

## EAF-Nansen Project at the Climate Talks in Copenhagen

On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> and Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December, the EAF-Nansen project will carry its message of “**the marine environment and climate change in Africa; who will be observing**” to Copenhagen. The EAF-Nansen project Coordinator has been invited to contribute to the World Oceans Day pre-event on board the R/V G.O. Sars at the Langelinge quayside in Copenhagen.



R/V G.O. Sars

R/V G.O. Sars, one of the world’s most advanced research vessels, is also owned by IMR, operators of the R/V Dr Fridtjof Nansen, the flagship of the EAF-Nansen project. With the Institute of Marine Research (IMR), we will be presenting the R/V Dr Fridtjof Nansen “story” to participants of the World Oceans Day event at the United Nations Climate Change Conference/COP-15 of UNFCCC). The event will include an open-ship tour and a mini-seminar that will look at climate change and oceans and fisheries and R/V Dr Fridtjof Nansen’s work in 60 countries over 35 years.

On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> the EAF-Nansen project EAF Coordinator (Kwame Koranteng) and Research Coordinator (Tore Stromme) will be participating in World Oceans Day panel discussions at the European Environment Agency in Copenhagen. “*Oceans Day provides an opportunity for Parties and Observer States, intergovernmental organizations, non-government organizations, and members of civil society to address the implications of the emerging Copenhagen agreement for oceans, coasts, and coastal communities around the globe. Oceans Day will highlight the direct link between climate change, the health of the oceans, and human well-being, as well as the need for sufficient funding to support bold mitigation and adaptation actions that will minimize climate change impacts on coastal communities and ocean resources*”. This year’s World Oceans Day theme is “The Importance of Oceans, Coasts, and Small Island Developing States in the Climate Regime”.