



11 th Meeting of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea

"Capacity-building in ocean affairs and the law of the sea, including marine science"

Cooperation in Ocean Affairs: Sustainability and Capacity-building. The Strategy of Spain for the 21st century



SPANISH COOPERATION IN MARINE AFFAIRS

GLOBAL FRAMEWORK:

POLICY COHERENCE FOR DEVELOPMENT (PCD)

- *“the commitment to the belief that policies other than development aid policies also contribute to achieving the Millennium objectives”*

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- *Relationship with associated countries in three areas:*
 - *sustainability of marine living resources*
 - *preservation of marine ecosystems, biodiversity and habitats*
 - *sustainability of economic development*
- *Shared responsibility of partner countries: guaranteeing permanent cooperation activities*

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MAIN OBJECTIVES OF OUR COOPERATION

- *Contributing to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals:*
 - *MDG No. 1: eradicating extreme poverty and hunger*
 - *MDG No. 3: promoting gender equality and the empowerment of women*
 - *MDG No. 7: ensuring environmental sustainability.*
- *EU priority policies: trade, **environment**, climate change, security, agriculture, **fishing**, the social dimension of globalisation, **decent jobs and working conditions**, migration, **research and innovation**, information society and transport and energy.*



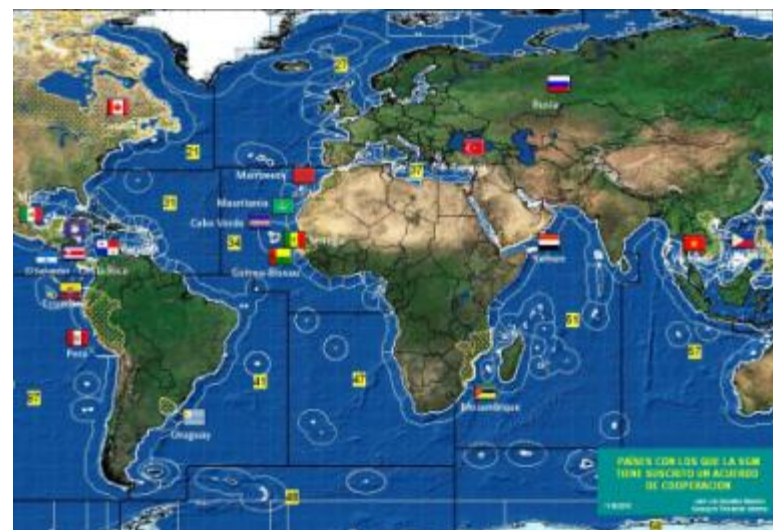
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SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES OF OUR COOPERATION

- *Fish stock biological assessment*
- *Improving our knowledge on the marine ecosystem for its protection and exploitation*
- *Developing sustainable agriculture*
- *Exchanging knowledge and technologies between sectors*
- *Enhancing control of over-fishing activities*
- *Expanding training skills*
- *Improving hygiene and sanitary conditions*

GEOGRAPHICAL PRIORITY

- *3 main areas: Africa, Latin America and Asia*



COOPERATION INSTRUMENTS OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF THE SEA

LEGAL FRAMEWORK

- *The instrument used is the Memorandum of Understanding (21 MoU currently subscribed)*
 - *DOES NOT entail obligations under international law for partner countries*
 - *DOES establish shared responsibility towards a specific framework for action in the best interest of partner countries*

THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF THE SEA: SHIPS

A) OCEAN RESEARCH SHIPS



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B) THE TRAINING COOPERATION SHIP: "INTERMARES"



SECRETARIAT GENERAL OF THE SEA ACTIONS IN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

SPANISH GLOBAL COMMITMENTS TO MARINE ENVIRONMENT SUSTAINABILITY

1.- THE ECOSYSTEM APPROACH

- *Human activities are intimately linked to the marine environment where they take place*
- *Ecosystem approach: progressing in the implementation of ecosystem-based approach to fisheries management*
- *Acknowledgments to this comprehensive vision:*
 - *FAO Code for Responsible Fisheries*
 - *The World Summit on Sustainable Development Declaration (WSSD), Johannesburg 2002.*



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2.- OUR KNOWLEDGE OF MARINE ENVIRONMENT

- *Period 2001-2010: 153 campaigns (33% in cooperation with partner countries)*
- *Addressed:*
 - *Improving marine research at deep sea*
 - *Identifying vulnerable marine ecosystems*
 - *Scientific knowledge of the seabed*
 - *Protected Marine Areas*



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SPANISH COOPERATION CONCRETE ACTIONS

