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Mathieu Ducrocq joined IUCN in March 2007 with the goal to build up a regional coastal and marine IUCN programme in West Africa. This is being developed in cooperation with PRCM, the Regional Marine and Coastal Conservation Programme, for which IUCN are collaborating with FIBA, Wetlands International, WWF, CSRP (an intergovernmental body for fisheries management, including countries from Mauritania down south to Sierra Leone, plus Cape Verde), and more than 100 institutional and non-governmental partners.

Linked to the regional office and based in Nouakchott (Mauritania), Mathieu is developing the programme with partners, providing technical advice to the national bureaus, members and partner organizations, and to various projects that IUCN is contributing to in the region. He is coordinating a regional project, in collaboration with the Commission on Environmental, Economic and Social Policy (CEESP), which aims to build capacity and strengthen co-management processes in a regional network of marine protected areas.

Before this, Mathieu has been the Executive secretary of the International Foundation of the Banc d'Arguin – FIBA. He has contributed to develop and launch the PRCM, and to the creation of the Regional MPAs network in West Africa – RAMP AO. He has facilitated links between West Africa and WCPA-Marine. He has also been the coordinator of various field projects, including a fisheries co-management project in the Banc d'Arguin National Park, and the West African shark conservation project, which is now implemented as a regional plan of action by the member States of CSRP. Mathieu is active in the Shark specialist group. He is a member of the Banc d'Arguin Scientific Council.