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## **Working together: conservation and fisheries**

### **Background:**

This workshop aims to show how to integrate fisheries and marine conservation policies to allow better collaboration. Participants will be able to analyze the case studies and contribute through examples about similar experiences around the world. The organizers hope to extract the main lessons learnt, establish an list of experiences and create a plan focusing on how to encourage the integration of fisheries and marine and coastal biodiversity conservation policies.

### **Key Issues:**

- How the fishing industry is contributing to fund the Banc d'Arguin National Park, in Mauritania.
- How a Sub Regional Fisheries Commission seeks to include marine protected areas in the policies of its seven member States.
- How conservation measures and marine protected areas might be included in fisheries management plans.
- How aquaculture can reduce its impacts on marine biodiversity.
- Case studies from West Africa, the Coral triangle and Spain will be presented.

### **When and Where:**

October 7, 2008, at 14:30-16:00, Room 129

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