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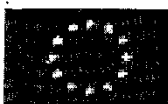
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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Delegations

Subject: Minutes of the Joint Committee meeting between the Republic of Liberia
and the European Union (Brussels, Belgium, 7 - 9 June 2017)

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**JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING
BRUSSELS, BELGIUM
07-09 JUNE 2017**

MINUTES

The Joint Committee established by Article 8 of the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement (SFPA) between the European Union and the Republic of Liberia met from 7 to 9 June 2017 in Brussels, Belgium.

The European Union Delegation (EU) was led by Mr Christian Rambaud Head of Unit of Trade Agreements and Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements, Directorate General of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, of the European Commission. The Liberian Delegation was led by Ms Margaret C. Ansumana, Deputy Commissioner of Maritime Operation of the Liberian Maritime Authority, Liberia. The list of Participants is attached as Annex 1. The Agenda is attached as Annex 2.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

In adopting the Agenda the following actions were taken:

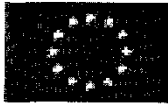
- Agenda item 2(c) Day 2 was tabled for the June 30, 2017 meeting regarding the IUU Dialogue
- Discussion on Executive Order Number 84 was added under A.O.B

The Agenda agreed upon with Liberia was adopted with the inclusion of the above-mentioned point.

2. Licence review/uptake for 2016 and 2017

The EU informed the Joint Committee about the problems caused to the EU fleet due to the delays on the issuing of the fishing authorizations. The 2017 fishing authorizations were issued on the third week of January instead of the 1st of January as stated in the Agreement. Liberia informed the Joint Committee that the problem with the delays on the issuing of the fishing authorizations is being tackled by the creation of Functional Mailboxes with the intention to better manage the issuing of the fishing authorizations. These functional mailboxes are included in Annex 5 (3 functional mail boxes have been provided by Liberia for reporting of Log Books, payments and fishing authorizations requests).

The EU also informed the Joint Committee about some issues related to inconsistencies between the provisions of the fishing authorisations and the SFPA. In relation to these inconsistencies Liberia confirmed that the disclaimer signed in 2016 by the Minister of Agriculture to avoid problems derived from these inconsistencies was valid for the whole duration of the protocol.



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The EU requested the reissuing of the fishing authorization of the vessel CEDES in order to reflect that the vessel is a Long Liner and not a Purse Seiner. Liberia informed the Joint Committee that they would reissue the license of the vessel CEDES within the next weeks.

The EU asked the Liberian Delegation about the presence of an NGO's vessel in Liberian waters in 2017 and its possible actions against EU vessels. The EU expressed its concerns on the disproportionality of the conduct of said NGO in 2016 against EU vessels in the waters of other African countries. Liberia informed the EU that the presence of NGO's vessels in Liberian waters in the past has been limited to a period of three months and within the framework of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between the NGO and Liberian Ministry of Defense. The Joint Committee recognized that inspection at sea of all EU vessels would be conducted in accordance with points 5 to 20, Section 3, Chapter IV, Annex to the Protocol of the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement, as well as of international inspection standards.

The EU lastly informed the Joint Committee of the new procedure for the fishing authorization applications. This new simplified procedure will be done through an e-mail with the entire fishing authorization information request sent directly from the Commission Services to the appropriate functional mailbox in the Liberian Fisheries Administration. This new procedure is intended to streamline the EU's internal processes and does not alter the licensing procedure of Liberia.

3. Provisional review of 2016 Catch Situation.

The EU will share catches information with Liberia including those validated by the EU scientific institutes. Parties will aim to agree and confirm final figures before 15th September 2017.

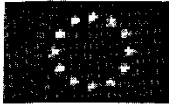
If by the end of this exercise to reconcile the catch data the final statement of fees is higher than the advance fee paid by the vessel-owners for obtaining the fishing authorisation, the vessel-owner shall pay the balance to Liberia by 30th September 2017, in accordance with the provision of the SFPA.

4. Sectoral support

a) Presentation by Liberia of the 2016-2017 matrix implementation, performance review and financial execution

Liberia presented to the Joint Committee the implementation results of the first year's program of actions. According to the verification sources the execution of this first year programme is satisfactory, achieving overall 83% utilization of the available budget. Liberia explained the reasons of the delay in execution observed in certain activities programmed for this year and agreed to provide the missing information before 15th of July. This will be provided later in the case of the actions related to the support of students abroad.

At the request of Liberia the Joint Committee agreed in reallocating some of the residual funds resulting from some actions where the final costs were lower than foreseen to reinforce other programmed actions where additional funds were needed.



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Based on the elements presented by Liberia, the Joint Committee approved the implementation of the first year programme of sectoral support activities and accordingly concluded that the payment of the 2017 Sector Support contribution can be made.

The 2016-2017 Sectoral Support Execution is attached in Annex 3.

b) Presentation by Liberia of the 2017-2018 annual matrix.

Liberia presented to the Joint Committee the proposal for the Sectoral Support Programme for the year 2017-2018. The EU requested clarifications on several specific actions. After discussing and revising the proposal, the annual programme was approved as provided in Annex 4. Liberia will however update some of the allocations according to the real costs of certain actions.

The EU reminded the Joint Committee that this is the second and last year in which Sectoral Support funds can be used to support the salaries of 5 key members of staff in the FMC and of 4 key staff in the BNF as agreed in the first Joint Committee held last year in Monrovia.

Both parties agreed that part of the allocated budget under line 2.5.3.2 of the matrix will be brought forward to be used in the programme for next year. Also, an agreement was reached to reduce the number of petrol missions at sea under line 3.2.5.4 from 4 to 2 per month.

The 2017-2018 Sectoral Support Annual Matrix is attached as Annex 4

5. Protocol: Implementation State of play

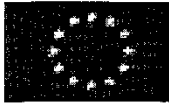
a) Payments: Publication in national budget

The EU reminded the Joint Committee that both the Sectoral Support and the access payments have to be reflected in the national budget according to the sectoral support guidelines approved in the first Joint Committee in 2016. The EU requested information on the publication on the 2016-2017 budget including the 1st year access and sectoral support components and the future publication on the 2017-2018 budget which should include reference to both components.

