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# **What we do and like to collaborate on**

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# Who we are (some of us)



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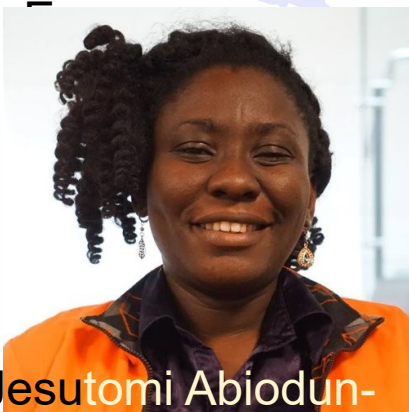
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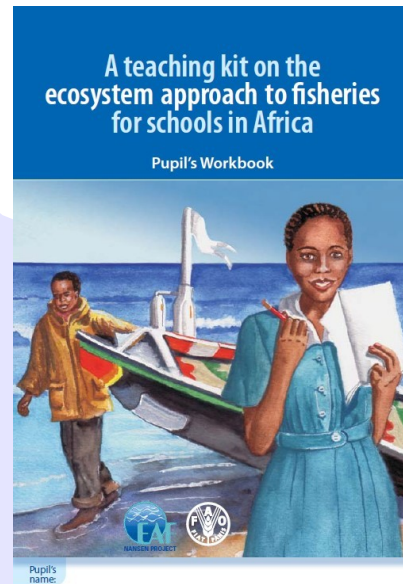


# What we do

As professionals in various fields related to the Ocean  
We promote **Ocean Literacy** – knowledge about and respect for marine ecosystems and people of the sea.

**World Ocean Day** activities related to the annual UN motto.

Support operationalising the Small-Scale Fisheries Guidelines and related activities to support SSF as guardians of future sustainable fisheries – through the **SSF Academy**





