

**AFRICA FISHERIES Workshop**  
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- Africa is a continent rich in natural resources not only fish but also minerals, capable of producing abundant food to meet its population needs
- This is not possible because of lack of management and control of the resource exploitation.

**In 33% of the poorest countries in the world, mostly countries in Africa, Asia and the Pacific, most of their commercial fishing is carried out by the fleets of the European Union, Japan, China, South Korea, Taiwan and the United States**

- This has thus created a problem in resource exploitation and whether the people who live on this resource can benefit from it.
- The trend is that there is production but the communities that are producing are getting poor, impoverished yet the resource they are trading in is making actors in the supply chain rich and bringing in a lot of money for those trading in it.
- The result of this has been over exploitation by the people near this resource (juvenile fishing, destruction of the ecology in Chad region) further contributing to impoverishing of not only their livelihoods but also those of the future generation.

**1. Thus the solution lies in strengthening management of the resources by building the capacity of the fisher organization on the existing knowledge and practices on fisheries management and exploitation.**

How.

- thus for the African fisheries , we need to hold a WORKSHOP that will bring together small scale fisheries organization from Africa together to discuss issues that affect them and engage in designing way of how they want to change those situations  
Members of the WFF, 4 fisher organizations have been identified and we look at a minimum of 40 nations represented
- the workshop will also enhance cooperation of African fish organization and link them to the world forum of fish havesters and fish workers

- the workshop will also enable fish organization from Africa to contribute to criteria in the formulation of the small scale fish label ( thus the project will be contributing to the development of another project which is the SMALL SCALE / ARTISANALE LABEL
  
- 2. Carry out an exchange visit between two African fisheries.  
The visit will be between the West African fisheries and east African fisheries  
This is to further share and exchange on experiences of fisheries management after the workshop
  
- 3. establish a link with other stake holders  
Establish link between African fisher organization and African agricultural organization  
Establish link with United Nations institutions to dovelink the outcome of the workshop and the visits to the decision making institution
  
- 4. documenting successful and challenging situations  
Establish processes of documentation of two successful interventions in the African fisheries to address management and exploitation issues  
  
Establish a process of documentation of impact lack of management of the African fisheries resource and its impact to the local population.

2 YEAR WORK PLAN

	description	In charge of the project	Time line	Approximate funds required
1	Minim of 40 countries represented at the Workshop to be held in African country agreed on by colleagues taking into consideration visa requirements	Margaret & Charles Jeanot Rene Editrude , kolyang	Within the first 8 month of the initiative	
2	Exchange visit between African countries and west and east Africa	Lake Victoria and adepa	Within the first 12 months of the project	
3	Establish on links with stakeholder; resources required is to have representative attend important meeting of fisher, farmer and united nations		On going through out the project time line	
4	Documentation; identify an African developmental documentaries to film success and impact of liberalization on African fisheries		Within two years of the project	