



Support to West Africa Integrated Maritime Security (SWAIMS)

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AGENDA

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Framework

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Challenges



Gulf of Guinea (GoG)

- ✓ >6000 Km coastline from Cape Verde and Senegal to Angola
- ✓ Very important shipping zone (oil, gas and goods)
- ✓ > 1500 vessels every day
- ✓ Piracy, armed robbery at sea, kidnapping of seafarers, IUU fishing, smuggling and trafficking
- ✓ Threat to maritime security in the GoG means threat to the economic development of the entire region
- ✓ In 2020 (according IMB):
 - ✓ 84 attacks on ships
 - ✓ 135 seafarers kidnaped for ransom
 - ✓ > 95 % of all kidnappings for ransom at sea

Threat response

- ✓ EU and GoG countries share economic and commercial interests affected by insecurity in the region
- ✓ The EU is committed to improving maritime security in the GoG
- ✓ Large and complete set of projects
- ✓ Focus on the legal framework, training and operating, capacity building, information sharing
- ✓ Funding comes from Instrument contributing to Security and Peace (IcSP) and the European Development Fund (EDF).
- ✓ SWAIMS Project – Support the implementation of the Economic Community Of West African States (ECOWAS) Integrated Maritime Strategy

SWAIMS

Improve maritime security and safety in the Gulf of Guinea and Implement the ECOWAS Integrated Maritime Strategy

- ✓ Program launched in 2019 and funded by the EU
- ✓ Implementation period: 2019-2024
- ✓ Beneficiaries: ECOWAS Countries and Mauritania
- ✓ Financing: 29M EUR
- ✓ Managed from Abuja, Nigeria
- ✓ Main Interlocutors:
 - ✓ ECOWAS; EU Delegation in Abuja (EUD); UNODC; Interpol; GIABA; SWAIMS *Steering Committee (SC)*



SWAIMS

Two specific goals:

1. Strengthen institutional governance and law enforcement frameworks and more success in prosecuting and punishing maritime crimes.
2. Strengthen law enforcement operational and response capacities.



Component /Action 2.3

Operational Response and Management of the Rule of Law at Sea are improved through the supply of fast response and forensic equipment

Operational Response and Management of the Rule of Law at Sea

Main objective:

Improve maritime security and safety in the Gulf of Guinea

Specific objective:

Strengthen law enforcement operational capacities and responses

Output

Operational response and management of the rule of law at sea are improved through the supply of fast response and forensic equipment

Operational Response and Management of the Rule of Law at Sea

Implementation in 12 ECOWAS Coastal Countries

Lusophone (2)

Cape Verde

Guinea-Bissau

Francophone (5)

Benin

Côte d'Ivoire

Guinea

Senegal

Togo

Anglophone (5)

