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## WWF selected to manage component 2 of the sustainable management of fish Resources project



GDRH team on workshop

WWF has been selected and contracted by the Fishing Directorate to manage component 2 of the Project funded by the World Bank after a call for bid. Component 2 of the Project is about rehabilitation of ecosystems essential for coastal Fisheries. In the end, in collaboration with fishery communities in the sites covered by the project, WWF will create a protected fishing zone or Marine Protected Area covering Mbodiene, Pointe Sarene, Mballing and Nianing in the small Coast and another one in Dakar in the areas between Soumbédioune and Ouakam. Artificial Reefs will be immersed at Yenn and Bargny.

Lobsters and slipper lobsters in the fishing zone of Dakar between Yoff and Soumbédioune are the species chosen for a process of ecolabelling under the MSC label. In sites hosting Protected Fishing zones and artificial reefs, access rights and their associated management tools will be defined.

Actors in sites covered by the project knowing the experience and expertise of WWF in Marine protected areas have really welcomed WWF's selection to manage this component. They made it clear that WWF was presented to them during the mission organized by the fishery department on that purpose.

## A database system for better information on Marine Turtle in West Africa put in place

WWF organized a training workshop from 1st to 4th November in Dakar on how to use the new database system aiming at improving knowledge and facilitating share of information on marine turtle's issues.

This database system is essential as it compensates the deficit of exact data on this endangered species. Marine Turtle Focal Points from Cape Verde, the Gambia, Guinea Mauritania and Senegal attended this training and have earned the capacity to collect information as relates to the types, the sex, pressures and threats on marine turtles as well as their nesting.

The marine Turtle Programme implemented by WWF in the Framework of PRCM aims at "improving the conservation status of marine turtles, reducing their mortality, conserving their sites and habitats, improving the level of knowledge on marine turtles, strengthening sub regional collaboration in the protection of this threatened species



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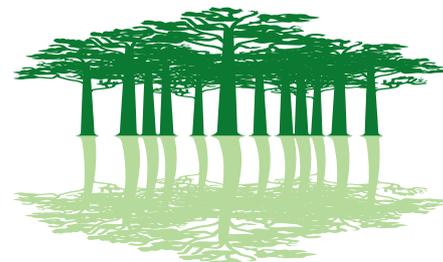


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## Fishery observers and inspectors trained in Senegal

About 60 officers from the fishery administration mainly ( observers and inspectors ) have been trained on monitoring, control and surveillance techniques at a workshop organized by WWF from October 18th to November 3rd as part of the implementation of the management capacity building programme for fishery stakeholders in West Africa). This training workshop will surely contribute to a better management of fisheries mainly the surveillance against destructive fishing practices and illegal fishing.

## The Gambia reviewed its programme of work on protected areas (POWPA)

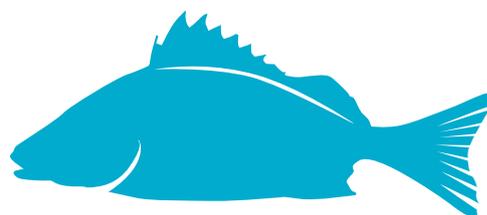


To support countries to implement and respect their commitments in relation to the CBD and mainly the Programme of work on protected areas is one important objective of WWF's Project. In this regard, a workshop bringing together all the stakeholders involved in the management of protected areas in the Gambia was held in Banjul from 24th to 28 October 2011 to review the implementation of the POWPA. Protected areas are the bedrock of biodiversity conservation.

## Celebrating World Day of Fishing

The celebration of world day of fishing this year from 21 to 23 November 2011 was the occasion of great reflection on this sector. Fora on the theme "strategies for sustainable management of fishery sector to face the crisis" was organized.

This celebration is the joint work of actors of civil society, professional organizations, administration and NGOs including WWF.



## International Conferences



WWF's West Africa Office attended the 10th Conference of Parties of the Convention for Migratory species (CMS) in Bergen (Norway) from November 20th to 25 November 2011. The issue of the small Cetaceans was at the core of the discussions and was the topic of the Side Event aiming at finding ways and means for the efficient conservation of these endangered marine mammals.

