



EU perspectives on Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements (SFPA) and the High Seas

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CFP ext. dimension: objectives & tools

- Objectives
 - **Promotion of sustainable fishing**
 - **Reinforcing science-based management**
 - **Fight against IUU fishing**
 - **Transparency**
- Tools
 - **Ocean governance agenda**
 - **Regional Fisheries management Organisations (RFMOs)**
 - **Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements (SFPAs)**
 - **Regulation on the sustainable management of external fishing fleets**

SFPAs – Main features

- Ensure access to the waters of third countries in a **sustainable and transparent** manner (based on surplus resources)
- Promote **good governance** in the waters of third countries : monitoring of vessels's activity, reporting, compliance

SFPAs – Main features (2)

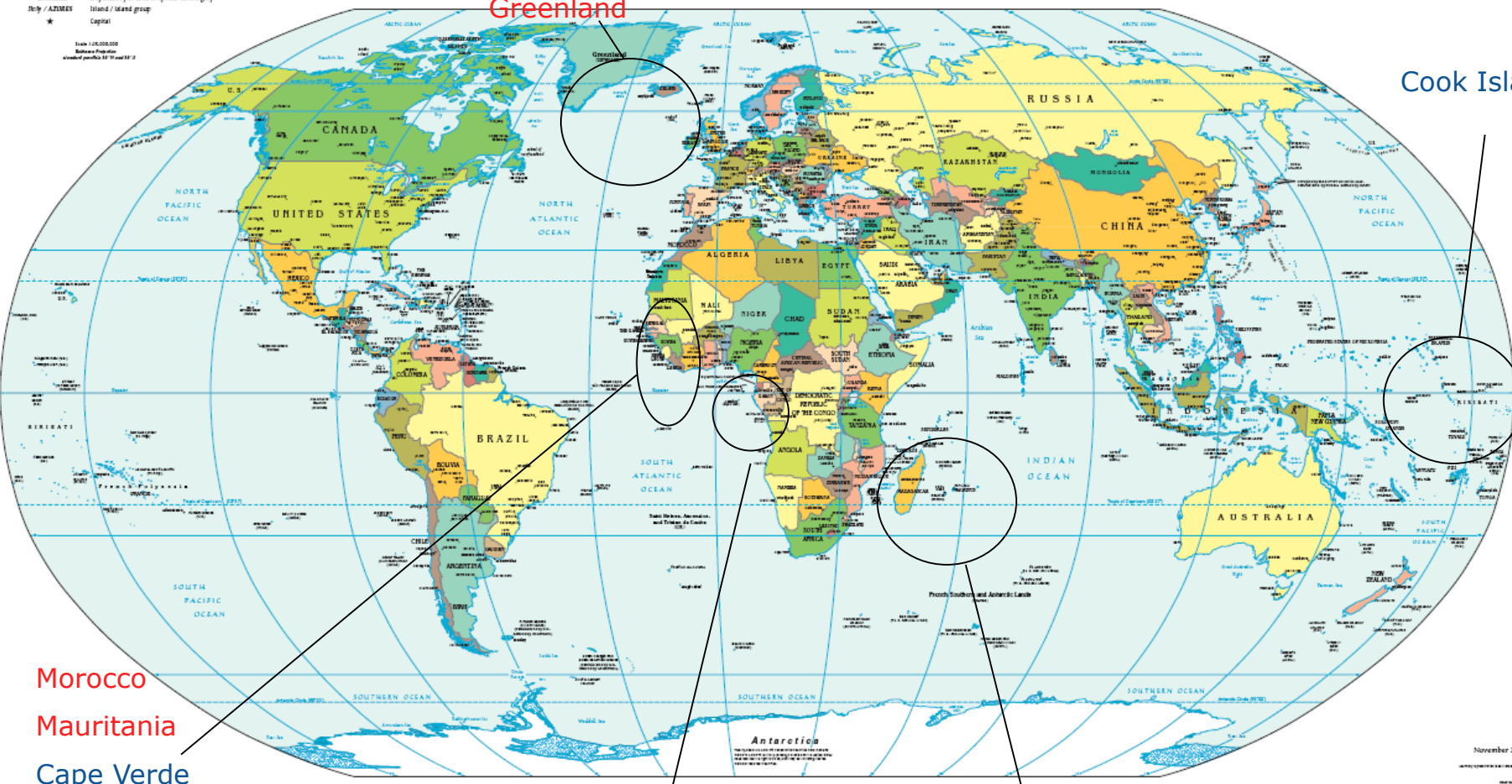
- Support the management of **local fisheries** in third countries (MCS, scientific capacity, artisanal fisheries, export capacities) and the development of blue growth
- Regular **monitoring** (Joint Committee meetings): source of data on catches and efforts, global fishing effort
- Independent evaluations



Political Map of the World, November 2011

AUSTRALIA Independent state
Bermuda Dependency or area of special sovereignty
Ivory Coast Island / island group
★ Capital

Scale 1:60,000,000
Billion Population
rounded figures to 10 and 100 000



Greenland

Cook Islands

Morocco

Mauritania

Cape Verde

Senegal

Liberia

Ivory Coast

Seychelles

Madagascar

Mauritius

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Tuna SFPAs

- **8 agreements in force**

- ✓ Senegal, Liberia, Cape Verde, Ivory Coast, Seychelles, Madagascar, Mauritius, Cook Islands
- ✓ Scientific base in RFMOs
- ✓ Species covered : tuna, tuna-like, sharks
- ✓ On-going negotiations with Sao Tome e Principe, Gabon, Kiribati, and poss. Ghana and The Gambia

Multi-species SFPAs

- **3 agreements in force Mauritania, Morocco, and Greenland**
 - ✓ More diversified scientific base
 - ✓ Joint Scientific committees: regular meetings and reports
 - ✓ Species covered : demersal and pelagic species, tuna, cephalopods and shrimp
 - ✓ On-going negotiations with Morocco and Guinea-Bissau



FARFISH and SFPAs – positive interaction

- Support the knowledge of targeted fisheries
- Improve stock assessment methods
- Consideration of value chains
- Management Plan recommendations
- Findings on by-catch and FADs
- Case studies, incl, on the High seas

FARFISH and SFPAs – suggestions

- Cover all relevant species (eg. small pelagics)
- Reinforce interaction with RFMOs (also on species like sharks)
- Enlarge network of partners
- DG MARE to cooperate with reports and catch and landings data ... but limitations such as confidentiality (aggregated data only, fees), scarce information on by-catches, presentation of products, port of landings, crew composition, etc.