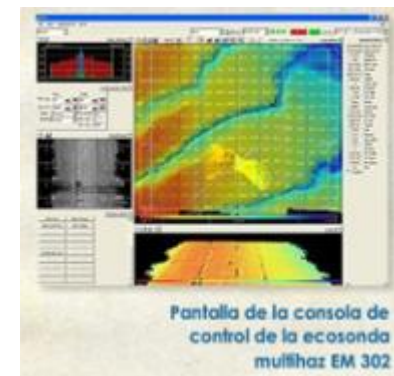
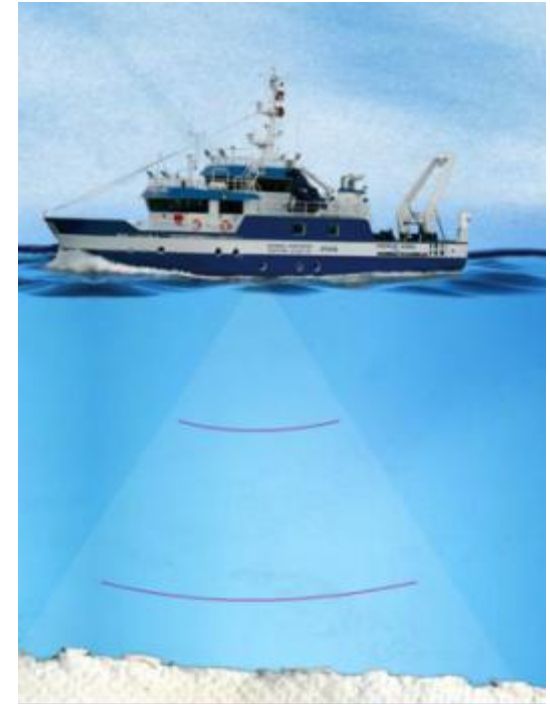
- *The need to improve and share knowledge with partner countries*
- *A multidisciplinary and comprehensive approach*
- *Mapping the partner countries marine areas*
- *Determining fish stocks status*
- *Research geared to the protection of Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems at regional level*
- *Providing training for partner countries in order to follow up and control fishing activities*
- *Training the trainers: INTERMARES ship Training Program*
- *Decent jobs and gender equality*
- *Ibero-American Aquaculture and Marine Reserves Networks*



ACTIONS IN COOPERATION ISSUES FOR THE SGM

MARINE RESEARCH CAMPAIGNS

- *Objectives:*
 - *Marine mapping*
 - *Assessing fish stocks status*
- *Common elements:*
 - *Close cooperation between scientists from partner countries*
 - *Exchanging information and transferring knowledge ("know-how")*
 - *Data shared between Spain and the partner countries*
 - *Improving knowledge on the marine environment*
 - *Promoting scientific and technical assessment: reliable scientific advices*
 - *Technical logistics to carry out multidisciplinary studies (Physics, Chemistry, Marine Geology, Environmental Studies, Biology)*



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VULNERABLE MARINE ECOSYSTEMS

- *Spain enhanced research on vulnerable marine ecosystems since 2005, before the 2006 United Nations General Assembly resolution.*



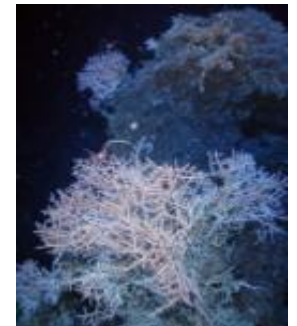
- *Purpose:*

- *to identify possible existing vulnerable marine ecosystems and propose the necessary measures to protect them.*



- *Spain has carried out studies within:*

- *the framework of Regional Fisheries Organizations*
 - *high sea zones*



- *The scientific results will be available to the international community*

- *The work is conducted jointly with scientists of partner countries*



THE SECRETARIAT GENERAL OF THE SEA ACTIONS IN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

TRAINING PARTNER COUNTRIES

- *Dissemination of knowledge of and training on the marine environment on board the INTERMARES ship*
- *Theoretical and practical training sessions*
- *Program for Cooperation in Marine Fishing and Aquaculture Training:*
 - *2010 Courses: Two in Morocco, one in Mauritania*
 - *2010 Schedule: Senegal, Cape Verde, Guinea Bissau, Mozambique, Peru, Ecuador and Central America*



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IBEROAMERICAN MARINE RESERVES NETWORK

- *Cooperation Forum: jointly running projects and exchanging information and experience.*
- *What is this Network aiming at?*
 - *Raising awareness of the need to preserve marine habitats and their species*
 - *Showing the advantages of establishing limited-use environments*
 - *Promoting respect towards the seas, oceans and their resources*
 - *Creating new marine reserves in Ibero-America*



FUTURE STRATEGY (I/III)

PARTNER COUNTRIES *SHARED RESPONSIBILITY*

- *Changing attitudes, which implies changing the concept that **associated countries** have of the donor /recipient country*
- *Both partners must be equally interested in the achievement of general betterment and the good of all*
- *This is the only way to guarantee long-lasting actions*

LINKS BETWEEN ECONOMIC SECTORS

- *Spain supports an approach based on balanced and sustainable economic development.*
- *Governments must set up the "rules of the game" in order to prevent abuse and set up conditions conducive to partnership .*

FUTURE STRATEGY (II/III)

COORDINATION OF STAKEHOLDERS INVOLVED IN COOPERATION

- *Enhancing coordination among stakeholders involved in cooperation bodies (at national level, EU-level and multilaterally)*
- *Seeking synergies among projects with different cooperation bodies/Agencies*
- *Objectives:*
 - *Alleviate the lack of economic resources*
 - *Effectiveness of actions carried out*
 - *Efficiency of actions carried out*



FUTURE STRATEGY (III/III)

- *Spain experience in training and technology transfer constitutes an advantage at all levels: employment, social stability, economic development....*
- *Spain approach is based on:*
 - *Shared responsibility among partner countries*
 - *Training offered to trainers, and technology transfer and “know-how”*
 - *Sustainability of fishing resources*
 - *Identification and protection of Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems*

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR ATTENTION



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