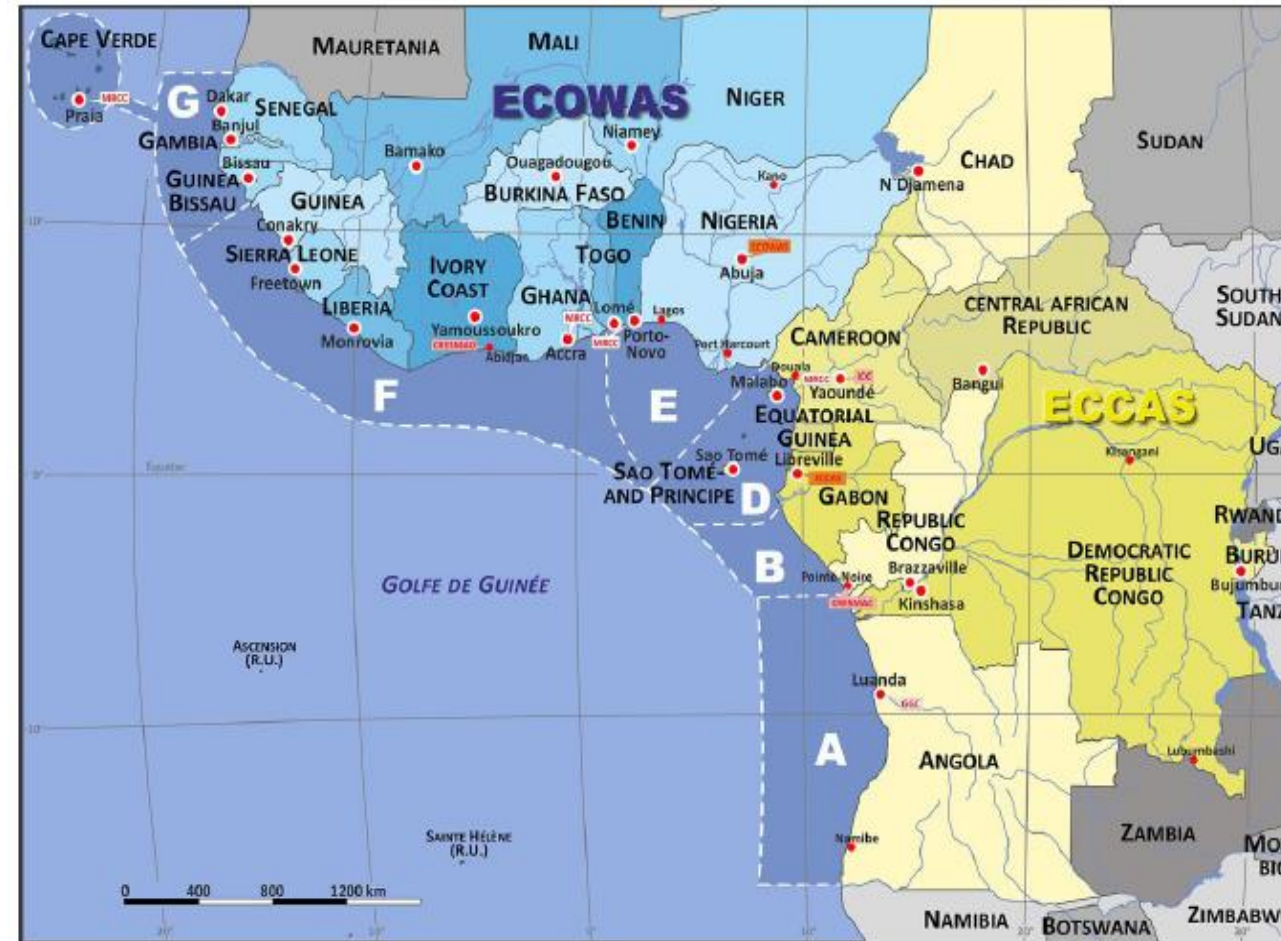
Gambia

Ghana

Liberia

Nigeria

Sierra Leone



Operational Response and Management of the Rule of Law at Sea

Main Activities

O.2.3.1 Develop supply and management framework

- ✓ Prepare the MoUs signature and delivery plans
- ✓ monitoring instrument
- ✓ MoUs negotiation
- ✓ Schedule / Workplan

O.2.3.2. Engage all Coastal ECOWAS States

- ✓ High Level Seminar
- ✓ Bilateral negotiations (countries) (and with ECOWAS)
- ✓ MoU approval in the Steering Committee
- ✓ MoUs signing with countries

O.2.3.3. – Supply of RHIB/RBBs and associated equipment

- ✓ Prepare legal/financial documentation for the tender
- ✓ Launch international tender
- ✓ RHIB/RBB delivery

Operational Response and Management of the Rule of Law at Sea

Main Activities

**O2.3.4. & O2.3.5.
Operational training : i)
maritime criminality
and ii) IUU fishing**

- ✓ Training Needs Assessment (TNA)
- ✓ Training the trainers
- ✓ Training on Operation / Maintenance, Maritime Criminality & Fishery Inspection

**O.2.3.6. Organize
maintenance
guarantees.**

- ✓ Maintenance packages with suppliers
- ✓ Beneficiaries assistance plan
- ✓ RHIB/RBB Users Group MoU

