

# **Effective Fisheries Management:**

## **Ensuring long-term sustainable use of fisheries resources**

# Context

- Effective fisheries management supports achievement of SDG Target 14.2 and other related SDG Target indicators (14.4, 14 B, ...)
- Alarming status of world fisheries resources (31.5% of exploited stocks) underpinning losses in economic wealth (75 billion EUR / year, including 9.5 billion EUR / year for Africa)
- FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fishing sets out basic principles based on international law to be followed by States or Regional Organisations to promote sustainable management of fisheries resources

# Main challenges for ACP States

- Obtaining science-based information to support fisheries management : high investment and recurrent costs that can be shared between coastal States through regional cooperation
- Regulating fishing capacities : controlling expansion of domestic artisanal fleets through registration while managing industrial fleet capacities
- Designing and enforcing long-term fisheries management plans including a transnational dimension where applicable
- Greater credibility and accountability through stakeholder involvement and transparency in the decision-making process.