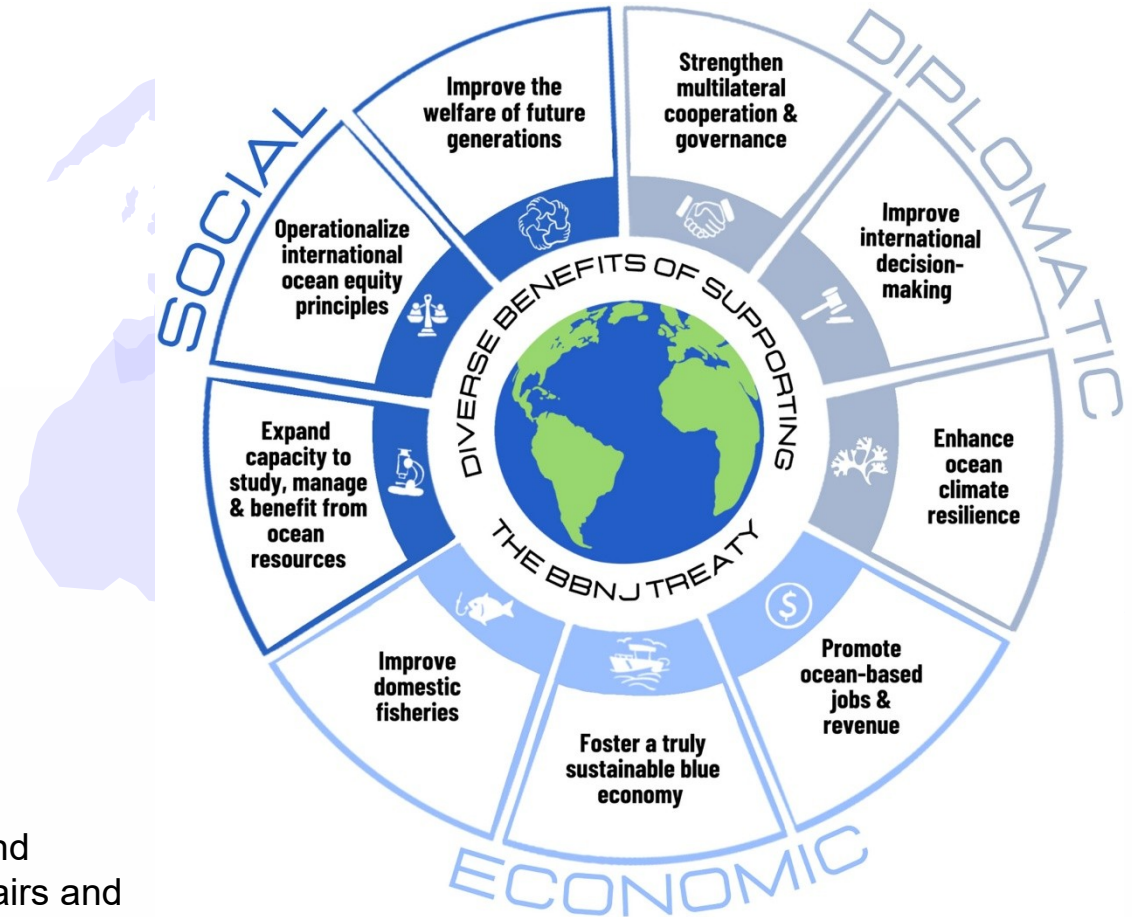


# How? From International Agreements...

Governments have agreed on a treaty under the Law of the Sea for protecting biodiversity in waters beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ). It subjects the High Seas among others to measures to protect 30% for biodiversity recovery.

The admirable consensus-forming international negotiation processes harbour many lessons for advancing maritime security, especially when local communities are participating in governance affecting their futures.

Santos, B.S., *et al.* (2022). The diverse benefits of biodiversity conservation in global ocean areas beyond national jurisdiction. *Front. Mar. Sci.*, Sec. Marine Affairs and Policy, Vol. 9 | <https://doi.org/10.3389/fmars.2022.1001240>





# ...to implementation 'on the ground' (1)

Human security needs **participation in governance with economic and life perspectives for young people** to stay in the countries and not take high risk journeys across the sea or the desert in pursuit of dreams that have already ended in death or bad delusions for many.

## Some necessary steps:

- People to **know their rights**, e.g. the Guidelines to secure sustainable small-scale fisheries
- Video on the **SSF Guidelines** and gender equity in **Pidgin English, Wolof, Yoruba** done, **Fante** in preparation with partners in Nigeria and Ghana



Small-Scale Fisheries Guidelines Video in Pidgin English



Gender Equity Video in Pidgin English



## ...to implementation 'on the ground' (2)

Industrial resource extractions and pollution provoke damage to the coastal environments and their ecosystems which sustained many people's livelihood. That is a powerful driver for irregular migration and criminal acts. Restoring resources brakes that vicious circle. How?

- **Teaching and adopting the ecosystem approach to fisheries** from early age (e.g. teaching kit developed by *Mundus maris*)
- **Take out less than can regrow**
- **Let juvenile fish grow to reproduce**
- **Curb pollution**
- **Compensate small-scale fishers for a transitional period with reduced fishing until recovery to avoid being drawn into criminal practices**

**Field work at the landing**

Let us visit a landing site near our school and find out more about fishing and the fishes.

This is the way to measure a fish. First, lie the fish on its side with its mouth shut.

To measure the total length, the tail must be closed like this.

A. Measurement must be taken with the fish lying on its side and the mouth shut.  
B. For measurement of total length, the tail must be closed as shown.

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## ...to implementation 'on the ground' (3)

Use modern digital means to give access to more people. Example: **Let the juvenile fish grow to reproduce** – use the QR code to download the information we provide free of charge from the global info system on all fish species - the FishBase Guide app for Android.



We have expertise on **food quality and reducing post harvest losses**, including through **alternative-sourced drying**. Design and production of hybrid kiln in Lagos, Nigeria, that prevents build-up of PAH, locks in smoke, keeps nutrients in fish, and uses briquettes, thus being more environment-friendly than using conventional fuel wood. Using **solar power** in areas of scant electricity supply is also explored.





## ...to implementation 'on the ground' (4)

In Nigeria *Mundus maris* together with Fish Party and other partners organises webinars and other activities to alert particularly younger professionals in coastal communities to the importance of being well-informed and influencing policy in favour of marine and social protection, **create opportunities for women and youths.**

Work in direct support to women in fishing communities through **capacity strengthening** alternates with efforts to engage government stronger in **policy** development pro poor and pro safety.



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# Partnering in Nigeria & beyond

We regularly cooperate with Fish Party ==>  
*Mundus maris* is also keen to develop the conversation / collaboration with public institutions and other NGOs further, e.g.

- ==> Federal Department of Fisheries (FDF)
- ==> Nigerian Institute of Oceanography and Marine Research (NIOMR)
- ==> NIMASA
- ==> NiWARD

We also entertain collaboration with organisations in the sub-region, e.g.

