

INFO PÊCHE Newsletter



N°3 July / August / September 2025



Download
the Newsletter





MACPPA

African Market for Marketing Fishery
and Aquaculture Products



With MACPPA,

sell

easily

www.macppa.com



Visit
MACPPA



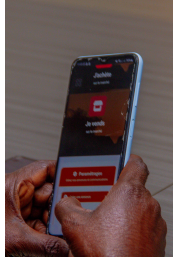
Download
the manual



PAGE **04**

Editorial

MACPPA, an innovative platform to boost fishery sector



PAGE **05**

Latest news

INFOPÊCHE tour in the member states



Headlines



PAGE **11**

Headlines

MACPPA: a revolutionary digital tool to boost trade of fishery and aquaculture products in Africa

PAGE **15**

Press Release

End of biological rest for marine and lagoon fishing



PAGE **17**

File

Côte d'Ivoire: fishing resumes for semi-industrial and industrial units



PAGE **18**
Expert point of view

Biological Rest

PAGE **23**
FIN News

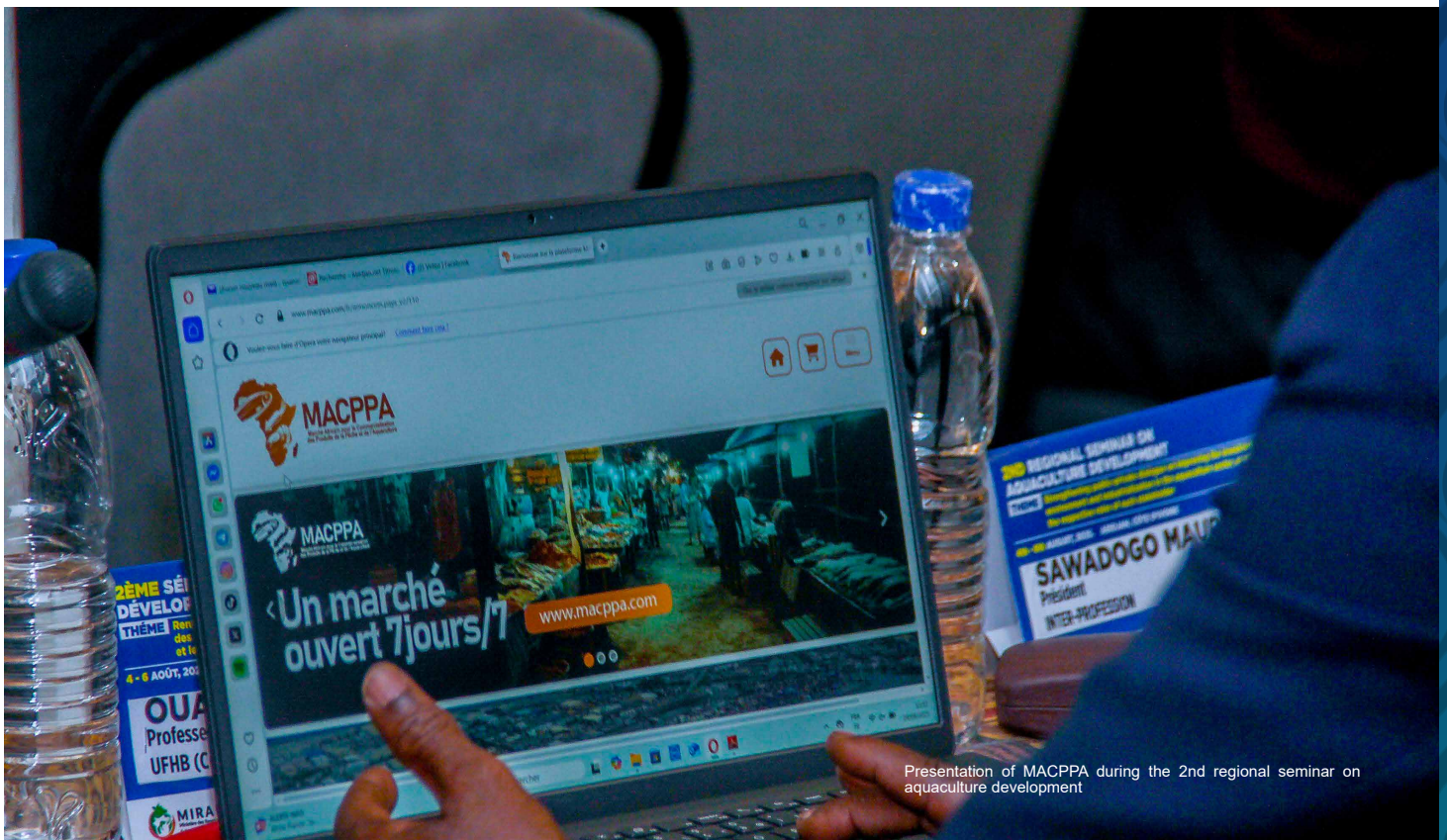
INFOFISH
EUROFISH
GLOBEFISH



PAGE **26**

Seminar





Presentation of MACPPA during the 2nd regional seminar on aquaculture development

Editorial

MACPPA, an innovative platform to boost fishery sector

Fisheries and aquaculture are strategic sectors for food security, job creation, and economic growth in Africa. However, the marketing of fishery products continues to face numerous challenges, including long and inefficient supply chains, high post-harvest losses, lack of access to formal markets, and weak real-time information systems on price trends of fishery products.