WWF's West Africa Office attended too the 17th Conference of parties on climate change in Durban and contributes to the lobbying work of the WWF international delegation during the sessions.

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### West Africa, first recipient of the training modules on protected areas

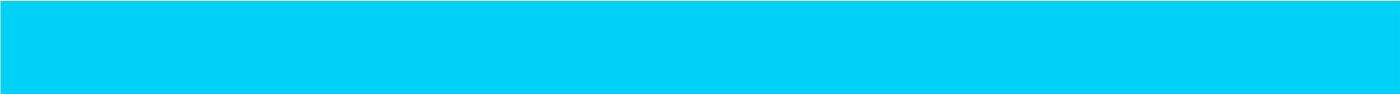


overview of meeting

The training on e-learning (18 online modules) module on the management of protected areas developed by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) have been offered for the first time at a workshop held in Dakar from 21 to 25 November

Organized by the Secretariat of the CBD in partnership with WWF and the Institute for the Enhancement of Livelihood, this workshop has strengthened the capacity of protected area managers, administrators, academics, local actors, and the private sector as relevant to improved management of protected areas in West Africa.

The participants from seven countries of West Africa (Guinea Bissau, Guinea, Gambia, Sierra Leone, Senegal, Mauritania and Cape Verde) formed the core group of trainers and have been provided with the expertise to assist their countries



According to Mr. Malle Diagana, Project Manager at WWF they will be able “to develop training and information programme on specific protected areas issues according to the needs identified in the country and the sub-region, run public awareness campaigns, encourage policy makers in the sub-region to make decisions and to support efforts that will lead to effective implementation of the program work on protected areas.”

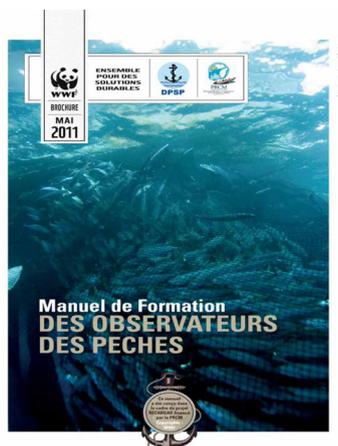
In addition to their conservation value, protected areas have values that are essential to human well-being and provide goods and services such as tourism, recreation, livelihoods to local communities. Thus they contribute to poverty reduction and sustainable development. Recognizing their importance, the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) to facilitate its implementation adopted a new Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 which calls on governments to increase the coverage and ecological representativeness of their protected areas and especially to ensure their effective management in order to take full advantage of them both at ecological and socio-economic level

According to Jo Mulongoy from the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity “trainers from this workshop not only have a unique opportunity to train and inform the various segments of society that will put into action the appeal contained in the Strategic Plan Biodiversity adopted in Nagoya, but they also have a moral responsibility to motivate policy-makers to act quickly to use the protected areas in the programs of poverty reduction and sustainable development for our country”

The Convention on Biological Diversity is an international agreement established by the United Nations in Rio in 1992 to preserve the world’s biological diversity. It aims at: conserving biodiversity, promoting sustainable use and equitable benefits sharing of related to the use of genetic resources

## Publications WWF

WWF new publications and audiovisual productions



“Training Manual for Fishing Observers” is a tool to support and strengthen the capacity of fishing observers and inspectors in West Africa who already have been trained.

“Methods for assessing the impacts of fishery agreements is a manual tested efficiently by the Cape Verde Government who were grateful to WWF for its support in the negotiation of fishery agreements.



Both publications have been made due to efforts of the project ( Management Capacity Building Project for fisheries stakeholders in West Africa funded by the PRCM)

In collaboration with the GREP( The networks of journalists and experts on environment), WWF also released:

The 4th issue of the Journal of GREP and Documentary film on “ Lac de Guiers”

These productions followed the GREP ‘s Press trip in “ Lac de Guiers “ area. que le GREP a effectuée dans cette localité.



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