- ==> SWAIMS and G7++FoGG
- ==> Ghana Boat and Fishing Gear Owners Association
- ==> Hen Mpoano, Ghana
- ==> Bénévoles Océan, Cameroon



## WORLD FOOD FORUM Webinar

**Theme: RIGHT TO FOODS FOR A  
BETTER LIFE AND A BETTER FUTURE**

**Anchor: Mr. Johnson & Dr. Abiodun Solanke**

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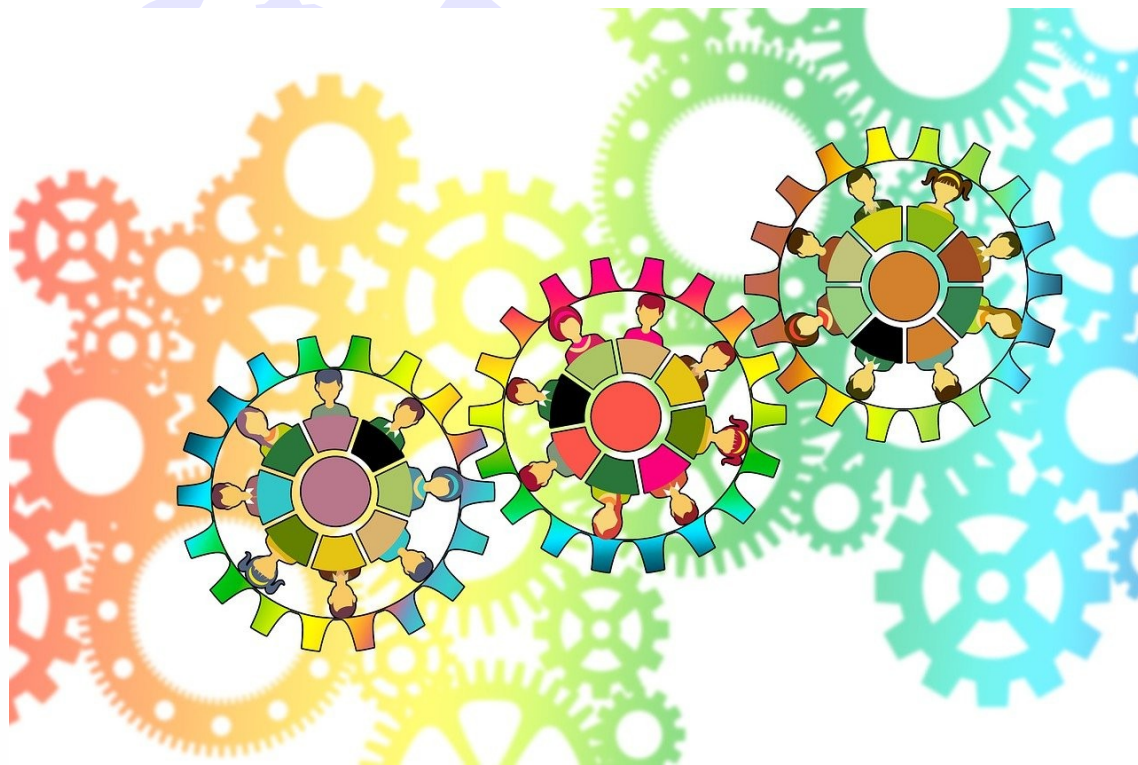
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# Efforts at collaboration and partnership

- Its noteworthy to mention that *Mundus maris* has been making relentless efforts to collaborate and partner with relevant agents since its formal inception in 2010 for mutual goals and benefits
- *Mundus maris* is looking towards having a robust relationship with all those with whom we can share objectives related to translating the SDGs into concrete improvements for people and ocean.







# We like cooperation to achieve more

- Invest in people, **strengthen coastal communities and collective action**
- Strengthen respectful links of communities with regional and national governments to create spaces for innovative solutions not based exclusively on resource extraction and export – **governments must be accountable** for keeping citizens out of harm's way and engage with citizens for a healthy environment and meeting basic needs of all
- Build **broader coalitions** based on rights-based approaches; accept it's hard work, willingness to learn, treat women as equals
- Women must have **access to social services and professional support** - networks and trust are key
- Enhance **preparedness for adverse effects**, that reduces negative impacts, though we mostly react to crises and disasters rather than prevent them; emphasise cultural heritage
- Connect international agreements to local experience to enhance agency & confidence – a future for **young people**





# Thanks for your attention

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