Liberia explained that contacts have been made in the past with the Ministry of Finance but further information on the publication on the 2016-2017 budget of the 1st year access and sectoral support components will be provided before 16th of June 2017. As for the year 2017-2018, Liberia explained that both components will be rendered public in the 2017-2018 budget but they will be published under the Liberian Maritime Authority line rather than under the Ministry of Agriculture as a consequence of the reallocation of the BNF under LiMA resulting from Executive Order number 84.

b) Fishing Monitoring Centre (FMC): Update on its functioning

The EU reflected on the difficulties Liberia had with the FMC provider in the past. The EU explained that these difficulties were discussed with BNF staff during a technical mission to Monrovia between the 24th and the 27th of January of 2017.



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Liberia explained that the Australian provider has solved the aforementioned problems with the deployment of new software and that since then the Liberian FMC staff has been able to properly track the fishing activities of all EU fishing vessels in its EEZ.

c) IUU Dialogue: MoU Bureau of National Fisheries-Liberian Maritime Authority: State of play / Fisheries Bill: Update on current status.

This point on the State of Play of the IUU Dialogue will be discussed in a forthcoming meeting to be held between the Commission Services and the Liberian Maritime Authority on the 30th of June.

d) Observers/seamen (Annex to the Protocol, Chapter IV, Section 5, points 5 & / Annex to the Protocol, Chapter V, point 2)

The EU reflected on the Liberia Seamen Union recent complaint that the EU Ship-owners were not doing enough to hire Liberian sea-mean. The EU informed the Joint Committee that the complaint had been passed on to the Member States directly concerned. Liberia explained that there are some problems with the recruitment of suitable Liberian sea-men which will be addressed shortly and they committed to inform EU ship-owners on these issues in the near future.

The EU reminded the Joint Committee that the protocol states that EU ship-owners shall *endeavour* to hire Liberian seamen, and therefore it is not an obligation. However the EU undertook to inform EU ship-owners of Liberia's request.

A discussion on observers was held between both parties and some clarifications were made on this point.

6. AOB

The EU requested clarification on the recent approval by the Liberian Government of Executive Order (EO) number 84. By this EO the Bureau of National Fisheries will temporarily be under the responsibility of the Liberian Maritime Authority (LiMA) rather than under the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA). The EU expressed its concerns on the implications for the smooth running of the agreement of having the Bureau of National Fisheries under LiMA rather than under the MoA. The Liberian delegation explained that the LiMA has had the successful experience of transitioning from a bureau to an autonomous agency and was selected as the BNF's transitional supervisor for precisely these reasons.

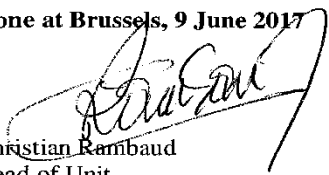
Liberia reassured the EU that there would be no negative implications from the approval of the EO. By law, all EOs have a validity of one year. It is the intent of the government of Liberia that during this transitional period all the necessary procedures will be put in place for the BNF to become an independent Agency.

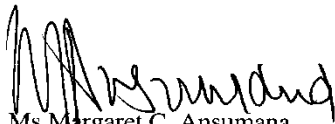


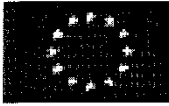
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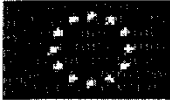
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ANNEX 2

Second Joint Committee

Brussels, 7-9 June 2017

Agenda

Start of the Joint Committee on Wednesday 7th of June at 9.00 am

Day 1: 7th of May:

9.00 am – 12.30 am

- 1. Adoption of the Agenda**
- 2. Licence review/uptake for 2016 and 2017**
- 3. Provisional review of 2016 Catch Situation**

14.30pm – 17.30 pm

4. Sectoral support

- a) Presentation by Liberia of the 2016-2017 matrix implementation performance review and financial execution
- b) Decision on the payment of the second instalment

Day 2: 8th of May:

9.00 am – 12.30 am:

1. Sectoral support

- a) Presentation by Liberia of the 2017-2018 annual matrix
- b) Revision of the annual matrix
- c) Adoption of the matrix



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14.30pm – 17.30 pm

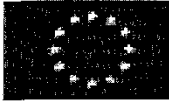
2. Protocol: Implementation State of play

- a) Payments: Publication in national budget
- b) FMC: Update on its functioning/Australian provider new module
- c) Functional mail-boxes and transparency clause
- d) IUU Dialogue: MoU BNF-LiMA: State of play / Fisheries Bill: Update on current status etc.
- e) Licence: Applications and issuing procedures. Delays.
- f) Observers/seamen (Annex to the Protocol, Chapter IV, Section 5, points 5 & / Annex to the Protocol, Chapter V, point 2)

Day 3: 9th of May:

9.00 am – 12.30 am:

1. Conclusions and Minutes of the Meeting

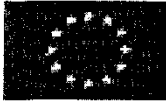


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ANNEX 3a
SPPA European Union / Liberia 2015-2020 - 1st Annual program execution (2016-2017)

