

Workshop – Transforming the Small Pelagic Value Chain in West Africa



DAY 1: July 10, 2025

Hour	Agenda item	Supervisor / Presenter	
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	Lunch Break	
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	Tea/coffee break	
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	Group photo	
17:15-18:00	Tea/coffee break	
18:00	Departure to dinner	
18:30-21:00	Dinner	

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DAY 2: July 11, 2025

1. Introduction to Day 2			
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>		