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USAID/COMFISH Project

PENCOO GEJ

*(Collaborative Management for Sustainable Fisheries
in Senegal)*



BACKGROUND

Importance of Fisheries in Senegal

Biological significance

- One of the world's most biologically outstanding areas (Global 200)
- Rich biological diversity (about 200 fish species, several cetaceans...)
- Home to endangered species (manatee, 5 species of marine turtles, etc.)

Social and economic importance

- Provide an estimated 600 000 jobs (17% working population)
- Provide about 70% of animal protein needs
- Contribute about 2% to GDP



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BACKGROUND (cont'd)

YET:

- 46% of households vulnerable to food insecurity
- 17% of under-five malnourished
- Iron deficiency levels in women over 70%
- 1/3 of the population below poverty level



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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- Name: **USAID/COMFISH** (Collaborative Management for Sustainable Fisheries in Senegal)
- **PENCOO GEJ** (local name)
- 5-year initiative (**USAID, CRC/URI, Fisheries Ministry** & other Partners in Senegal).
- Fisheries component of USAID's FTF
- Main beneficiary: **Fisheries Ministry**



PROJECT's GOAL

Goal:

- Support the Government of Senegal's efforts to achieve reform of its fisheries sector through
 - **improved governance**
 - **effective tools and approaches for fisheries management**

Long-term objective

- (1) provide the nation with a **reliable supply of high quality fish protein**,
- (2) in a manner that **contributes to the quality of life in artisanal fishing communities** while
- (3) sustaining **the ability of marine and inland costal ecosystems to generate the goods and services** that the people of Senegal want and need



PROJECT AREAS OF FOCUS

- Institutional and stakeholders' capacity building
- Fishery management plans
- Enhanced fisheries value chains on selected species
- Climate change vulnerability assessment and adaptation planning
- Managing marine ecosystems
- Communications



PROJECT PARTNERS

- Fisheries and Marine Affairs Ministry
- WWF-WAMPO
- IUPA/UCAD
- CRODT and CSE
- FENAGIE and APTE
- ISE and IRD/IFAN





PROJECT'S KEY EXPECTED RESULTS

- The institutional capacity at all levels of governance are strengthened
- The strategies and policies to overcome unsustainable and destructive fisheries resource use practices are tested and applied
- The capacity of coastal communities to adapt to the impacts of climate change are assessed and strengthened
- The social and economic benefits to artisanal fishing communities are Increased



GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS OF FOCUS

- Cayar
- Rufisque/Bargny
- Yenne/Dialaw,
- Sindia, Mbour
- Joal and Foundiougne

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