Strategic Objectives *	Specific Objectives	Actions	Description	Responsible Body	Verification Sources	Budget EUR	Expended EUR	% realized	
3.2.5 Implementing effective MCS	3.2.5.1 FMC fully functional and equipped with updated communication and control systems	Subscription for internet. Subscription for VMS & Upgrade radio system	Payment of the annual subscription fee for internet and to VMS. HF & VHF radio system will be revamped and upgraded.	BNF/MoA	Procurement documents, Invoices, delivery documents & on site visits	17,600	13,274	89%	
	3.2.5.2 Enable FMC to be permanently operational	Maintaining the posts of key FMC/MCS staff in Monrovia	Payment of the salaries of the MCS focal person, three members of the FMC staff in Monrovia and of the FMC supervisor, five persons in total.	BNF/MoA	Contracts with Salary Payment Vouchers	47,064	47,064		
	3.2.5.3 MCS/FMC disposing of sufficient and adequate materials and equipment to perform their tasks	Acquisition of material and equipment for the MCS / FMC	Procurement of one set of inspection gears, 5 mesh gauges, 5 handheld radios, 3 trawler spotters, 3 night vision digital cameras, 5 digital cameras, 3 camcorders, 1 laptop and 1 desktop.	BNF/MoA	Procurement documents, Invoices, delivery documents & on site visits	9,079	2,830		
	3.2.5.4 Conducting MCS patrol missions	Funding fuel cost patrol missions at sea/at port	48 patrol mission will be conducted in the year: one per week, 4 missions per month.	BNF/MoA	Invoices, Mission reports.	26,422	26,422		
2.5.1 Sustainable management of fisheries resources and ecosystems	2.5.1.1 Monitor the artisanal fisheries	(i) Conduct a frame survey. (ii) Support to the artisanal fisheries data collection program to support fish stock assessment	(i) Update the last frame survey (2011) of the small scale fisheries to update de canoes register it will be done in 9 coastal counties. (ii) 21 fisheries enumerators will collect catch, effort, biological & economic data for the artisanal fisheries in 9 coastal counties.	BNF/MoA	Survey report and data collected, Fisheries database.	32,857	32,857	100%	
	2.5.1.2 Strengthen knowledge on fisheries resources	Conduct studies on the recreational fisheries	The recreational fishery is not documented but reportedly to target tuna tropical and tuna like species. Needed to strengthen data collection system and to establish a regulatory regime for these fisheries.	BNF/MoA	Final study & Reports	3,679	3,679		
3.2.4 Promoting International cooperation for management of shared stocks	3.2.4.1 Participation in ICCAT, ICWC and ATLAFCO	Annual payments to regional fisheries management organizations (RFMOs): ICCAT, ICWC & ATLAFCO.		BNF/MoA	Bank transfer documents and meeting reports	19,915	19,915	100%	
2.5.3 Strengthening institutional, human and financial capacities	2.5.3.1 BNF adequately equipped in material and communication tools to perform its duties	(i) Procurement of office supplies and communication tools. (ii) Internet subscription. (iii) Provision for fuel, maintenance and reparings.	Payment for permanent supply of electricity, internet service, fisheries website maintenance and adequate office equipments. Procurement of a service vehicle, 2 photocopiers, 5 printers, 2 laptops and 2 desktops.	BNF/MoA	Procurement documents, invoices and delivery documents	72,902	68,014	93%	
	2.5.3.2 Strengthen BNF HR capacities and training	3 students send to University of Iceland, Iceland	Two members of the BNF staff will be sent to University of Iceland to obtain Ph.D in (i) Fisheries resource economics and (ii) Marine Biology or fish stock assessment. In addition, one member of the BNF will be sent to the University of Iceland for 1-year graduate studies (Msc) in fish stock assessment or related fisheries field.	BNF/MoA	Selection process documents, contracts invoices and attesting of the training centers	127,982	84,453	66%	
		Ensuring continuity of key fisheries management staff	Payment of the salaries of four members of the staff: the fisheries governance officer, the fisheries legal officer and two fisheries dashboard officers.	BNF/MoA	Contracts with Salary Payment Vouchers				
* Fisheries and aquaculture Policy and Strategy- MoA /BNF (2010)						Total	357,500	298,498	83%

