, clarification on the area of interest for Algeria, questions about the definition of blue economy sectors, and on the definition of investment plans, which were discussed.

Tunisia, followed by Algeria then Turkey, provided overview presentations to describe their fisheries and aquaculture sectors, national strategies and initiatives, challenges and successes. These full presentations are collated [here](#).

Roberto Ugolini from CIHEAM Bari, an Italian NGO who completed some initial fishery diagnostics on the countries, presented initial results by Skype as they were unable to participate in person in the inception meeting. Unfortunately the presentation was distracted by the poor Skype connection.

The Chair, as expert on FAO's Rural Invest, gave a brief presentation on the value of investment plan— participatory processes—and important considerations for elaborating investment plans (full

presentation [here](#)). Participants followed with questions about the investment plan methodology and process and asked for example investment plans.

(Presentations given during the inception meeting are compiled in a separate folder.)

4. Working Groups

After a brief introduction from the LTO on the objectives of the first working group, including the scope and vision of the respective investment plans, working groups were organized by country and facilitated by FAO staff. Discussions covered a wide range of topics, including the location for the investment plans, the scale, the respective value chains, the stakeholders, environmental, social and economic objectives, and more. Following this, countries shared their summary conclusions to the plenary (outlined in Annex III). Updated maps of the focus areas for the respective communities are included in Annex IV.

On the second day and final day of the meeting, the LTO presented the objectives of the second working group, including the beginnings of a workplan and methodology for elaborating the investment plans and their associated process. Like the day before, participants were organized by country and then presented their conclusions to the plenary. There was some overlap among the conclusions from the countries, including the interest in *pesca-tourism* as a new value chain to explore, the importance of doing a diagnostic to characterize the communities and sectors and their value chains so as to inform investment plan options to be considered by the communities. Finally, there was interest in continuing inter-regional exchanges, budget-permitting.

5. Conclusion and Next Steps

Participants noted that the inception meeting had been helpful in clarifying the objectives of the TCP and underscored its value. Participants stressed, in particular, that the following elements be incorporated into the execution of the TCP, including:

- The focus on small-scale fishing communities as beneficiaries;
- The need for enhancing decent work and sustainable industry in many of the communities and the relevance of investment to that end;
- The value of inter-regional meetings such as the inception meeting and the preference for these exchanges while advancing the respective investment plans;
- The desire to use the TCP to implement pilot activities including training and technical assistance in addition to the investment plans.

Next steps were discussed briefly. As a matter of priority, a skype call will be organized with blue hope focal points, no later than 6 weeks after the inception meeting, to discuss next steps, particularly the terms of reference for a diagnostic analysis, and the methodology for the investment plan process.

The Chair closed the meeting highlighting that this is the beginning of a process and that the objectives of the meeting were achieved.

External communications (press release, blogs, photos) are summarized in Annex V.

6. Site Visit

Following the closure of the meeting, the participants traveled to Bizerte to pay visit to a number of fisheries and aquaculture related business including:

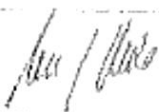

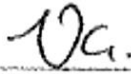
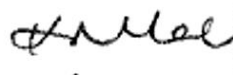

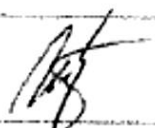

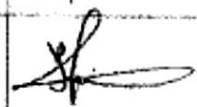


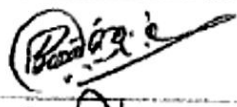


- The Maghrebien platform for artisanal fisheries, Bizerte, Tunisia
- Ben Ayed Sea food trading (shrimp, squid, langoustine processing), Zarzouna Port, Tunisia
- Cultimer Purification center (oysters), Zarzouna Port, Tunisia
- Old Port, Bizerte, Tunisia


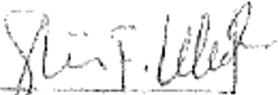


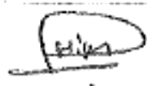

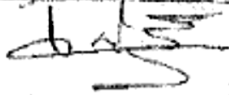
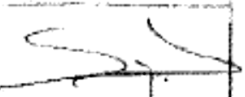