Today, the rise of digital technology offers an unprecedented opportunity to transform these value chains through the establishment of a dynamic

virtual marketplace that facilitates connections between buyers and sellers of fishery products. MACPPA, African Market for Marketing Fishery and Aquaculture Products, is designed by the Intergovernmental Organization for Marketing Information and Cooperation Services for Fishery Products in Africa (INFOPÊCHE) to contribute to promoting and offering value addition to fishery.

We hope that this digital market will contribute to implement our fisheries policies in our member countries respectively.

(INFOPÊCHE)



Official group photo of the director of INFOPÊCHE with the minister of fisheries and maritime economy of Guinea and her staff members

Latest news

GUINEA

INFOPÊCHE strengthens cooperation with Guinea's fisheries and maritime economy administration

As part of efforts to strengthen regional cooperation for the promotion and development of fishery and aquaculture products in Africa, the Intergovernmental Organization for Marketing Information and Cooperation Services for Fishery Products in Africa (INFOPÊCHE) carried out a working mission to the Republic of Guinea, particularly, to discuss with the Ministry of Fisheries and Maritime Economy.

The mission, which took place from July 5th to 9th, 2025, had the following objectives:

- To gather information on the needs for modernization and promotion of fishery and aquaculture products,
- To identify the availability of fishery products and explore export opportunities at the regional and international levels.
- Review the INFOPÊCHE activity program for 2025, and Support Guinean initiatives for better presentation of fishery products in regional and inter

national markets through the MACPPA e-commerce platform.

During the proceedings, Mr. Atsé Casimir Eric AKAFFOU, Director of INFOPÊCHE, held discussions with Guinean authorities, specifically Mr. Aly TRAORE, Chief of Staff of the General Secretariat of the Government, and the Minister of Fisheries and Maritime Economy and her close associates, including Bamba OLIANO, Chief of Staff to the Minister, the Secretary General of the Ministry, two technical advisors, the Minister's Assistant, the National Director of Maritime Fisheries, the Director General of ONSPA, and three research officers.

After the discussions, the Director of INFOPÊCHE made a presentation on the African Market for Marketing Fisheries and Aquaculture Products (MACPPA).

In summary, the Guinean authorities appreciated the INFOPÊCHE initiative and pledged to provide the necessary support for the success of this project.

(INFOPÊCHE)



GHANA

Presentation of the MACPPA e-commerce platform to officials from Ghana's Ministry of Fisheries and Aquaculture Development

From August 6th to 10th, 2025, INFOPÊCHE carried out a presentation and training mission for officials from Ghana's Ministry of Fisheries and Aquaculture Development.

The INFOPÊCHE delegation, conducted by Mr. Atsé Eric AKAFFOU, Director of INFOPÊCHE and Head of Delegation, Dr. Amadou TALL, Expert in Fisheries Governance and Blue Economy, and Mr. N'DA N'da Jean Brice, Webmaster at INFOPÊCHE, received a warm and friendly welcome from the Ghanaian authorities, in particular, the Director of the Fisheries Commission and his

colleagues. The objective of this mission was to present the digital platform called "African Market for Marketing Fisheries and Aquaculture Products (MACPPA)," which aims to facilitate connections between the various stakeholders in the fisheries value chain.

After the introductions, the training consisted of a presentation of all the features of MACPPA, an overview of the global market, registration of the relevant stakeholders, and finally the creation and publication of advertisements. Following the training, the participants appreciated.



Presentation of MACPPA to key fisheries stakeholders in GHANA

the ergonomics and features of the e-commerce platform and are eager to start using it.

- However, participants made some
- recommendations as follows
 - Issues related to fraud and illegal fishing;
 - Issues related to the conditions for exporting and
 - importing products between member countries.

It is important to note that the MACAPPA platform includes features such as the procedures for importing and exporting fishery and aquaculture products from each member country including specific customs duties to each member country.

(INFOPÊCHE)