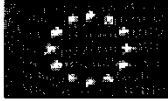


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ANNEX 3b														
First year sectoral support achievements compared to multiannual program														
Strategic Objective*	Specific Objective	Action	Baseline 2016	Budget (millions (5 years))	Implementation achievement					Final Objective 2021	Performance Indicators	Verification Sources		
					1st year target	1st year achievement	1st year target	1st year target	1st year target					
3.2.2 Budgeting effective VMS	3.2.2.1 FMC fully functional and equipped with updated communication and control system	Annual internet subscription	Lack of funds prevents adequate year round connection	361392	20%	full	20%	20%	20%	20%	FMC with full and permanent internet access	FMC internet access function	Procurement documents, Invoices, and delivery documents	
		Annual VMS subscription/maintenance	Lack of funds prevents adequate year round connection		20%	full	20%	20%	20%	20%	FMC with full VMS access	FMC VMS effectively working	Procurement documents, Invoices, delivery documents and on	
		Annual AIS subscription	US provides AIS service until 2018									FMC capable of permanently receiving all AIS data	AIS data accessible in the FMC	Procurement documents, Invoices, delivery documents and on
		Revolving and upgrading radio system	Radio system is not permanently operational									FMC radio system capable of performing all necessary MCS actions	FMC radio system operational	Procurement documents, Invoices, delivery documents and on
		Preparing list for procurement of VMS-ERS-AIS integration program	Lack of VMS-ERS-AIS integration program									FMC fully installed with an integrated system of VMS-ERS-AIS an updated software for all MCS	ToR for the procurement are ready	ToR document
		Procurement, installation and test of the VMS-ERS AIS integration program									FMC equipped with functional VMS-ERS AIS system	Procurement documents, Invoices, delivery documents and on		
	3.2.2.2 Enable FMC to be permanently operational	Maintain the posts of 5 persons at FMC/MCS in Monrovia	5 persons lose their posts as of June 2016	94128	20%	full	20%				FMC manned on a permanent basis	24 hours per day FMC effectively operational	Contracts with Salary Payment Invoices, Records and duty roster	
	3.2.2.3 MCS/FMC disposing of sufficient and adequate materials and equipment to perform their tasks	Acquisition of material & equipment for inspections	No budget for this action. No supplies, flow guns, trawler spotters, cameras and sonar, Existing material: 3 mesh gows, 4 handheld radios and 1 laptop	24393	20%	full	20%				MCS/FMC equipped with at least 2 sets of inspection gear, 15 mesh gows, 15 handheld radios, 9 trawler spotters, 6 night vision digital cameras, 15 digital cameras, 6 computers, 4 laptops and 1 desktop	List of materials and equipment acquired and in use	Procurement documents, Invoices, delivery documents and on site visits	
	3.2.2.4 Conducting MCN patrol missions	Issuing fuel cost patrol missions at sea/ port	4 patrols /month	132110	20%	15%	20%	20%	20%	20%	An average of 4 patrols conducted per month in the period 2016-2021	Number of patrol missions per month, Number of vessels	Invoices, Mission reports.	
	2.5.1 Sustainable management of fisheries resources and ecosystems	2.5.1.1 Monitor the artisanal fisheries	Conduct a frame survey	Last frame survey dates of 2011. Artisanal fleet register database is outdated. Catch, effort, biological and economic data collection ends as for in Sept 2016.	164536	100%	full					All catches in the artisanal fisheries are enumerated, cubed and with BNF registration number	Data base updated with artisanal fisheries catches register. Frame survey completed.	Survey report and data collected, Fisheries database.
Data collection program											Fisheries, biological & economic datasets are regularly collected according to fourteen coverage and frequency	Catch & effort and length frequency data collected and available from the artisanal fisheries.	Data collected, fisheries database and reports	
2.5.1.2 Strengthen knowledge on fisheries resources		Study on the recreational fisheries		21403	100%	full					At least one study conducted for recreational fisheries	Number of scientific campaigns and studies. Reports and data available	Reports and databases	
		Establish recreational fishery database and data collection system	These fisheries are not well documented									A data collection system & database for the recreational fishery is established	Updated database for the recreational fishery	BNF reports & databases
		Conduct 2 studies on the Artisanal & Semi-Industrial Fisheries									At least two studies conducted for the Artisanal & Semi-Industrial fisheries.	Scientific studies carried out for the Artisanal and Semi-Industrial Fisheries. Reports and data available	Reports and databases	
3.2.1.3 Strengthen involvement of stakeholders in the co-management of fisheries resources	2 Capacity building workshops on fisheries related legal and administrative issues	Stakeholders are not fully aware of the developments taking place in the sector.	4000							100 stakeholders capacitated on legal and administrative processes of the BNF.	Number of stakeholders capacitated	Procurement documents and invoices, BNF reports		
3.2.4 Promoting institutional cooperation	3.2.4.1 Participate in ICCAT, FCWC and ATLAFCO	Annual payments to ICCAT, FCWC and ATLAFCO	Aerial contributions are not paid	132053	20%	full	20%	20%	20%	Annual Contributions to ICCAT, FCWC and ATLAFCO are annually paid	Annual Contributions to these organizations reported	Bank transfer documents and meeting reports		
		Procurement of office supplies and communication tools	No budget for this action.	293645	20%	full	20%	20%	20%	20%	BNF is a fully operational office equipped with at least 3 photocopiers, 10 laptops, 15 printers and 2 functional vehicles	Material procured	Procurement documents, Invoices and delivery documents	
2.5.3 Strengthening institutional, human and financial capacities	2.5.3.1 BNF adequately equipped in material and communication tools to perform its duties	Internet subscription	No budget for this action.	284210	20%	full	20%	20%	20%	20%	Functional internet service	Regular internet access at BNF offices	Procurement documents and invoices	
		Provision for fuel, maintenance and repairs	No budget for this action		20%	partial	20%	20%	20%	20%	BNF generators and vehicles are fully fueled and checked on a permanent basis for effective functioning	Record on number of gallons used in BNF generators and vehicles. Number of refueling	Invoices and delivery documents	
	Send 2 BNF staff members for PhD studies abroad	None of the staff have a degree in the fields of stock assessment, fish economic modelling, resource economics, marine biology and oceanography. None of the staff possess a PhD								At least two PhD staff trained to support BNF research capacity in fisheries and fisheries related issues	Number of BNF staff trained at the PhD level	Selection process documents, contracts, invoices and attendance of the training centers		
	Send 1 BNF staff member per year for MSc studies abroad									At least 5 BNF staff obtain a MSc degree in fisheries fields	Number of BNF staff trained at MSc level	Selection process documents, contracts, invoices and attendance of the training centers		
	Maintain the posts of 4 BNF staff members	4 staff members lose their posts as for Sept 2016	113037							Four key fisheries staff maintained in the BNF key activities for the first two years of the program	The four member of the staff to active at the BNF during the foreseen period	Contracts with Salary Payment Vouchers		
Total				1626069										

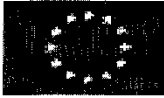
* Explanation: % target means the % over the 5 year period, related to the total 5 year budget and to the achievement of the 2021 final objectives, i.e. an action repeated every year gives 20% as annual target.



