

What does the Regional Fisheries Surveillance Plan (PRSP) represent for the region?



Monitoring of **7,23 million km²** of fisheries resources

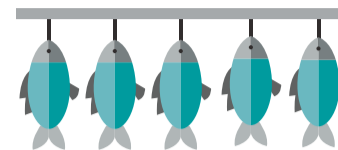


Better regulation of fishing in the region as it represents **20% of tuna catches** worldwide

OBJECTIVES OF THE PRSP

Contribute to the conservation and management of regional fisheries

by pooling resources to prevent illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing in the South West Indian Ocean



Carry out monitoring, control, and smart surveillance efforts

through better targeted actions



Promote effective monitoring, control and surveillance policies

by building the region's capacities



LESSONS LEARNT

In the region, **detering rather than combating IUU fishing** is more effective in fisheries monitoring, control and surveillance.



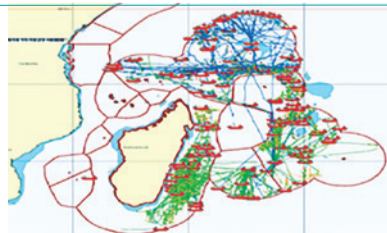
14 years of PRSP's existence prove that fisheries monitoring, control and surveillance are **important to countries and partners in the region.**



Adopting a **horizontal organization** to carry out the PRSP's actions has worked: this approach is suitable for this type of cooperation.



The region needs a **permanent regional fisheries monitoring center**, and the role of its different operating structures should be clarified.



Regional Fisheries Surveillance Plan
South West Indian Ocean

Joining forces
to secure a **sustainable**
future for the **fisheries sector**



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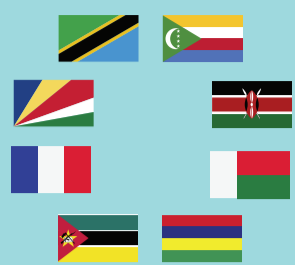


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PRSP OPERATION

Consultation among countries



SIGMA
(satellite images of vessel movements)
StarFISH
(boats information: license, entry / exit, inspectors' reports, offences, etc.)



Information exchange ▶ Risk analysis ▶ Surveillance / Mission ▶ Port inspection ▶ Observation

PRSP DECISION-MAKING STRUCTURE

POLITICAL STRUCTURE

IOC Heads of State Summit

- > 5 Heads of State
- Common desire to carry out fisheries monitoring, control and surveillance actions

IOC Council of Ministers

- > Ministers of foreign affairs
- Political guidance to fight against IUU fishing

Ministerial Fisheries Conference

- > Ministers in charge of fisheries from the 8 partner countries
- Political guidance to fight against IUU fishing

GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

Extended Regional Coordination Unit (ERCU)

- > Directors of ministries in charge of fisheries
- Political decisions to carry out actions against IUU fishing

Regional Coordination Unit (RCU)

- > Operation service of fishing surveillance centers
- Technical decision to implement actions against IUU fishing

IMPLEMENTATION STRUCTURE

Fisheries officers

- > Inspectors and observers
- Information exchange, risk analysis, surveillance / mission, port inspection, observation

ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE PRSP

INFORMATION EXCHANGE, RISK ANALYSIS



883

boats monitored on the regional VMS



410

satellite images (30 shared by CROSS)



1672

information on licenses exchanged since 2014



4.95M

VMS data exchanges since 2014



2380

entry and exit data recorded since 2015

SURVEILLANCE / MISSION, PORT INSPECTION



70 324

observation days at sea since 2014



61

regional patrols carried out (2007 - 2023)

OBSERVATION



1064

flying hours



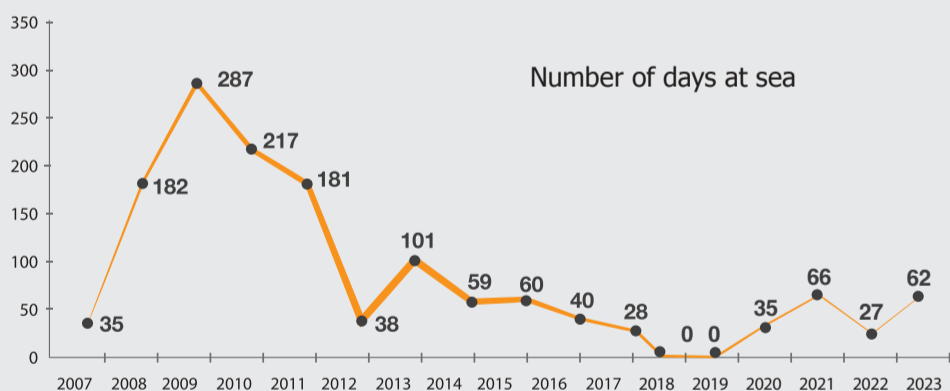
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vessels directed to port