Visit to various fish landing sites in Ghana



Visit of INFOPÊCHE To EMA - GHANA



Registration of a fish processor on the MACPPA platform

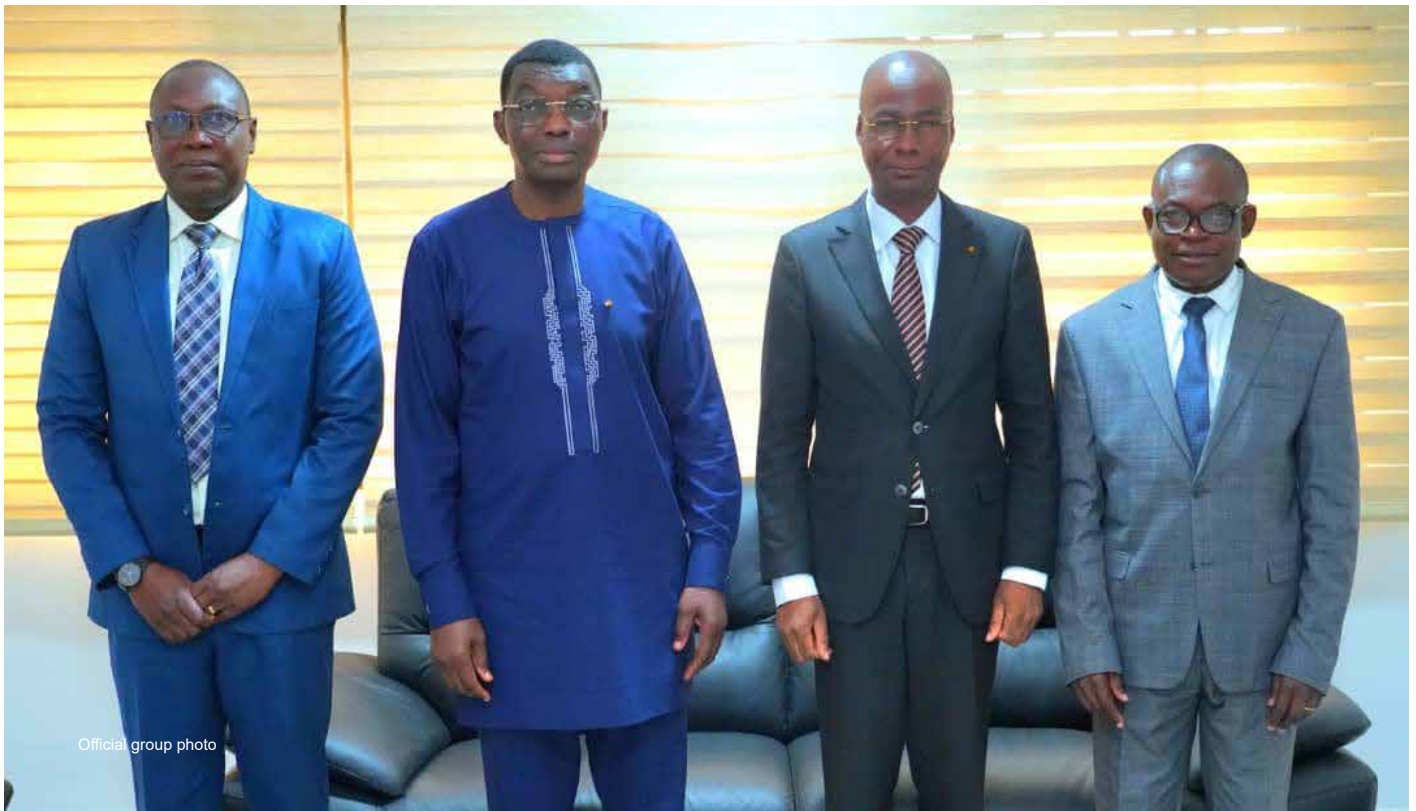
“
**The actors of
Ghana's fishing
sector embrace
the MACPPA**”

Following the training of stakeholders in Ghana's fisheries and aquaculture sector, the INFOPÊCHE delegation visited the fishing port of TEMA, the Adabraka fish market, and the Teshi market. At these three sites, it presented the MACPPA platform to fish processors, who welcomed it with happiness and were registered to use this digital market.

(INFOPÊCHE)

TOGO

Working visit and presentation of the African Market for Marketing Fishery and Aquaculture Products (MACPPA)



Official group photo

From August 13th to 15th, 2025, Mr. Atsé Casimir Eric AKAFFOU, Director of INFOPÊCHE, carried out a working mission in Togo.

The objective of this mission was to make a briefing of INFOPÊCHE's activities, namely the digitization of certain commercial activities, the organization's strategic plan currently being developed, and Togo's contribution.

When arrived in Togo, the Director held a working meeting with the Director of Fisheries and Aquaculture from Togo, Dr. Ali DOMTANI.

The Director of INFOPÊCHE was received in audience by the Minister of State, Minister of

Fisheries, Animal Resources, and Transhumance Regulation. On this occasion, the outcome of the working session between the Director of INFOPÊCHE and the Director of Fisheries and Aquaculture was reported to the Minister.

The Minister welcomed the quality of the information received and instructed the Chief of Staff and the Director of Fisheries to pay part of Togo's contribution arrears.

After this meeting, a visit to the fishing port was conducted. The director of INFOPÊCHE took the opportunity to make a presentation of MACPPA to the stakeholders of the fishery sector. This presentation was welcomed by all the stakeholders.

(INFOPÊCHE)

NIGERIA

Working visit and presentation of the African Market for the Marketing Fishery and Aquaculture Products (MACPPA).



From August 17th to 20th, 2025, INFOPÊCHE carried out a working mission and a presentation of the African Market for Marketing Fishery and Aquaculture Products (MACPPA) to the authorities of the Ministry of Marine and Blue Economy of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

The mission was conducted by Mr. Atsé Casimir Eric AKAFFOU, Director of INFOPÊCHE, received a warm welcome from the authorities, particularly from Mr. Wellington OMORAGBON, Director of Fisheries and Agriculture of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

The director made a briefing on the situation at INFOPÊCHE, the new vision currently being developed, namely digitization, and the status of Nigeria's contributions.

On this last point, Nigeria's Director of Fisheries and Agriculture reassured the director of INFOPÊCHE that this request would be taken into account, as his ministry has a budget for this purpose.

The Director of INFOPÊCHE also presented the MACPPA to all of the Nigerian Director of Fisheries' staff. They appreciated this digital tool and spontaneously requested training for their focal points.

(INFOPÊCHE)

SENEGAL

Training mission for focal points on the use of MACPPA in Senegal



MACPPA training session in Senegal

As part of the development of the virtual platform known as the African Market for Marketing Fishery and Aquaculture Products (MACPPA), a delegation from INFOPÊCHE composed of Mr. Lamine Yeo and Mr. N'DA Jean Brice traveled to Senegal from September 8 to 11, 2025 to train focal points in the use of this new digital tool for match-making the buyers and sellers. The delegation was received by the Chief of Staff of the Minister in Charge of Fisheries and Maritime Economy, Mr. Mamadou GOUDIABY, the Director of Inland Fisheries, and other authorities from various departments of the Ministry.

As a reminder, Senegal is one of three INFOPÊCHE's member countries selected for the pilot phase of the project on the African virtual market for marketing fishery and aquaculture products.

