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# Coastal Fisheries Initiative

Promoting sustainable fisheries in coastal areas

## West Africa

West Africa has strong social and economic ties to fisheries. Fish is a major commodity traded regionally and globally, providing thousands of jobs. Fish is also a much-loved food and an integral part of the traditional West African diet, accounting for around two-thirds of all animal protein consumed.

Fisheries are even more important to communities that live on the coast. But most fish populations in West Africa are now fully or overexploited, putting livelihoods, food security and fish populations at risk.

The Coastal Fisheries Initiative operates in the West African nations of Cabo Verde, Côte d'Ivoire and Senegal to strengthen fisheries governance and management and improve the seafood value chain, fish products and working conditions.

CFI West Africa is led by FAO in partnership with the UN Environment Programme. It has a budget of USD 6.5 million in GEF funding and USD 45 million in co-financing for a period of five years.



Cabo Verde

Côte d'Ivoire

Senegal

## What we focus on

### Policy

Incorporating environmental, social and economic sustainability into policies, as well as legal and regulatory frameworks.

### People

CFI West Africa is focused on empowering women, who represent 75% of the total post-harvest sector workforce in Cabo Verde, 60% in Côte d'Ivoire and 30% in Senegal.

### Partnerships

Working with local stakeholders and authorities and promoting public-private partnerships for responsible investment in the seafood value chain.



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## Key figures on coastal fisheries

### Cabo Verde

**GDP: 0.7%**  
**Animal protein consumption: 10%**  
**Coastline: 1,020 km**

### Côte d'Ivoire

**GDP: 1.5%**  
**Animal protein consumption: 40%**  
**Coastline: 550 km**

### Senegal

**GDP: 14.1%**  
**Animal protein consumption: 43%**  
**Coastline: 718 km**

The **Coastal Fisheries Initiative (CFI)** is a collaborative, global effort funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) bringing together UN agencies and international conservation organizations at the forefront of efforts to improve fisheries management and conserve marine biodiversity in coastal areas through better governance and strengthening the seafood value chain. CFI is implemented by Conservation International (CI), FAO, UNDP, UNEP, the World Bank and WWF.

### Partners

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations  
 United Nations Environment Programme – Abidjan Convention  
 Ministry of Maritime Economy, Cabo Verde  
 Ministry of Agriculture and Environment, Cabo Verde  
 Ministry of Animal and Fisheries Resources, Côte d'Ivoire  
 Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, Côte d'Ivoire  
 Ministry of Fisheries and Maritime Economy, Senegal  
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