**O.2.3.7. – Support to
pilot/real life
operational exercises**

- ✓ Portuguese Navy warship visits to beneficiaries
- ✓ Naval exercise

O2.3.8. Evaluation

- ✓ Periodic reports

Training component

Training Needs Assessment (TNA)

- ✓ Technical visits to 12 countries

Training of Trainers (in PRT)

- ✓ 36 trainees from ECOWAS countries
- ✓ 3 training areas (Op&Man RHIB/fisheries inspection/ /Forensics)
- ✓ Taught in 3 Languages (EN/FR/PT)

Training Crew Teams (12 countries)

- ✓ PT Trainers + Trainers from own countries (EN/FR/PT)
- ✓ 3 training areas (Op&Man RHIB/fisheries inspection/ /Forensics)
- ✓ 2 teams from each country
- ✓ Taught in mother language (EN/FR/PT)

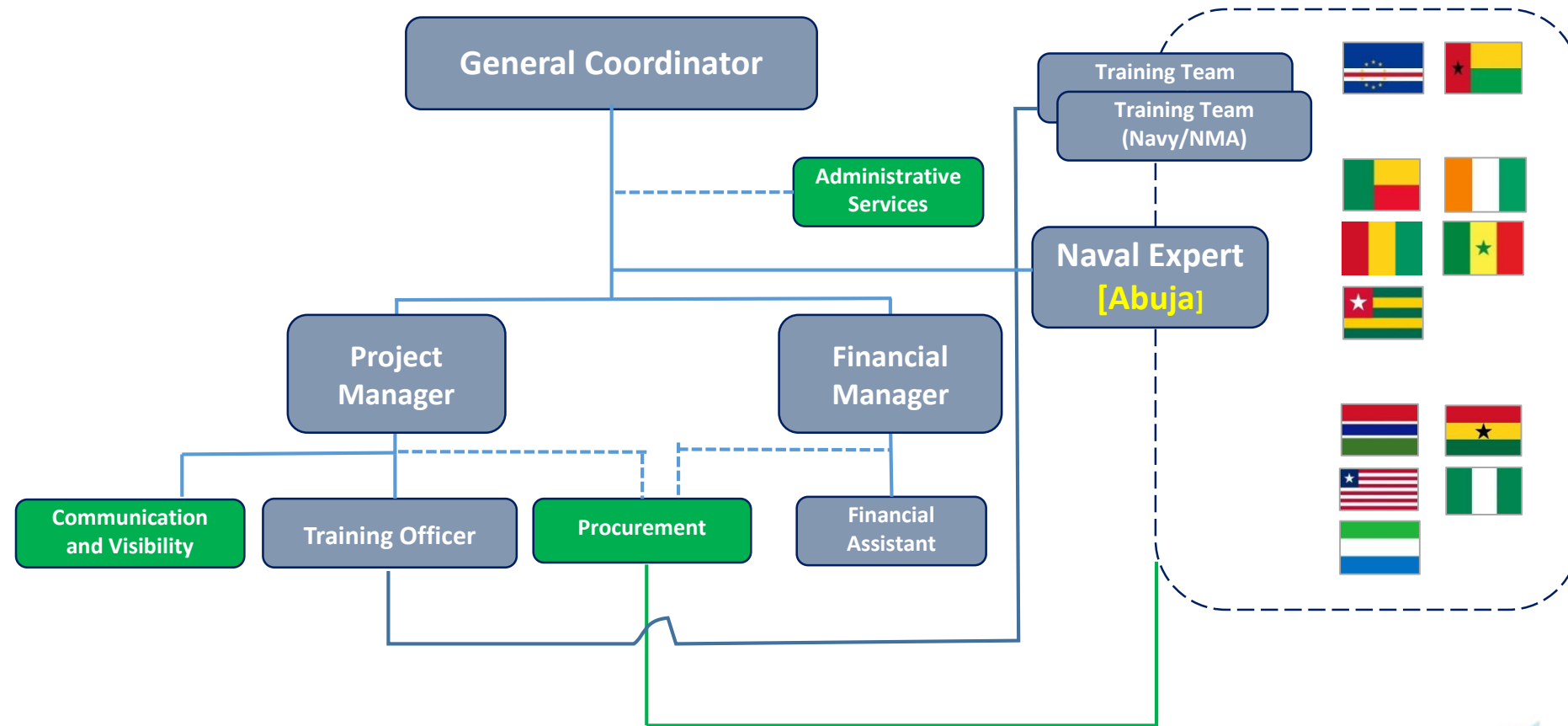
Planning and Budget

Results & Activities	2020				2021												2022												2023												2024						
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2.3.1 Develop supply and management framework																																															
(a) Create and implement a monitoring tool to continuously review the capacity of eligible ECOWAS coastal Member States to operate and maintain RHIB/RBBs.																																															
(b) Develop the MoU's template document in line with consultations and specific arrangements with each ECOWAS coastal Member State.																																															
(c) Validate the MoUs and the results provided by the monitoring tool																																															
2.3.2. Engage ECOWAS coastal Member States																																															
(a) Formal negotiations and country-specific arrangements with all ECOWAS coastal Member States for the supply of RHIBS/RBB																																															
(b) Signature of the MoU with the coastal ECOWAS Member States following ECOWAS Commission's approval.																																															
2.3.3. Supply of RHIB/RBBs and associated equipment																																															
(a) Review and validate the technical specifications of the RHIBS and associated equipment																																															
(b) Prepare and validate the legal and financial documentation related to the procurement procedure																																															
(c) Launch an International Public Tender for the supply of RHIBS/RBB																																															
(d) Review and approval of all supporting documentation related to the signature of the Supplier Contract																																															
(e) Supply of RHIBS/RBB - production, shipping and formal transfer of the RHIBS to each selected ECOWAS Member States																																															
2.3.4 & 2.3.5. Operational training concerning Maritime Criminality and IUU Fishing																																															