The two-day training session for focal points took place in the Ministry's conference room. Following

to this training session, some recommendations were formulated , which focused on the following points:

- The MACPPA taking into account the identification numbers of aquaculture producers
- The MACPPA taking into account the identification numbers of micro-fishmongers (retailers)
- The integration into the MACPPA of documentation specific to each member country relating to the export and import of fishery products
- Access to the platform session by an aquaculture manager must be authorized by the fish farm owner

It is salient to note that this mission permitted to improve the platform by adapting it to the Senegalese ecosystem in terms of fisheries and aquaculture.

(INFOPÊCHE)

Headlines

MACPPA: a Revolutionary digital tool to boost trade of fishery and aquaculture products in Africa



MACPPA

African Market for Marketing Fishery and Aquaculture Products

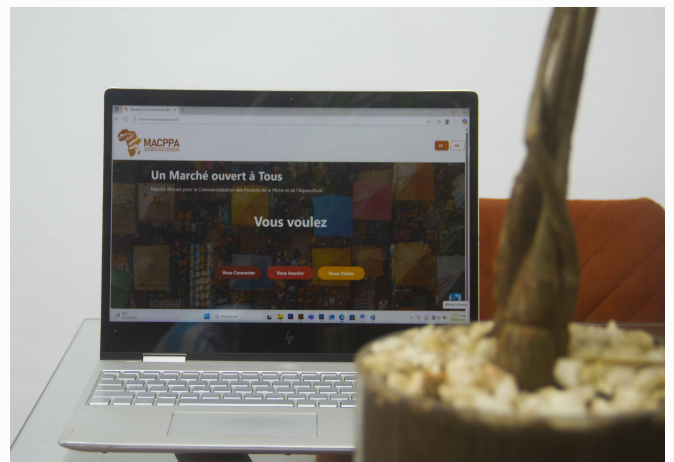
Headlines

MACPPA: a Revolutionary digital tool to boost trade of fishery and aquaculture products in Africa

The importance of the virtual marketplace in the marketing of fishery products in Africa lies in its ability to transform a sector traditionally hampered by challenges such as costly intermediaries, post-harvest losses, and limited access to lucrative markets.

To address these challenges, the Intergovernmental Organization for Marketing Information and Cooperation Services for Fishery Products in Africa (INFOPÊCHE) has designed a pan-African digital platform specializing in the promotion and marketing fishery products.

This digital platform, called the "African Market for Marketing of Fishery and Aquaculture Products (MACPPA)", is positioned as a strategic tool to modernize and facilitate the connection between buyers and sellers of fishery products.



MACPPA's target users are all stakeholders involved in fishery value chain operation, not only in the eighteen INFOPÊCHE member countries but also in all other African countries including the member countries of the sister organizations, namely INFOFISH, INFOPESCA, INFOSAMAK,

Headlines

MACPPA: a Revolutionary digital tool to boost trade of fishery and aquaculture products in Africa



**Boost
your sales with
MACPPA**

EUROFISH and China, representing a vast and dynamic fishery products market.

MACPPA represents the presence of industrial fishermen, artisanal fishermen, wholesale fishmongers, semi-wholesale fishmongers, industrial processors, artisanal processors,

logistics, retailers and consumers.

Centralizing information on the availability of fishery and aquaculture products, facilitating match-making between sellers and buyers, promoting and enhancing the value of fishery products, and establishing a sustainable economic model are the key objectives assigned to MACPPA.

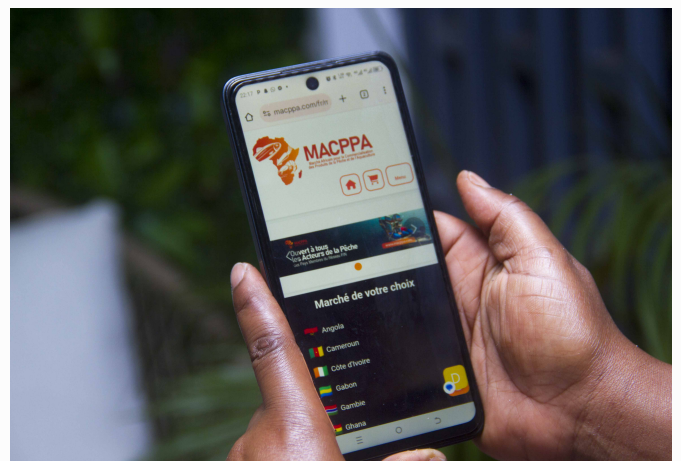
(INFOPÊCHE)

MACPPA, a commercial revolution at international scale

Beyond the traceability and quality assurance of the fishery products on the platform, there are direct transactions characterized by opportunities to negotiate better prices and a wide range of choices for both sellers and buyers: it's a commercial revolution!

MACPPA represents a relevant lever for modernizing marketing of fishery and aquaculture products, which will promote inclusive and sustainable growth for countries.

Adopting this tool could accelerate the transformation of the fisheries sector into a formidable power of economic growth and contribute to food security by connecting all stakeholders in the fisheries value chain. However, financial investments for the progress development of the platform



in INFOPÊCHE member states in order to have positive economic, environmental, and social impacts must be mobilized in the short term.

(INFOPÊCHE)

Headlines

MACPPA: a Revolutionary digital tool to boost trade of fishery and aquaculture products in Africa



Retailers of the Abobodoumé market

The MACPPA reveals itself to retailers in the Ivorian markets



Retailers of the Locodjro market

INFOPÊCHE carried out a field mission for the development phase of MACPPA in Abidjan. The delegation of INFOPÊCHE visited the fish landing sites, notably Locodjro and Abobodoumé, to present the platform to retailers.