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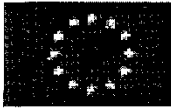
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Strategic Objectives *	Specific Objectives	Actions	Description	Responsible Body	Verification Sources	Budget EUR
3.2.5 Implementing effective MCS	3.2.5.1 FMC fully functional and equipped with updated communication and control systems	Subscription for internet. Subscription for VMS & Upgrade radio system.	Payment of the annual subscription fee for internet and to VMS. HF & VHF radio system will be revamped and upgraded.	BNF/LIMA	Procurement documents, Invoices, delivery documents & on site visits	23.138
	3.2.5.2 Enable FMC to be permanently operational	Maintaining the posts of key FMC/MCS staff in Monrovia	Payment of the salaries of the MCS focal person, three members of the FMC staff in Monrovia and of the FMC supervisor, five persons in total.	BNF/LIMA	Contracts with Salary Payment Vouchers	43.618
	3.2.5.3 MCS/FMC disposing of sufficient and adequate materials and equipment to perform their tasks	Acquisition of material and equipment for the MCS / FMC	Procurement of radio communication equipment	BNF/LIMA	Procurement documents, Invoices, delivery documents & on site visits	1.412
	3.2.5.4 Conducting MCS patrol missions	Funding fuel cost patrol missions at sea/at port	24 patrol mission will be conducted in the year: 2 missions per month.	BNF/LIMA	Invoices, Mission reports.	13.211
2.5.1 Sustainable management of fisheries resources and ecosystems	2.5.1.1 Monitor the artisanal fisheries	Support to the artisanal fisheries data collection program to support fish stock assessment	(i) Update the last frame survey (2011) of the small scale fisheries to update de canoes register it will be done in 9 coastal counties. (ii) 21 fisheries enumerators will collect catch, effort, biological & economic data for the artisanal fisheries in 9 coastal counties.	BNF/LIMA	Survey report and data collected, Fisheries database.	47.314
	2.5.1.2 Strengthen knowledge on fisheries resources	Conduct studies on the recreational fisheries	Establish recreational fishery database and data collection system	BNF/LIMA	Final study & Reports	2.752
	2.5.1.3 Strengthen involvement of stakeholders in the fisheries co-management	2 capacity building workshops on fisheries related legal and administrative issues		BNF/LIMA	Workshops agendas	2.000
3.2.4 Promoting international cooperation for management of shared stocks	3.2.4.1 Participation in ICCAT, FCWC and ATLAFCCO	Annual payments to regional fisheries management organizations (RFMOs): ICCAT, FCWC & ATLAFCCO.		BNF/LIMA	Bank transfer documents and meeting reports	16.375
2.5.3 Strengthening institutional, human and financial capacities	2.5.3.1 BNF adequately equipped in material and communication tools to perform its duties	(i) Procurement of office supplies and communication tools. (ii) Internet subscription. (iii) Provision for fuel, maintenance and reparings.	Payment for permanent supply of electricity, internet service, fisheries website maintenance and adequate office equipments. Procurement of a service vehicle, and 1 laptop. Provision for fuel, maintenance and repairing	BNF/LIMA	Procurement documents, invoices and delivery documents	67.803
	2.5.3.2 Strengthen BNF HR capacities and training	2 students send to University of Iceland, Iceland	One members of the BNF continues his studies in University of Iceland to obtain PhD in (i) Fisheries resource economics and (ii) Marine Biology or fish stock assessment. In addition, one member of the BNF will be sent to the University of Iceland for 1-year graduate studies (Msc.) in fish stock assessment or related fisheries field.	BNF/LIMA	Selection process documents, contracts invoices and attesting of the training centers	107.376
		Ensuring continuity of key fisheries management staff	Payment of the salaries of four members of the staff: the fisheries governance officer, the fisheries legal officer and two fisheries dashboard officers.	BNF/LIMA	Contracts with Salary Payment Vouchers	
* Fisheries and aquaculture Policy and Strategy- MoA/BNF (2010)						Total
						324.999



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ANNEX 4b							
Annual program 2nd year- Detailed actions estimated budget							
Strategic objective	S.O.		Unit cost (EUR)	Num	Total cost (EUR)	Totals (EUR)	
3.2.5. Implementing effective MCS	3.2.5.1	VMS annual subscription fee	2.774	1	2.774	23.138	
		Precise actions/costs for radio revamping	5.963	1	5.963		
		Internet annual fee	1.200	12	14.400		
	3.2.5.2	Salary of MCS Focal Person	1.284	12	15.413	43.618	
		Salary of FMC Supervisor	917	12	11.009		
		Salary of 1 FMC Staff on study leave	286	12	3.435		
		Salary of 2 FMC Staff in Monrovia	573	24	13.761		
3.2.5.3	Radio communication equipment	1.412	1	1.412	1.412		
3.2.5.4	Fuel to conduct sea patrol BNF & LCG	550	24	13.211	13.211		
Sub-Total						81.379	
2.5.1 Sustainable management of fisheries resources and ecosystem	2.5.1.1	Artisanal Fisheries Data Collectors DSA for twelve (12) months	183	252	46.239	47.314	
		Working materials for data collectors	1.075	1	1.075		
	2.5.1.2	Establish Recreational fishery database and data collection system	2.752	1	2.752	2.752	
	2.5.1.3	2 Capacity building workshops on fisheries related legal and administrative issues	2.000	1	2.000	2.000	
Sub-Total						52.066	
3.2.4 Promoting international cooperation for management of shared stocks	3.2.4.1	Annual fee to ICCAT	2.315	1	2.315	16.375	
		Annual fee to FCWC	4.000	1	4.000		
		Annual fee to ATLAFCO	10.061	1	10.061		
Sub-Total						16.375	
2.5.3 Strengthening institutional, human and financial capacities	2.5.3.1	Cartridges	83	15	1.239	67.803	
		Laptops	1.284	1	1.284		
		Stationery and other equipment for BNF office	2.661	1	2.661		
		Vehicle	33.068	1	33.068		
		Internet subscription	9.303	1	9.303		
		Bank Transfer Fees	5.363	1	5.363		
	Fuel, repairing, maintenance	14.886	1	14.886			
	Sub-Total						67.803
	2.5.3.2	Scholarship Student Expense	28.367	2	56.734	107.376	
		Fisheries Gov. Officer	917	12	11.009		
Fisheries Legal Officer		1.835	12	22.018			
Fisheries Dashboard Officer		734	12	8.807			
Fisheries Dashboard Officer	734	12	8.807				
Sub-Total						107.376	
					Total	324.999	



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ANNEX 5

Functional Mail boxes

To send fishing authorization information use:

eu.sfpa.authorization@liberiafisheries.net

To send payments information use:

eu.sfpa.payment@liberiafisheries.net

To send catch declaration information use:

eu.sfpa.catch_declaration@liberiafisheries.net

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ANNEX 4a
SFP4 European Union /Liberia 2015-2020 - 2nd Annual Program (2017-2018)