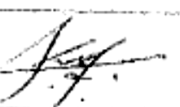
Annex I – Inception Meeting Agenda

Thursday October 4		
8:30 am	<i>Registration</i>	
9:00 – 10:30 am	Opening Ceremony	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening of the meeting, Marc Fantinet, FAO Investment Centre (5 min) • Opening keynotes Mr. Mohamed Amrani, FAO Subregional Coordinator for North Africa (FAOSNE) Mr. Chiheb Hafi, Regional Director of Fisheries and Aquaculture in Mednine Henry DeBey, Lead Technical Officer (LTO) for the TCP
	Context-setting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on the Blue Hope TCP and FAO Blue Growth Initiative, Henry DeBey, FAO Blue Growth Initiative (15 min)
10:30 – 10:45 am	<i>Tea Break, Group photo, DSA distribution</i>	
10:45 am – 12:30 pm	Context-setting (Cont.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Country presentations (10-15 min per delegation) • Fishery/community and value chains diagnostic, CIHEAM Bari (35 min) • Investment planning and financing sources, Marc Fantinet (10 min) • Plenary discussion (i.e., reactions to presentations) (60 min)
13:30 – 2:30 pm	<i>Lunch</i>	
2:30 – 4:00 pm	Investment Plan Scoping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakout group by country (Terms of Reference introduced by FAO facilitator)
4:00 – 4:30 pm	<i>Tea Break</i>	
4:30 – 6:00 pm	Investment Plan Scoping (Cont.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Groups report back to plenary (~45 min) • Discussion/identification of overlapping priorities and priorities (~60 min)
5:30 pm	<i>Adjourn</i>	



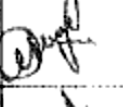

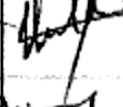

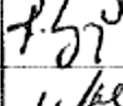
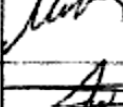




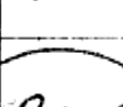


Friday October 5		
8:30 – 10:30 am	Workplan Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakout group by country (TORs introduced by FAO facilitator)
10:30 – 10:45 am	<i>Tea Break</i>	
10:45 am – 12:30 pm	Workplan Development (Cont.) and Closing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Groups report back to plenary (~45 min) • Discussion of next steps and closing (~60 min)
12:30 – 1:30 pm	<i>Lunch</i>	
1:30 – 7:00 pm	Site visit (NB: for those staying until late Friday night or Saturday) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Maghrebian platform for artisanal fisheries, Bizerte, Tunisia 2. Ben Ayed Sea food trading (shrimp, squid, langoustine processing), Zarzouna Port, Tunisia 3. Cultimer Purification center (oysters), Zarzouna Port, Tunisia 4. Old Port, Bizerte, Tunisia 	
7:00 pm	<i>Return to hotel; Departures for Airport or following day</i>	





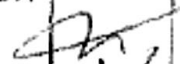


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Annex III—Working Group Session Outputs

Algeria

Groupe de Travail #1: Portée et Vision	<p>Échelle:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• “Territorial”, environ 60 km de large <p>Les parties prenantes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Population locale (nécessité de définir des groupes constitutifs)• ~ 30 000 bénéficiaires (au total 113 000 personnes)• La région a traditionnellement tourné le dos à la mer, mais la mer est un atout précieux <p>Secteurs (à préciser plus):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pêche artisanale• Pescatourisme• Aquaculture• Tourisme <p>Chaînes de valeur:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Développement durable et inclusif de l'industrie dans un secteur où l'industrie est actuellement peu développée <p>Timing :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Être déterminé <p>Bâtir sur:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Politique: Aquapeche• Finances: ANSEJ, ANJEM, KNACK KNACK <p>Objectifs socio-économiques</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Créer une industrie où il n’y a pas assez <p>Objectifs environnementaux</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Préserver la zone qui est actuellement relativement vierge
Groupe de Travail #2: Planification du travail	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Rapport de référence (Bibliographique, multisectorielle) (déjà en cours)2. Comité de pilotage (Wali, DGPA, secteurs concernés)3. Sensibilisation des parties prenantes [tourisme, environnement, transport, forêts, collectivités locales]4. Diagnostic participatif (dialogue instructif, termes de référence à finaliser; <i>but</i>: délimitation administrative de la région, contraintes, atouts, chaînes de valeurs à mettre en place)5. Appui en matière d'assistance technique étrangère et nationale6. Conférence/Atelier multisectorielle avec parties prenantes<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pescatourisme/eco-tourisme• Pêche artisanale• Aquaculture• Chaînes de valeur (pêche)• fabrication des filets de pêche par les femmes• autres projets?7. Prochaines étapes à déterminer suite à la conférence