Following the presentation of the platform, the women expressed keen interest in joining this platform. As a result, more than twenty (20) women fish retailers have been registered and are using the platform for their trade activities.

(INFOPÊCHE)



MACPPA

African Market for Marketing Fishery
and Aquaculture Products



With MACPPA,

sell

easily

www.macppa.com



Visit
MACPPA



Download
the manual





MIRAH

Ministère des Ressources
Animales et Halieutiques

Press Release



End of biological rest for marine
and lagoon fishery



DIRECTION DE LA COMMUNICATION
ET DES RELATIONS PUBLIQUES

Le Directeur



**COMMUNIQUÉ DE PRESSE du 1^{er} Septembre 2025, RELATIF A LA FIN DU REPOS BIOLOGIQUE
POUR LA PÊCHE MARITIME ET LAGUNAIRE,**

Le MIRAH salue le civisme des acteurs et fait le point sur la pêche continentale

Abidjan, le 1^{er} septembre 2025 – Le Ministère des Ressources Animales et Halieutiques (MIRAH) annonce la **fin officielle du repos biologique 2025** pour la pêche industrielle maritime, ainsi que pour les activités de pêche dans les lagunes Aby, Ébrié, Grand-Lahou, Fresco et les lacs d'Ayamé et de Faé.

Cette mesure, en vigueur jusqu'au 31 août à minuit, a été respectée avec succès par les professionnels du secteur. Par conséquent, les armateurs et les pêcheurs de ces plans d'eau sont autorisés à reprendre leurs activités dès ce 1^{er} septembre 2025 à 00h01.

Monsieur le Ministre des Ressources Animales et Halieutiques, Sidi Tiémoko TOURE exprime sa profonde gratitude à l'ensemble des acteurs pour leur **civisme exemplaire** et leur souhaite une excellente reprise des activités. Leur engagement a été crucial pour la préservation de nos ressources halieutiques.

Le repos biologique pour la pêche continentale : un acte citoyen volontaire

Dans le même élan, le Ministère rappelle aux acteurs de la pêche artisanale continentale, exerçant sur les lacs de Buyo, Kossou, Soubré et Taabo, que le repos biologique 2025 les concernant commence ce **1^{er} septembre 2025 pour prendre fin le 31 octobre 2025**.

Contrairement aux autres zones, et conformément au communiqué du 4 juillet 2025, cette mesure est, à titre exceptionnel, **un acte citoyen et volontaire**, et non une obligation contraignante.

Le Ministère encourage vivement les pêcheurs à adhérer à cette approche volontaire pour renforcer la gouvernance locale et assurer une gestion durable de nos écosystèmes aquatiques. Votre participation est essentielle pour la pérennité de vos propres activités et pour la prospérité des générations futures.


DIAKITE Ibrahim
Ibrahim Diakite



Photo of the Minister of Animal and Fisheries Resources of Côte d'Ivoire, Mr Sidi Tiémoko TOURE

File

Côte d'Ivoire: Fishing resumes for industrial and semi-industrial units

Semi-industrial and industrial fisheries at sea and in lagoons in Côte d'Ivoire will be able to resume operations on Sunday, following a month-long prohibition due to the annual biological rest period enforced by the Ivorian government.

"In accordance with the biological rest implementation schedule, midnight on August 31st, 2025, marks the end of the biological rest period in maritime and lagoon fisheries," states an official note from the Ministry of Animal and Fisheries Resources, inviting semi-industrial and industrial fishing units to "resume their activities as of September 1, 2025, at 12:01 a.m. (local time)."

The summary concerns fishing at sea and in the Aby and Grand-Lahou lagoons (in the south of the country), specifies the note sent to Xinhua on Friday.

For artisanal fishing units, the reopening took place on August 1st after a month of closure.

The annual fishing closure periods decided two years ago aim to preserve fish stocks and ensure their recovery.

According to the Ivorian Ministry of Animal and Fisheries Resources, production could thus increase to 84,000 tons by the end of 2025 and reach 127,000 tons by the end of 2027, compared to a reference catch of 55,522 tons in 2022.

Côte d'Ivoire imports nearly 650,000 tons of fish per year, and national production barely covers 110,000 tons.

ABIDJAN, August 31st (Xinhua)



The Expert point of view

Biological Rest

What is biological rest ?

In fishing terms, a biological rest period, also called a seasonal closure of fisheries, is a period during which fishing is prohibited in a given area, in order to allow fish reproduction and growth. It is a fisheries management measure aimed at ensuring the sustainability of fishing through:

- Reproductive protection :

It allows fish to reproduce without being disturbed by fishing, thus promoting stock regeneration

- Juvenile growth :

Biological rest periods provide young fish with the

opportunity to grow and reach a minimum catch size, thus increasing their market value and survival

- Stock recovery :

By reducing fishing pressure, biological rest contributes to the recovery of fish stocks, particularly in areas where they have been overexploited.

- Sustainable resource management :

In general, biological rest is one component of a broader management strategy aimed at ensuring the sustainability of fisheries and preserving marine ecosystems.

Area and period of biological rest in Côte d'Ivoire

In Côte d'Ivoire, the biological recovery period is implemented annually, with closure periods varying depending on the area and fish species.

