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# CRIMES THAT AFFECT THE ENVIRONMENT

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## RESPONDING TO MARINE POLLUTION AND CRIMES IN THE FISHERIES SECTOR



### LEGISLATION

- ✓ Assist states to develop good practices, governance frameworks and regulations for Marine Protected Areas (MPAs)
- ✓ Deliver legal training for prosecutors and maritime law enforcement agencies on LoS and other relevant international legal frameworks



### DETECTION

- ✓ Improve MDA and patrolling through technology including satellite imagery, UAVs, coastal surveillance sensors and machine learning
- ✓ Providing Fishing Vessel Visit Board Search and Seizure (FVBSS) for maritime law enforcement personnel and fisheries authorities, in close cooperation with FAO and regional fisheries organizations
- ✓ Deliver cross agency training through tabletop exercises using case studies based on previous incidents and responses, considering how the case was handled, what legal instruments were applied, and which agencies were involved





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## INVESTIGATION



- ✓ Working to tackle transshipments at sea
- ✓ Training coast guard officers to collect and present evidence to support prosecutions
- ✓ Produce assessments of threats to MPAs from vessels
- ✓ Deliver specialized equipment to maritime law enforcement agencies to enhance responses to incidents of pollution at sea and minimize the impact on the marine environment

## PROSECUTION



- ✓ Facilitate simulated trials for prosecutors to test legal frameworks, evidence admissible in court, case preparations, court proceedings and knowledge on marine pollution
- ✓ Training prosecutors on crimes in the fisheries sector in West and Central Africa
- ✓ Coordination with maritime law enforcers

## REGIONAL COOPERATION

- ✓ Support the improvement of regional border management strategies to ensure stronger protection of maritime zones and MPAs
- ✓ Facilitate regional meetings for maritime law enforcement agencies to promote the exchange of best practices and information sharing as well as to foster inter-regional cooperation





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## ADDRESSING TIMBER TRAFFICKING AND THE ILLEGAL WASTE TRADE

### WAY FORWARD

- ✓ Produce research reports on the transport and movements of plastics, toxic waste and other hazardous waste by sea and the revenue systems of criminal groups benefiting from this practice
- ✓ Train prosecutors on marine pollution crimes and relevant national and international legal frameworks in cooperation with UNEP and the Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam, and Stockholm Conventions
- ✓ Facilitate interagency coordination and dialogue between law enforcement stakeholders and environment authorities
- ✓ Expand on the riverine VBSS training offered to maritime law enforcement, including river police
- ✓ Support existing programmes with a maritime security component





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