Strategic Objectives *	Specific Objectives	Actions	Description	Responsible Body	Verification Sources	Budget EUR	Expended EUR	% realized	
3.2.5 Implementing effective MCS	3.2.5.1 FMC fully functional and equipped with updated communication and control systems	3.2.5.1.1 Monitor the artisanal fisheries	Support to the artisanal fisheries data collection program to support fish stock assessment	BNF/LMA	Survey report and data collected, Fisheries database	47,314	32,857	100%	
		3.2.5.1.2 Strengthen knowledge on fisheries resources	Conduct studies on the artisanal fisheries	BNF/LMA	Final study & Reports	2,752	3,679		
	3.2.5.2 Enable FMC to be permanently operational	3.2.5.2.1 Upgrade radio systems	Subscription for internet/subscription for VMS & Upgrade radio system	Payment of the annual subscription fee for internet and VMS, HF & VHF radio system will be revamped and upgraded.	BNF/LMA	Procurement documents, Invoices, delivery documents & on site visits	23,138	13,274	
		3.2.5.2.2 Upgrade FMC to be permanently operational	Maintaining the posts of Key FMC/MCS staff in Monrovia	Payment of the salaries of the MCS field person, three members of the FMC staff in Monrovia and of the FMC supervisor, five persons in total.	BNF/LMA	Contracts with Salary Payment Vouchers	43,618	47,064	89%
	3.2.5.3 MCS/FMC disposing of sufficient and adequate materials and equipment to perform their tasks	3.2.5.3.1 Upgrade FMC	Acquisition of material and equipment for the MCS / FMC	Procurement of radio communication equipment	BNF/LMA	Procurement documents, Invoices, delivery documents & on site visits	1,412	2,820	
		3.2.5.3.2 Upgrade MCS	Acquisition of material and equipment for the MCS / FMC	Procurement of radio communication equipment	BNF/LMA	Invoices, Mission reports	13,211	26,422	
2.3.1 Sustainable management of fisheries resources and ecosystems	2.3.1.1 Monitor the artisanal fisheries	2.3.1.1.1 Strengthen involvement of stakeholders in the fisheries co-management	2 capacity building workshops on fisheries-related legal and administrative issues	BNF/LMA	Workshops agendas	2,000			
		2.3.1.1.2 Strengthen knowledge on fisheries resources	Conduct studies on the artisanal fisheries	BNF/LMA	Final study & Reports	2,752	3,679		
	3.2.4 Promoting cooperation for management of shared stocks	3.2.4.1 Participation in ICCAT, ECOWC and ATLAFCO	Annual payments to regional fisheries management organizations (RFMOs): ICCAT, ECOWC & ATLAFCO.	Establish regional fishery database and data collection system	BNF/LMA	Final study & Reports	2,752	3,679	
			2.3.1.3 Strengthen involvement of stakeholders in the fisheries co-management	2 capacity building workshops on fisheries-related legal and administrative issues	BNF/LMA	Workshops agendas	2,000		
2.5.3 Strengthening institutional, human and financial capacities	2.5.3.1 BNF adequately equipped in material and communication tools to perform its duties	(i) Procurement of office supplies and communication tools, (ii) Internet subscription, (iii) Provision for fuel, maintenance and repairs.	Payment for permanent supply of electricity, internet service, fisheries vehicle maintenance and adequate office equipments. Procurement of a service vehicle and 1 laptop. Provision for fuel, maintenance and repairs.	BNF/LMA	Procurement documents, invoices and delivery documents	67,803	68,014	93%	
		2.5.3.2 Strengthen BNF HR capacities and training	2 students send to University of Iceland, Iceland	One members of the BNF continues his studies in University of Iceland to obtain PhD in (i) Fisheries resource economics and (ii) Marine Biology or fish stock assessment. In addition, one member of the BNF will be sent to the University of Iceland for 1-year graduate studies (MSc) in fish stock assessment or related fisheries field.	BNF/LMA	Selection process documents, contracts invoices and attending of the training centers	107,376	84,453	66%
* Fisheries and aquaculture Policy and Strategy: MoA (BNF 2010)		Ensuring continuity of key fisheries management staff	Payment of the salaries of four members of the staff, the Fisheries governance officer, the fisheries legal officer and two fisheries distibutor officers.	BNF/LMA	Contracts with Salary Payment Vouchers				
Total						324,999	298,498	83%	

ANNEX 4b									
Annual program 2nd year- Detailed actions estimated budget									
Strategic objective	S.O.	Unit cost (EUR)	Num.	Total cost (EUR)	Totals (EUR)				
2.5. Implementing effective MCS	3.2.5.1	VMS annual subscription fee	2,774	1	2,774	23,138			
		Precise actinophysics for radio reprogramming	5,563	1	5,563				
		Internet annual fee	1,200	12	14,400				
		Salary of MCS Focal Person	1,284	12	15,413				
		Salary of MCS Supervisor	917	12	11,009				
3.2.5.2	Salary of 1 FMC Staff on study leave	286	12	3,435	43,618				
	Salary of 2 FMC Staff in Morocco	573	24	13,761					
3.2.5.3	Radio communication equipment	1,412	1	1,412	1,412				
3.2.5.4	Fuel to conduct sea patrol BNF & LCG	650	24	13,211	13,211				
		Sub-Total			61,379				
2.5.1 Sustainable management of fisheries resources and ecosystem	2.5.1.1	Artisanal Fisheries Data Collectors DSA for twelve (12) months	183	252	46,239	47,314			
		Working materials for data collectors	1,075	1	1,075				
		Establish operational fishery database and data collection system	2,752	1	2,752				
2.5.1.2	2	Capacity building workshops on fisheries related legal and administrative issues	2,000	1	2,000	2,000			
			Sub-Total			52,066			
3.2.4 Promoting international cooperation for management of shared stocks	3.2.4.1	Annual fee to ICCAT	2,315	1	2,315	16,375			
		Annual fee to FCWC	4,000	1	4,000				
		Annual fee to ATLAFPO	10,061	1	10,061				
		Sub-Total				16,375			
2.5.3 Strengthening institutional human and financial capacities	2.5.3.1	Cartridges	63	15	1,239	67,803			
		Laptops	1,284	1	1,284				
		Stationery and other equipment for BNF office	2,661	1	2,661				
		Vehicle	33,068	1	33,068				
		Internet subscription	9,303	1	9,303				
		Bank Transfer Fees	5,363	1	5,363				
		Fuel, repairs, maintenance	14,886	1	14,886				
				Sub-Total				67,803	
				Scholarship Student Expense	28,367		2	56,734	
				Fisheries Gov. Officer	917		12	11,009	
2.5.3.2	Fisheries Legal Officer	1,835	12	22,018	107,376				
	Fisheries Dashboard Officer	734	12	8,807					
		Fisheries Dashboard Officer	734	12	8,807				
		Sub-Total			107,376				
		Total			324,098				