Area of Biological Rest

- **Marine waters:** Aby Lagoon and Grand-Lahou Lagoon
- **Lakes:** Lake Kossou and Lake Buyo

Périods of Biological Rest

- **Zone A (maritime) :** From July 1 to July 31 for artisanal fishing and from July 1 to August 31 for semi-industrial and industrial fishing (excluding tuna fishing)
- **Zone B (lakes) :** From September to October

Implications for fishermen

Fishing ban

During the biological recovery period, fishing is prohibited in the affected areas

Penalties

Failure to comply with this measure may result in penalties, such as fines or imprisonment

Alternative opportunities

Some fishermen are encouraged to explore other economic activities, such as fish farming or agriculture, during the closed season.

In summary, biological recovery is an essential management measure to preserve fisheries resources and ensure the sustainability of fishing, while taking into account the economic realities of fishing communities.



Fishing industry: Preserving jobs requires sustainability efforts

Beyond its nutritional and micronutrient contribution, the fishing industry provides employment opportunities, not only for fishermen, but also for workers of the related industries, such as seafood processing, logistics, and retail. These jobs are often essential to the economic development for the communities and the states.

According to a report on the World Status of fisheries and aquaculture in 2024, globally, in 2022, approximately 61.8 million people worked in the fishing sector on a full-time, part-time, or occasional basis, compared to 62.8 million employees in 2020, published by [openknowledge.fao](https://openknowledge.fao.org). This slight decline does not affect the importance of jobs in fisheries, as well as aquaculture, which accounted for 36% of this workforce, and catching fisheries for 54%, according to our source.

In some African countries that are members of INFOPÊCHE, such as Côte d'Ivoire, industrial fishing, a pillar of the national economy, generates nearly 100,000 direct jobs and more than 580,000

industrial jobs, a third of which are held by women, according to the website www.economie-ivoirienneci. In Mauritania, according to the website www.pêche.gov.mr, there are an estimated 66,000 workers in the fishing sector and 86,000 in Senegal, according to www.fao.org.

The website fcwc-fish.org reported 790,000 fishermen in Nigeria (500,000 coastal and 200,000 continental, as primary producers). For an integrated industry, the total number of jobs could be multiplied by five.

The industrial sector employs around 100,000 Nigerians in various fields (management, laundry, vessels operation, distribution, marketing, etc.). Togo has around 22,000 workers in the fishing sector, according to the website togoveil.tg. We must not neglect the new jobs created by the implementation of the blue economy.

But, what are their working conditions?
What regulations are in place?

ILO Convention 188: a big step forward, but much remains to be completed

The rights of workers in the fishing industry are governed by international conventions such as Convention 188 of the International Labor Organization (ILO) and national legislation. ILO Convention 188 specifies that workers are entitled to a clear employment contract and regular payment of wages, among other things

Research has established links between the application of these provisions and the sustainability of the fishing industry, as a result of preserving the benefits it provides, including jobs. In an article published on the website fr.scienceaq.com, researchers "examine the bidirectional links between environmental degradation and the use of slavery," mainly forced labor. Documentary research and testimonies have revealed numerous instances of repeated human rights violations in the fishing industry,

including forced labor, servile labor, child labor and slavery, and dangerous, indecent, and unsanitary living and working conditions.

And yet, ILO Convention 188 on work in the fishing sector came into force on November 16, 2017, and was ratified a year later by ten member states, including eight coastal states, compared to 24 countries to date. The first countries to ratify were South Africa, Argentina (2013), Bosnia and Herzegovina (2010), Congo (2014), France (2015), Morocco (2013), then in 2016, Norway, Angola, Estonia, and Lithuania. Then Congo (2014), Namibia and Senegal in 2019, Ghana (2024), and Kenya (2022), among others. In Côte d'Ivoire, the convention will enter into force on June 8, 2026, and on June 11, 2026, in Belgium.

A call to action

Signing by African countries, in particular, and the implementation of ILO Convention 188 in the fishing industry, including the sub-segment of artisanal fishing, will improve the safety at sea of artisanal fishermen.

The African Confederation of Artisanal Fishing Professional Organizations (CAOPA) called for action during a "training workshop on ILO Convention 188 on work in the fishing industry: a matter of future importance for African artisanal fishing," held from July 21 to 23, 2022, in Mbour, Senegal.

The report can be read at caopa.org. Priority is given to artisanal fishing because many activities are still informal.

Countries that ratify Convention 188 must, to this end, develop laws, regulations, or other measures covering a range of issues that are essential to promoting safe and decent working conditions in small-scale fisheries.

- The needs of African artisanal fisheries in to the

relevant issues addressed by Convention C188 are linked to:

- Setting a minimum age for employment on board;
- Organizing medical examinations;
- Drawing up crewlists;
- Conditions for repatriating fishermen;
- Recruitment conditions ;
- Sanitary conditions on board;
- Safety conditions on board;
- The provision of food and drinking water on board;
- Training crewmembers to provide first aid on board;
- The prevention of occupational accidents, occupational diseases, and risks related to work on board;
- Gradual provision of social security protection for fishermen and their families.
- The CAOPA also proposes a series of concrete measures to be supported, including training for canoe captains, decent working conditions, the use of new technologies (geolocation, etc.), and raising awareness among fishermen of safety issues on board.