Tunisia

<p>Groupe de Travail #1: Portée et Vision</p>	<p>Vision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribuer à l'amélioration à la durabilité économique et sociale de la pêche artisanale <p>Duree:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24-36 months <p>Zones:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Port de Zarzis 2. Port de Ajim 3. Village Jedaria <p>Axes d'intervention:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gouvernance (Durabilité, pêche durable, GIPP) • Valorisation (augmentation des revenus, valorisation des sous-produits, rejets, espèces invasives) • Renforcement des capacités (améliorer la performance, augmenter la résilience face aux aléas: changement climatique, catastrophes naturelles, les espèces invasives) • Infrastructure (circuit de distribution, portuaires) <p>Approaches:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cumulative : Synergies avec les autres projets • Multi-Acteurs : Projet basé sur les partenariats • Transversale : Initiative Croissance Bleu <p>Stakeholders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • les OPAP (UTAP, GDAP, SMSA,...) • Les associations locales • Administrations • les collectivités locales • Les instituts de recherches • Les médias <p>Les bénéficiaires finaux</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Les communautés côtières : femmes, jeunes <p>Les groupes cibles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Les pêcheurs • Les femmes des pêcheurs • Les fonctionnaires
<p>Group de Travail #2: Planification du travail</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Diagnostic Analyse SWOT - Etat des lieux 2. Développement : Orientation stratégiques –Rôle des parties prenantes 3. Plan d'action <p>Methodology :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mobilization 2. Hypothesis 3. Diagnostic 4. Developpment 5. Concertation

6. Restitution

Phases : Mobilisation/Hypothèse/Diagnostic

(Approche territoriale-Approche bottom-Up)

COFIL + Table de concertation

3 réunions (Présentation du projet-Appropriation)

Elaboration et validation des TDR consultant national + Choix du consultant

Etude (diagnostic – Mapping)

Validation de l'Etude (Informer sur les Acquis -Priorisation des besoins et les attentes -)

1 er Atelier

BESOINS :

-Besoins logistiques : déplacement, frais d'organisation des réunions, ...

-Formation en chaine de valeur (CIHAM Bari)

-Formation/Initiation sur le plan d'investissement

-Expert national

Phases : Développement

Elaboration du plan d'investissement

(Expert International + Expert National)

Atelier de concertation, de présentation du 1 draft + Validation

Affinement du plan d'investissement

Conférence de

Turkey

<p>Groupe de Travail #1: Portée et Vision</p>	<p>Scale:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Local / Community <p>Stakeholders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fishers / fishery cooperatives - Recreational fisheries - Fish restaurant owners - Tourism boat owners - Other marine area recreational users such as kite surfers - Fish retailers / fish mongers - Local fish consumers - Hotel owners - Municipalities <p>Sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fisheries - Tourism - Service providers for fisheries - Fishing boat builders - Fish traders sectors <p>Value Chains:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Local produced fish (with focus on cold chain and traceability / farmed vs. wild) <p>Timing: 3 (three) years</p> <p>Building on: FMP in accordance with EAF (existing one) and traceability, labelling</p> <p>Alternative option:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pescatourism <p>Economical goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To ensure sustainable, regular, and sufficient fishing based income for local communities - To improve infrastructure for fisheries cooperatives <p>Social goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To ensure equal access to resources - To ensure gender equity - To increase awareness on responsible fisheries and environmental protection - To support employing opportunities in fisheries <p>Environmental goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enhance / maintain the good environmental status of Gökova MPA
<p>Group de Travail #2: Planification du travail</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work Plan • 1. To improve infrastructure for fishery cooperatives - Stabil office (cooperative) facility - Cold storage and ice machine - Refrigerated vans for logistic concerns

Needs:

a) Intuitional support (specific loan / credits availability for fishery cooperatives)

- Develop institutional coordination to solve legislative problem with constructions in special environmental protected area

b) Technical assistance on legal counselling

- Organize a meeting with relevant government authorities

c) Financial assistance

- GEKA (South Aegean Development Agency)
- Agricultural Credit Cooperatives
- Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (Urban Development Cooperation Department)