(a) Country specific training Needs Assessment (TNA)																																															
(b) Training the trainers: selection of trainees from coastal ECOWAS Member States																																															
(c) Training the trainers (to be held in Portugal)																																															
(d) Training on Operation / Maintenance, Maritime Criminality & Fishery Inspection																																															
2.3.6. Organize maintenance guarantees																																															
(a) Analyse and approve the supplier's proposal on maintenance guarantees (see (d) on 2.3.3)																																															
(b) Provide Assistance to beneficiary national authorities in charge of the RHIB/RBBs maintenance in close coordination with the equipment supplier																																															
2.3.7. Support to pilot/real life operational exercises																																															
(a) Country specific training Needs Assessment (TNA)																																															
(b) Real-life operational training/exercises: implementation and evaluation in each of the beneficiary partner countries																																															
2.3.8. Evaluation																																															
(a) Produce annual reports assessing the extent of implementation of the agreed management arrangements																																															

Budget		
Available Funds	Global Budget	
	EUR	%
EU Commission	10.000.000	80%
Portuguese Cooperation Financial Contribution (Camões, I.P.)	368.410	3%
Portuguese Cooperation Contribution in kind (MDN)	2.109.884	17%
TOTAL	12.478.294	

Operational Response and Management of the Rule of Law at Sea

Camões Implementation Unit (CIU)



Blue boxes – Staffed by PRT Navy
Green boxes – Provided by other entities

Challenges

1. Management of allocated budget (RHIB/RRB and forensic equipment acquisition);
2. Implementation of more relevant activities:
 - ✓ Presentation and discussion of the MoU
 - ✓ Preparation / Planning for High Level Seminar (HLS)
 - ✓ Launch of the international tender for the acquisition of RHIB/RBB and forensic equipment
 - ✓ Preparation and execution of the training plan in Portugal (for trainers) and in the beneficiary countries
 - ✓ Preparing and conducting an exercise in the GoG to validate the Output

Deliverables

- ✓ To achieve the main goals established;
- ✓ To strength capacity building;
- ✓ To strength the relationship and dialogue with regional partners;
- ✓ To enable and to contribute for maritime security in the region;
- ✓ EU and Portugal as consistent and reliable producers of security;
- ✓ Sharing lessons learned on this specific kind of cooperation



Thank you for your attention

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