(Marcelle AKA)

FIN (Fish InfoNetwork)



INFOPÊCHE

Angola - Cameroon - Congo - Ivory Coast
Gabon - Gambia - Ghana - Guinea
Guinea-Bissau - Liberia - Morocco - Mauritania
Mozambique - Namibia - Nigeria - Senegal
Sierra Leone - Togo

INFOSAMAK

Algeria - Bahrain - Djibouti - Iraq - Libya
- Morocco - Mauritania - Palestine -
Sudan - Syria - Tunisia - Yemen

INFOPESCA

Argentina - Barbados - Belize - Brazil
Chile - Colombia - Costa Rica - Cuba - Dominica -
Ecuador - Grenada - Guyana - Mexico - Panama -
Paraguay - Peru - Dominican Republic
Uruguay - Saint Kitts and Nevis
Saint Lucia - Suriname

INFOFISH

Bangladesh - Cambodia - Fiji - Iran
Malaysia - the Maldives - Pakistan - Papua New
Guinea - The Philippines - The Solomon Islands
Sri Lanka - Thailand

EUROFISH

Albania - Croatia - Denmark - Estonia
Hungary - Italy - Latvia - Lithuania
Norway - Poland - Romania - Spain
Turkey

INFOYU

China

www.infopeche.co

INFOFISH

5th World Tilapia Trade and Technical Conference & Trade Exhibition 2025 (TILAPIA 2025)

"Innovation, Integration and Profitability in Tilapia Aquaculture: Modernisation for a New Era"

5th INFOFISH WORLD TILAPIA TRADE AND TECHNICAL CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION 2025

In collaboration with

13th International Symposium on Tilapia in Aquaculture (ISTA13)



3 - 5 NOVEMBER 2025

SWISSOTEL BANGKOK RATCHADA, Thailand

INFOFISH is organising the 5th World Tilapia Trade and Technical Conference & Trade Exhibition 2025 (TILAPIA 2025) in collaboration with the 13th International Symposium on Tilapia in Aquaculture (ISTA13), from 3–5 November 2025 at the Swissôtel Bangkok Ratchada, Thailand.

This prestigious three-day conference is co-organised by the University of Arizona and the U.S. Soybean Export Council (USSEC), hosted by the Department of Fisheries, Thailand, and supported by FAO GLOBEFISH, Tilapia International Foundation (TIF), AIT Thailand, Network of Aquaculture Centres in Asia-Pacific (NACA), China

Aquatic Products Processing and Marketing Alliance (CAPPMA), and Viet Nam Association of Seafood Exporters and Producers (VASEP).

We would be grateful to you if you could support us by sharing the attached press release of “TILAPIA 2025 – Call for Abstracts” for July 2025 and other promotional materials shared with you from time to time.

Relevant government agencies, key industry stakeholders, academia and others might take benefit from it and be interested in participating.

Should you require further details, please do not hesitate to contact us. More information is available at the official website: <https://tilapia.infofish.org>

Coordinator, TILAPIA 2025

EUROFISH

Blue Bio Opportunities for Health and Value



The 53rd WEFTA Conference will take place in Gdańsk, Poland, from 13–17 October 2025, hosted by the National Marine Fisheries Research Institute. Under the theme “Blue Bio Opportunities for Health and Value,” the event will explore innovation in the science of seafood and other aquatic organisms, with a focus on fisheries, aquaculture, processing issues, and consumer studies. Held in the striking Conference Centre of the

Museum of the Second World War, the event features keynote lectures, scientific presentations, a Gala Dinner, and optional excursions. Abstracts can be submitted until 30 June 2025 through the conference website: www.wefta2025.com.

Young scientists, seafood technologists, and industry professionals are warmly encouraged to attend and contribute.

Source: Eurofish / website: www.wefta2025.com

GLOBEFISH

Global tilapia market faces price decline and trade shifts amid supply and tariff pressures



The global tilapia market exhibited divergent trends across product categories in 2024. While fresh tilapia production expanded significantly in several Latin American countries, international trade remained subdued due to tight supplies. Fresh tilapia fillets imported by the United States of America fell in 2024, continuing a decline since 2020 due to supply issues in Latin America-producing countries.

This trend leads to a shift toward cheaper whitefish, like pangasius. New proposed tariffs on Chinese and Vietnamese fisheries and aquaculture products have further disrupted trade. Tilapia prices in both China and Brazil declined throughout 2024, primarily driven by lower domestic demand.

The downward price trend in the domestic markets of these countries is expected to

persist during 2025, reflecting ongoing market adjustments and regional production dynamics.

China's tilapia sector, particularly in Hainan Province, is expected to face stricter environmental regulations in 2025, which will likely increase processing costs. Price declines in 2024 led processors in Guangdong and Hainan Province to reduce their purchases and lower raw material prices, resulting in high inventories and reduced fingerling stocking in late 2024, which is likely to tighten the supply in early 2025.

In 2024, Côte d'Ivoire remained the top importer of Chinese frozen whole tilapia, with volumes increasing by 5 percent and value rising by 22 percent. Mali's import value rose 138 percent, while the United States bought about 35 000 tonnes, a 25 percent rise in volume and 53 percent in value.

Source :FAO –GLOBEFISH -01-09-2025



Seminar

INFOPÊCHE participates in the second regional seminar on African Development with its project on the African virtual market -MACPPA

From August 4th to 6th, 2025, at the Palm Club Hotel in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, Fisheries Committee for the Central West Gulf of Guinea (FCWC), in collaboration with the Ministry of Animal and Fisheries Resources of Côte d'Ivoire (MIRAH) and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), organized the second regional seminar on aquaculture development.

This regional seminar built on the momentum of the first regional seminar held in 2020 and strengthened public-private collaboration in the aquaculture sector in the FCWC subregion. Under the theme "Strengthening public-private dialogue on investment promotion and industrialization of the aquaculture sector," it permitted key aquaculture stakeholders from governments, private sectors, regional institutions, and international partners to share their experiences, assess progress, and identify concrete strategies to promote investment in aquaculture growth.

