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EAF-Nansen Programme

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KEY PARTNERS

- Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad)
- Norwegian Institute of Marine Research (IMR)
- 32 countries in Africa & Bay of Bengal
- Fishery Committee for the Eastern Central Atlantic (CECAF)
- Southwest Indian Ocean Fisheries Commission (SWIOFC)
- Benguela Current Commission (BCC)
- South East Atlantic Fisheries Organization (SEAFO)

DECADE CHALLENGES ADDRESSED

CHALLENGE 1: Understand and beat marine pollution

CHALLENGE 2: Protect and restore ecosystems and biodiversity

CHALLENGE 3: Sustainably feed the global population

CHALLENGE 4: Develop a sustainable and equitable ocean economy

CHALLENGE 5: Unlock ocean-based solutions to climate change

CHALLENGE 9: Skills, knowledge and technology for all

CHALLENGE 10: Change humanity's relationship with the ocean

OCEAN BASINS

North Atlantic Indian Ocean
South Atlantic



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Summary

Since 1975, the EAF-Nansen Programme has been a collaborative platform for ocean science, fisheries management and capacity development, continuously evolving to address emerging challenges. In its current phase (2017-2023), the Programme is assisting 32 partner countries and four regional organizations in Africa and the Bay of Bengal to improve their capacity to implement the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries (EAF), taking into consideration the impacts of climate change and marine pollution. The long-term objective is to improve food and nutrition security in partner countries. The programme comprises three key areas of work: (1) Science and Scientific advice, (2) Fisheries Management, and (3) Capacity Development. A new-state-of-the-art research vessel – Dr Fridtjof Nansen – is an integral part of the programme and serves to conduct marine research with the participation of scientists from partner countries. It is also the only marine research vessel to fly the United Nations flag.

Duration: 01/05/2017 - 31/05/2023

Priority Activities (first 2 years)

- Support activities aimed at improving knowledge of marine resources and ecosystems for tactical fisheries management and generation of knowledge of strategic value, including long-term impacts of fisheries, climate change and pollution on marine resources and ecosystems. The main method of data acquisition is through conducting scientific surveys on board the R/V Dr Fridtjof Nansen.
- Support collaborative efforts for management of fisheries on shared resources, in accordance with the principles of the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries (EAF). Support is provided to selected countries for development, review or implementation of fisheries management plans and setting up fisheries management cycles.
- Capacity development in various forms, i.e., on-the-job training or as dedicated courses organised under the Technical Training Network. The Programme also runs a studentship programme that offers scholarships for PhD and Master's students in relation to the implementation of the Science Plan and a mentoring programme that partners can benefit from.

Mainstreaming gender equality across all programme activities is one of our key priorities

"The EAF-Nansen Programme collaborates with 32 partner countries and 4 regional organizations in Africa and the Bay of Bengal. The Programme assists these countries to sustainably manage their fisheries to improve food and nutrition security and reduce poverty. We are glad to see the EAF-Nansen Programme supporting and contributing to the vision and mission of the UN Ocean Decade."

Merete Tandstad, EAF-Nansen Programme Coordinator, FAO



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