• **2. Traceability and Valorisation**

- Documentation from catch to the plate

- Labelling

• **Needs:**

a) Technical needs

- Legal assistance on know-how
- Training on catch document and traceability
- Equipment
- Technical assistance on setting up the system (e.g. designing label)

b) Institutional assistance

- Ministerial and academic support
- Raising public awareness

c) Financial assistance

- GEKA (South Aegean Development Agency)
- Local private champions (e.g. local restaurant owners)
- International projects sponsored by UNDP, UNEP, FAO)
- **3. Pescatourism;** experiencing fishers daily work life on his or her fishing boat exclusively for small scale fisheries

• **Needs:**

a) Technical needs

- Legal base (the right should be given small scale fishery / fishery cooperatives)
- Equipment and structural changes on the boat for safety at sea
- Training (study tours in where pesca tourism exist)
- Technical assistance to setting up system)

b) Institutional assistance

- Ministerial and academic support
- Raising public awareness

c) Financial assistance

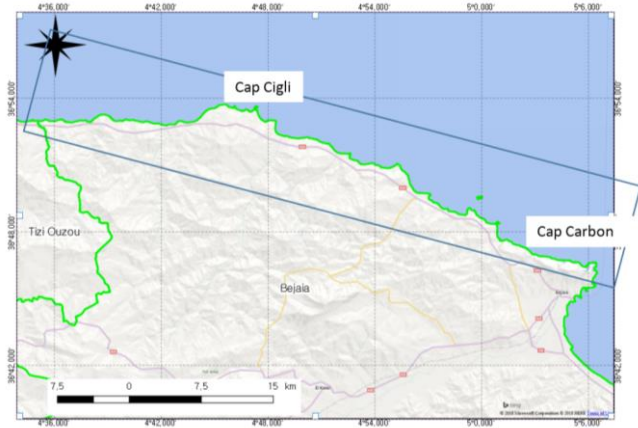


- Self financed by fisheries cooperative
- **Next Steps:** Consultancy on know-how
- Meeting of the core groups on investment plan
- Organise two workshop in Gökova (Akyaka)

1) To improve the draft investment plan with wider consultation

2) To inform and convince donors and investors on investment plan

Annex IV

Maps of proposed project sites for each Country.

<p>Algeria: Bejaia coast (~60 km)</p>	 <p>A topographic map of the Bejaia coast in Algeria. The map shows the coastline highlighted in green. Two specific locations are marked with red dots and labeled: 'Cap Cigli' on the northern part of the coast and 'Cap Carbon' on the southern part. The city of Bejaia is labeled in the center. A scale bar at the bottom indicates 0, 7.5, and 15 km. A north arrow is in the top left corner. The map includes a coordinate grid with longitude from 4°36'00" to 5°6'00" and latitude from 36°42'00" to 36°54'00".</p>
<p>Tunisia : Port de Zarzis, Port de Ajim, Village Jedaria</p>	 <p>A satellite-style map of the eastern coast of Tunisia. Three locations are marked with blue dots: 'Port de Zarzis' in the north, 'Port de Ajim' in the middle, and 'Village Jedaria' in the south. Other geographical features labeled include 'Boughrara Gulf', 'Sidi el Ghazal', and 'Bahret of Sidiou'. The map shows the coastline and surrounding land with some road networks.</p>
<p>Turkey: Gokova Bay and MPA</p>	 <p>A satellite-style map of Gokova Bay in Turkey. A red line outlines the boundary of the Marine Protected Area (MPA). An inset map in the bottom right corner shows the location of Gokova Körfezi on the southern coast of Turkey, with a legend for 'Gökova Körfezi' and 'DOKB Sınırı'.</p>

Annex V

Press release—English/French/Arabic:

<http://www.fao.org/neareast/news/view/en/c/1156693/>

Flickr Album:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/faonews/sets/72157700521306701/>

Blue Growth Blog:

<http://www.fao.org/blogs/blue-growth-blog/faos-blue-hope-initiative-launches-in-algeria-tunisia-and-turkey/en/>

Annex VI

Allocution de Monsieur le Coordinateur du Bureau sous- régional de la FAO pour l'Afrique du Nord

**Mesdames Messieurs les délégués des pays partis du projet Espoir Bleu : Algérie, Turquie et Tunisie ;
Monsieur le Directeur général de la pêche et de l'aquaculture
Messieurs les Directeurs des institutions publiques et représentants des Organisations professionnelles et de la société civile
Chers collègues ;
Mesdames et Messieurs, honorables invités**

Permettez-moi tout d'abord de vous exprimer au nom du Directeur Général de la FAO, l'Organisation des Nations Unies pour l'Alimentation et l'Agriculture Mr José Graziano da Silva, et à mon nom personnel nos remerciements pour avoir répondu favorable à notre invitation à participer à cet Atelier de lancement du projet régional TCP /INT /3702 : Espoir bleu qui concerne trois pays méditerranéens à savoir l'Algérie, la Turquie et la Tunisie.