More than 100 participants, including representatives from the six FCWC member states (Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria, Togo), Cameroon, Senegal, and Guinea, attended the seminar. In addition, stakeholders such as the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), the Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC), the Ministerial Conference on Fisheries Cooperation among African States bordering the Atlantic Ocean (ATLAFCO), the ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development (EBID), the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), the African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR), and the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) also attended. Private sector aquaculture entities such as the Catfish and Allied Fish Farmers Association of Nigeria (CAF-FAN), Ranaan Fish Feed Ltd, Tropo Farms (Volta Catch) Ltd, the Interprofessional for fish farming of Benin (IPEB), the Intergovernmental Organization for



Presentation of MACPPA

Marketing Information and Cooperation Services of fishery Products in Africa (INFOPÊCHE) and the Ghana Aquaculture Chamber participated with the officials from several aquaculture projects in Côte d'Ivoire.

Except the Republic of Benin, the other African countries invited to this meeting are members of INFOPÊCHE.

The seminar included sessions on initiatives to promote aquaculture by international and regional organizations; expectations and investment conditions

for the industrialization of aquaculture; public policies supporting aquaculture entrepreneurship and disease control; and strategies to improve the investment environment for aquaculture in the FCWC's region.

It was in this context that INFOPÊCHE presented its platform dedicated to the marketing of fishery and aquaculture products, known as MACPPA with the objective to not only promote and offer value addition to fishery and aquaculture products in Africa, but also, to buyers and sellers match-making in Africa

Source : <https://fcwc-fish.org>



Seminar

INFOPÊCHE PARTICIPATES IN THE MEETING OF DISSEMINATING THE MISSIONS AND OPERATING MECHANISMS OF THE AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES EXCHANGE

On Wednesday, September 10, 2025, a meeting was held at the Noom Hotel Plateau to discuss the dissemination of information on the missions and operating mechanisms of the agricultural commodities exchange.

Indeed, considered the ninth largest economy on the African continent, Côte d'Ivoire stands out as a major agricultural power. The agricultural sector accounts for approximately 26% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP). It employs 60% of the workforce of the population and is the primary source of foreign exchange, accounting for 40% of exports revenues.

However, the agricultural sector remains subject to numerous constraints, including persistent difficulties in accessing financing, problems with the preservation and storage of agricultural products, and low incomes for farmers, which partly explains the poverty rate in urban areas, according to the National Institute of Statistics.

To overcome these persistent difficulties, the State of Côte d'Ivoire, with technical assistance from the Regional Stock Exchange (BVRM), has set up the Agricultural Commodities Exchange (BMPA), specifically dedicated to the agricultural sector in the WAEMU's region and French-speaking Africa.

To raise awareness of the agricultural commodities exchange, the Executive Secretariat of the State/Private Sector Consultation Committee (CCESP), in collaboration with the Ministry of State, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, and the Regional Stock Exchange, is organizing an information and discussion meeting on the topic: "Agricultural Commodity Exchange: Issues and Challenges for the Development of a Modern Agricultural Sector in Côte d'Ivoire."

It is in this context that the Intergovernmental Organization for Marketing Information and Cooperation Services for Fishery Products in Africa (INFOPÊCHE) took part in this meeting to present its African Market for the Marketing of Fishery and Aquaculture Products (MACPPA) platform.

This platform is positioned as a strategic tool to modernize and facilitate connections between buyers and sellers of fishery products.

Following the presentation by the Director of INFOPÊCHE, Mr. Atsé Casimir Eric AKAFFOU, participants appreciated the relevance of this platform and strongly encouraged him to deploy it quickly for the benefit of the fisheries sector.

(INFOPÊCHE)

SUBSCRIPTION FORM



FICHE D'ABONNEMENT

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION / L'ABONNEMENT ANNUEL EST DE :

- US\$ 275 INFOPÊCHE Member Countries
- 251,54 € (EURO) Pour les pays membres d'INFOPÊCHE

- US\$ 325 Other Developing Countries
- 304,14 € Pour les autres pays en développement

- US\$ 375 Industrialised Countries
- 350,63 € Pour les pays industrialisés

Chèque en EURO payable à INFOPÊCHE

Name/Nom :

Company/Société :

Mailing Address/Adresse :

Tél.: Fax : E-mail :

Signature :

Please send completed form and payment to / Envoyer la fiche dûment remplie et le paiement à :

INFOPÊCHE

TOUR NSIA - 12^{ème} ETAGE
Abidjan - Plateau, Angle Avenue Lamblin, Boulevard Lagarosse
01 B.P. 1747 - ABIDJAN 01 - CÔTE D'IVOIRE

By transfer bank to INFOPÊCHE / Par virement bancaire en faveur d'INFOPÊCHE :
NSIA BANQUE CÔTE D'IVOIRE - Siège. Compte N°. CI042 01214 031360285692 21,
IBAN : CI93 CI04 2012 1403 1360 2856 9221 - Swift Code : BIAO CIABXXX
Siège 8-10, Av, Joseph ANOMA, 01 BP 1274 Abidjan 01, CÔTE D'IVOIRE

Tél.: +225 27 20 28 11 69 - E-mail : infopeche@infopeche.co / infopech@gmail.com / Site web : www.infopeche.co



MACPPA

African Market for Marketing Fishery
and Aquaculture Products



Available
on all your
digital platforms

for the marketing of your fishing and aquaculture
products 24/7

Visit
MACPPA



www.macppa.com