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ANNEX 3a									
Strategic Objectives *	Specific Objectives	Actions	Description	Responsible Body	Verification Sources	Budget EUR	Expanded ETR	% realized	
3.2.5 Implementing effective MCS	3.2.5.1 Enable PMC to be permanently operational	Subscription for internet subscription for VMS & Upgrade radio system.	Payment of the annual subscription fee for internet and to VMS HF & VHF radio system will be resumped and upgraded.	BNF/MA	Procurement documents, Invoices, delivery documents & on site visits	17,630	13,274		
	3.2.5.2 Enable PMC to be permanently operational	Maintaining the posts of key PMC/MCS staff in Monrovia	Payment of the salaries of the MCS focal person, three members of the PMC staff in Monrovia and of the PMC supervisor, five persons in total.	BNF/MA	Contracts with Salary Payment Vouchers	471,064	471,064	89%	
	3.2.5.3 MCS/PMC disposing of sufficient and adequate materials and equipment to perform their tasks	Acquisition of material and equipment for the MCS/PMC	Procurement of one set of inspection gears, 5 mesh sieves, 5 handfield radios, 3 transfer speakers, 3 night vision digital cameras, 3 digital cameras, 3 camcorders, 1 laptop and 1 desktop.	BNF/MA	Procurement documents, Invoices, delivery documents & on site visits	9,079	2,820		
	3.2.5.4 Conducting MCS patrol missions	Funding fuel cost patrol missions at sea/land port	48 patrol mission will be conducted in the year, one per week, 4 missions per month.	BNF/MA	Invoices, Mission reports.	26,422	26,422		
2.5.1 Sustainable management of fisheries resources and ecosystems	2.5.1.1 Monitor the artisanal fisheries	(i) Conduct a frame survey, (ii) Support to the artisanal fisheries data collection program to support fish stock assessment	(i) Under the last frame survey (2011) of the small scale fisheries to update the census register it will be done in 9 coastal counties. (ii) 21 fisheries enumerators will collect catch, effort, biological & economic data for the artisanal fisheries in 9 coastal counties.	BNF/MA	Survey report and data collected, Fisheries database.	32,857	32,857	100%	
	2.5.1.2 Strengthen knowledge on fisheries resources	Conduct studies on the recreational fisheries	The recreational fishery is not documented but reportedly to target tuna tropical and tuna like species. Needed to strengthen data collection system and to establish a regulatory regime for these fisheries.	BNF/MA	Final study & Reports	3,679	3,679		
3.2.4 Promoting international cooperation for management of shared stocks	3.2.4.1 Participation in ICCAT, PCWC and ATLAFCO	Annual payments to regional fisheries management organizations (RFMOs): ICCAT, PCWC & ATLAFCO.		BNF/MA	Bank transfer documents and meeting reports	19,915	19,915	100%	
2.5.3 Strengthening institutional, human and financial capacities	2.5.3.1 BNF adequately equipped in material and communication tools to perform its duties	(i) Procurement of office supplies and communication tools. (ii) Internet subscription. (iii) Provision for fuel, maintenance and repairs.	Payment for permanent supply of electricity, internet service, fisheries website maintenance and adequate office equipments. Procurement of a service vehicle, 2 photocopiers, 5 printers, 2 laptops and 2 desktops.	BNF/MA	Procurement documents, Invoices and delivery documents	72,902	68,014	93%	
2.5.3.2 Strengthen BNF HR capacities and training		3 students sent to University of Iceland, Iceland	Two members of the BNF staff will be sent to University of Iceland to obtain PhD in (i) Fisheries resource economics and (ii) Marine Biology or Fish stock assessment. In addition, one member of the BNF will be sent to the University of Iceland for 1-year graduate studies (MSc) in Fish stock assessment or related fisheries field.	BNF/MA	Selection process documents, contracts invoices and staffing of the training centers	127,982	84,453	66%	
* Fisheries and aquaculture Policy and Strategy- MA/BNF (2010)						357,500	298,408	83%	