Mes remerciements s'adresseront plus particulièrement au gouvernement de la Tunisie pour avoir accueilli favorablement la tenue de cet atelier dans ce beau pays.

Cet atelier qui durera deux jours représente la phase de lancement du projet régional espoir bleu et sera consacré à la présentation des objectifs du projet.

Les attentes et priorités des pays et l'identification en commun des opportunités en vue d'élaborer de façon concertée un plan d'action fédérateur et opérationnel qui réponde aux attentes des parties concernées.

Les débats en plénière, les travaux en groupes et les visites de terrains permettront sans doute aux participants de partager leur expérience, approfondir leur réflexion et mieux identifier les types d'activités les plus pertinentes.

Mesdames Messieurs

Fondée sur le concept de l'économie bleue issue de la conférence de Rio 20 en 2012, l'initiative de la croissance bleue de la FAO vise à soutenir la croissance durable dans le secteur maritime.

Ceci en mettant en valeur toutes ses potentialités en amont et en aval sachant que ces potentialités et leur durabilité dépendent étroitement de la préservation de la santé de ces espaces maritimes et par conséquent de leur productivité et services qu'ils procurent aux communautés humaines.

Le présent projet reconnaît que ces océans et ces mers représentent un espoir potentiel et des opportunités certaines qu'il faut mettre en valeur, ce qui contribuerait sans doute à la réalisation des objectifs du développement ODD notamment, les ODD...1,2, 13 et 14.

Mesdames Messieurs

La Méditerranée lieu de rencontre des civilisations et espaces parmi les plus convoités tant pour les activités d'exploitation des ressources vivantes et non vivantes que des activités commerciales, culturelles touristiques. Outre cette importance et richesse, la Méditerranée est connue par sa vulnérabilité notamment en termes de bilan hydrique qu'en termes de biodiversité et de rareté des ressources halieutiques soumises aux fortes concurrences qui conduisent à la surpêche et à la dégradation des milieux aquatiques.

Comme tous les plans d'eau, mers et océans, en Méditerranée la productivité des océans et la sécurité alimentaire des populations fait face à des menaces sérieuses mais disposent aussi d'énormes avantages et potentialités dont l'exploitation optimale est source d'espoir et de bien être pour des millions de personnes.

La gouvernance de ces espaces maritimes suivant les principes du code de conduite pour une pêche responsable et les directives techniques y afférentes constituent désormais l'unique voie pour sauver notre avenir et celui de nos générations futures.

La mise en œuvre de ces instruments est une responsabilité commune nécessitant une coopération solide et participative qui crée les espoirs et les opportunités économiques.

Nos objectifs sont:

- Eliminer la surpêche et autres pratiques de pêche préjudiciables, en optant pour des approches qui favorisent la croissance, la conservation et la pêche durable et mettent fin à la pêche illicite, non déclarée et non réglementée (INDNR);
- Favoriser des mesures adaptées qui encouragent la coopération entre les pays.
- Faciliter l'élaboration de politiques, l'investissement et l'innovation en faveur de la sécurité alimentaire, de la réduction de la pauvreté et de la gestion durable des ressources aquatiques.

Dans la région la FAO a fait des avancées dans le cadre des projets Port bleu de Zarzis, de El Hawaria , le projet FMM en appui aux femmes collectrices des palourdes, le projet gouvernance des pêches, la stratégie de développement de la pêche mis en œuvres respectivement en Tunisie et en Algérie.

L'actuel projet qui regroupe ces deux pays et la Turquie consolidera sans doute ces acquis.

Mesdames Messieurs,

Permettez-moi une fois de plus de réitérer mes remerciements au gouvernement de la Tunisie qui a réuni toutes les conditions nécessaires pour le succès des travaux de cette réunion.

Je vous souhaite de très bons et fructueux moments tout le long de vos travaux qui dureront 2 jours et qui aborderont les questions évoquées auparavant

Je vous remercie pour votre attention

Mohamed Amrani