

Workshop – Transforming the Small Pelagic Value Chain in West Africa



DAY 1: July 10, 2025

| HOUR | Agenda item | Supervisor / Presenter | |
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| 08:30-09:00 | Registration | | |
| 1. Introduction | | | |
| 09:00-09:20 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome • Rationale, objectives of the workshop • Recommendations from the FAO workshop held in Ghana in 2023 • Presentation of the participants | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mohamed El Hafedh Ejiwen, Director General, IMROP • Árni M. Mathiesen, Independent Chair, Global Roundtable on Marine Ingredients • Véronique Jamin, Global Roundtable on Marine Ingredients, and Lena Westlund, FAO • All participants | |
| 2. Small pelagics: stocks, value chains and nutritional value in the sub-region | | | |
| 09:20-09:40 | Overview of the status of stocks in the subregion | Cheikh Baye Braham, Fishery Committee for the Eastern Central Atlantic (North CECAF) | |
| 09:40-10:00 | Socio-economic dynamics of the small pelagic value chain in the sub-region (Senegal, Mauritania, Gambia) | Mika Diop, Sub-Regional Fisheries Commission for West Africa (SRFC) | |
| 10:00-10:20 | Small Pelagic Fish in West African Diets: Balancing Local Needs with Global Demands | Molly Ahern, FAO | |
| 10:20-10:40 | Discussion | | |
| 10:40-11:00 | Coffee break | | |
| 3. Mauritania case study | | | |
| 11:00-11:20 | Regulatory framework for pelagic fisheries in Mauritania: its impacts | Lamine Camara, Department of Resource Planning and Studies, Ministry of Fisheries, Maritime Infrastructure and Ports (MPIMP) | |
| 11:20-11:40 | Socio-economic dynamics of the small pelagic value chain in Mauritania | Assane Fall, IMROP (<i>online presentation</i>) | |
| 11:40-12:00 | Fishmeal and fish oil production in Mauritania | Mohamed Ahmed Jeyed, IMROP | |
| 12:00-12:20 | Mauritania FIP Progress and Work Plan – FIP Value Proposition | Jo Gascoigne, Small Pelagic FIP Coordinator | |
| 12:20-12:40 | Improving data collection and transparency | Mansor Ndour, Fisheries Transparency Initiative (FiTI) | |

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| 12:40-13:00 | Discussion | | |
| 13:00-14:00 | <i>Lunch Break</i> | | |
| 4. Key challenges – How to adapt? | | | |
| 14:00-14:20 | What are the barriers to increasing the value of catches and a better contribution of small pelagic fish to direct human consumption? | Nedwa Nech, Mauritania 2000 | |
| 14:20-14:40 | Use of small pelagics in the sub-region including Morocco | Lahsen Ababouch, Consultant | |
| 14:40-15:00 | Links between local aquaculture ingredient production and local aquaculture | Zeinabou Yeye, Development Agency, Ministry of Fisheries, Maritime Infrastructure and Ports (MPIMP) | |
| 15:00-15:20 | Harmonising and coordinating national policies among West African countries: addressing the challenge of conservation and sustainable management of fish stocks | Djiga Thiao, Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) | |
| 15:20-15:40 | <i>Tea/coffee break</i> | | |
| 15:40-16:00 | Synergies with the Octopus FIP | Cheikh Inejih, Octopus FIP Coordinator - Deddah Ahmed Babou, IMROP | |
| 16:00-16:20 | Synergies with the Global Marine Commodities 2 GMC2 project | Carmen Gonzalez Valles, Sustainable Fisheries Partnership (SFP) | |
| 16:20-16:40 | The MSC Pathway Program | Laura Rodriguez, Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) | |
| 5. Discussion and next steps | | | |
| 16:40-17:00 | Discussion | | |
| 17:00-17:05 | Day 2 Schedule Announcement | | |
| 17:05-17:15 | <i>Group photo</i> | | |
| 17:15-18:00 | <i>Tea/coffee break</i> | | |
| 18:00 | <i>Departure to dinner</i> | | |
| 18:30-21:00 | <i>Dinner</i> | | |

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DAY 2: July 11, 2025

| 1. Introduction to Day 2 | | |
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| 09:00-09:20 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome• Agenda | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Organizers |
| 2. SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS | | |
| 09:20-10:20 | Parallel group discussions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Group Discussion 1: Practical Case Study: Plant-Level Data Collection – Challenges and Opportunities• Group Discussion 2: How to Strengthen Regional Alignment with Regulatory Frameworks?• Group Discussion 3: How can the current Mauritania FIP and the FIP concept help with bilateral cooperation?• Group Discussion 4: How to Promote Direct Consumption of Small Pelagic Fish? | |
| 10:20-10:40 | <i>Tea/coffee break</i> | |
| 10:40-11:40 | Parallel group discussions - <i>continued</i> | |
| 11:40-13:00 | <i>Lunch Break</i> | |
| 13:00-14:00 | Report of the group sessions | |
| 14:00-14:20 | <i>Tea/coffee break</i> | |
| 14:20-15:20 | Report of the group sessions - <i>continued</i> | |
| 3. CLOSING SESSION | | |
| 15:20-16:20 | Discussion and agreement on the outcomes of the workshop and future actions | |
| 16:20-16:30 | Conclusion | |
| 16:30-17:00 | <i>Tea/coffee break and end of the workshop</i> | |

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