ANNEX 3b														
First year sectoral support achievements compared to multiannual program														
Strategic Objectives	Specific Objectives	Actions	Baseline 2016	Budget estimation (€ years)	Implementation chronogram ¹					Final Objective 2021	Performance Indicators	Verification Sources		
					1st year target	1st year achievement	2nd year target	3rd year target	4th year target				5th year target	
3.2.2 Implementing effective MCS	3.2.5.1 FMC fully functional and equipped with updated communication and control systems	Annual internet subscription	Lack of funds prevents adequate year round connection	361395	20%	full	20%	20%	20%	20%	FMC with full and permanent internet access	FMC internet access functions	Procurement documents, Invoices, and delivery documents	
		Annual VMS subscription/maintenance	Lack of funds prevents adequate year round connection		20%	full	20%	20%	20%	20%	FMC with full VMS access	FMC VMS effectively working	Procurement documents, Invoices, delivery documents and on site visits	
		Annual AIS subscription	US provides AIS service until 2018					33%	33%		FMC capable of permanently accessing all AIS data	AIS data accessible to the FMC	Procurement documents, Invoices, delivery documents and on site visits	
		Revamping and upgrading radio system	Radio system is not permanently operational		50%	nil	30%				FMC radio system capable of performing all necessary MCS actions	FMC radio system operational	Procurement documents, Invoices, delivery documents and on site visits	
		Preparing ToR for procurement of VMS-FRS-AIS integration program	Lack of VMS-FRS-AIS integration program					100%			FMC fully installed with an integrated system of VMS-FRS-AIS an updated software for all MCS functions	ToR for the procurement are ready	ToR document	
	3.2.5.2 Enable FMC to be permanently operational	Maintain the posts of 5 persons at FMC/MCS in Monrovia	94128	50%	full	50%				FMC manned on a permanent basis	24 hours per day FMC effectively operational	Contracts with Salary Payment vouchers- Receipts and duty roster		
	3.2.5.3 MCS/FMC disposing of sufficient and adequate materials and equipment to perform their tasks	Acquisition of material & equipment for inspections	No budget for this action. No inspection gears, trawler spotter, cameras and camcorder, Existing multihull, 3 mesh gauges, 4 handheld radios and 1 laptop	24393	60%	full	20%	20%	20%	20%	MCS/FMC equipped with at least 2 sets of inspection gear, 15 mesh gauges, 15 handheld radios, 9 trawler spotters, 6 night vision digital cameras, 15 digital cameras, 6 camcorders, 4 laptops and 1 desktop	List of materials and equipment acquired and in use	Procurement documents, Invoices, delivery documents and on site visits	
3.2.5.4 Conducting MCS patrol missions	Funding fuel cost patrol missions at sea/at port	4 patrols /month	132110	20%	12%	20%	20%	20%	20%	An average of 4 patrols conducted per month in the period 2016-2021	Number of patrol missions per month, Number of vessels	Invoices, Mission reports		
2.5.1 Sustainable management of fisheries resources and ecosystems	2.5.1.1 Monitor the artisanal fisheries	Conduct a frame survey	Last frame survey dates of 2011. Artisanal fleet register database is outdated. Catch, effort, biological and economic data collection ends as far in Sept 2016.	164536	100%	full					All canoes in the artisanal fisheries are enumerated, embossed and with BNF registration number	Data base updated with artisanal fisheries canoes register. Frame survey concluded.	Survey report and data collected, Fisheries database	
		Data collection program			25%	25%	25%	25%		Fisheries, biological & economic datasets are regularly collected according to increase coverage and frequency	Catch & effort and length frequency data collected and available from the artisanal fisheries.	Data collected, fisheries database and reports		
	2.5.1.2 Strengthen knowledge on fisheries resources	Study on the recreational fisheries		21403	100%	full					At least one study conducted for recreational	Number of scientific campaigns and studies. Reports and data available	Reports and databases	
		Establish recreational fishery database and data collection systems	These fisheries are not well documented		100%					A data collection system & database for the recreational fishery is established	Updated database for the recreational fishery	BNF reports & databases		
	2.5.1.3 Strengthen involvement of stakeholders in the co-management of fisheries resources	Conduct 2 studies on the Artisanal & Semi-industrial fisheries		4000			50%			50%	At least two studies conducted for the Artisanal & Semi-industrial fisheries.	Scientific studies carried out for the Artisanal and Semi-industrial fisheries. Reports and data available	Reports & databases	
2 Capacity building workshops on fisheries related legal and administrative issues	Stakeholders are not fully aware of the developments taking place in the sector.	100 stakeholders capacitated on legal and administrative processes of the BNF	Number of stakeholders capacitated		Procurement documents and invoices, BNF-reports									
3.2.4 Promoting international cooperation	3.2.4.1 Participation in ICCAT, ECWC and ATLAFCO	Annual payments to ICCAT, ECWC and ATLAFCO	Annual contributions are not paid	132053	20%	full	20%	20%	20%	20%	Annual Contributions to ICCAT, ECWC and ATLAFCO are annually paid	Annual Contributions paid. Participation in these organizations meetings	Bank transfer documents and meeting reports	
2.5.3 Strengthening institutional, human and financial capacities	2.5.3.1 BNF adequately equipped in material and communication tools to perform its duties	Procurement of office supplies and communication tools	No budget for this action.	293645	34%	full	33%			33%	BNF is a fully operational office equipped with at least 5 photocopiers, 10 laptops, 15 printers and 2 functional vehicles	Material procured	Procurement documents, Invoices and delivery documents	
		Internet subscription	No budget for this action.		20%	full	20%	20%	20%	20%	Functional internet service	Regular internet access at BNF offices	Procurement documents and invoices	
	Provision for fuel, maintenance and repairing	No budget for this action	20%	partial	20%	20%	20%	20%	20%	BNF generators and vehicles are fully fuelled and checked on a permanent basis for effective functioning	Record on number of gallons used in BNF generators and vehicles. Number of repairs	Invoices and delivery documents		
	2.5.3.2 Strengthen BNF HR capacities and training	Send 2 BNF staff members for PhD studies abroad	None of the staff have a degree in the fields of stock assessment, bio-economic modelling, resource economics, marine biology and oceanography. None of the staff possess a PhD	284310	34%	half	33%	33%				At least two PhD staff trained to support BNF research capacity in fisheries and fisheries related issues	Number of BNF staff trained at the PhD level	Selection process documents, contracts Invoices and attending of the training centers
		Send 1 BNF staff member per year for MSc. studies abroad			20%	full	20%	20%	20%	20%	20%	At least 5 BNF staff obtain a MSc degree in fisheries fields	Number of BNF staff trained at MSc level	Selection process documents, contracts Invoices and attending of the training centers
	Maintain the posts of 4 BNF staff members	4 staff members lost their posts as for Sept 2016	113027	45%	full	35%	35%			Four key fisheries staff maintained in the BNF key activities for the first two years of the program	The four member of the staff in active at the BNF during the first two years of the program	Contracts with Salary Payment Vouchers		
Total				1625000										

¹ Explanation: % target means the % over the 5 year period, related to the total 5 year budget and to the achievement of the 2021 final objectives, i.e. an action repeated every year gives 20 % as annual target.