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
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
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 coastal 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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