IMPACT OF THE PRSP⁴ IN THE REGION

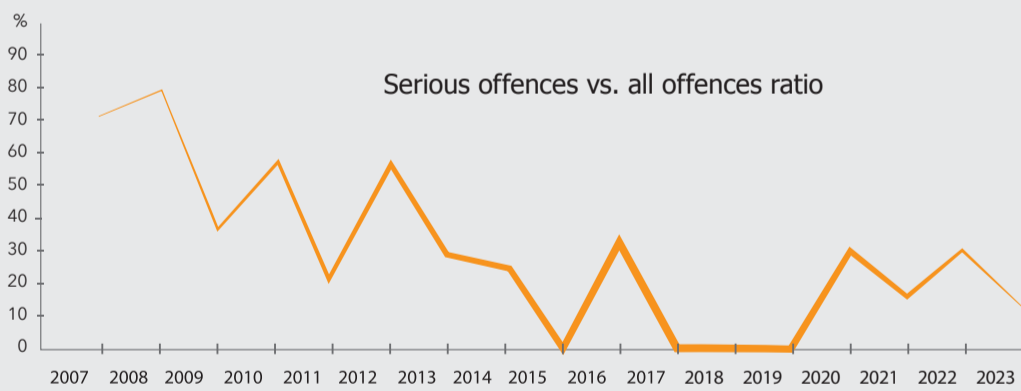
Surveillance costs reduction

The number of days required to complete a mission at sea has dramatically decreased since the start of the PRSP thanks to the data exchanges put in place for risk analysis.



A decline in the serious offences ratio

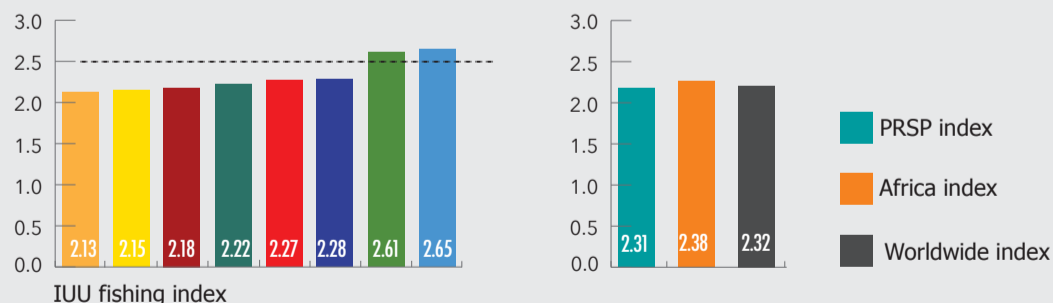
Thanks to deterrence efforts, fishermen are more and more inclined to comply with the rules governing the PRSP cooperation area.



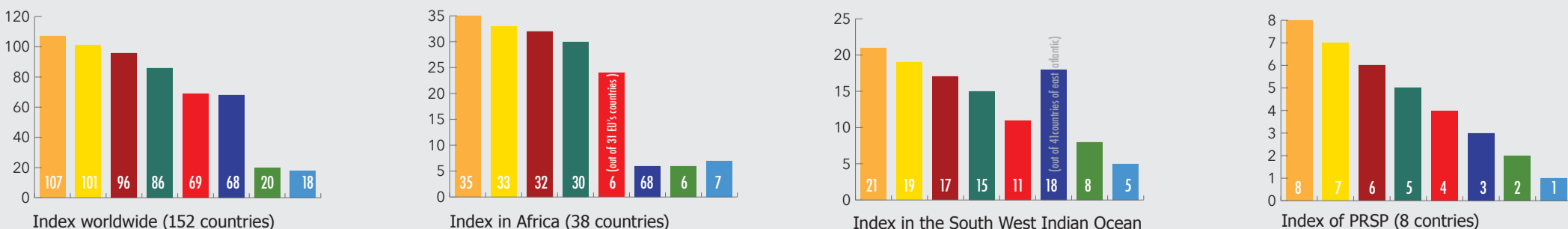
IUU fishing index in PRSP partner countries

- A marked improvement

On a scale of 1 (best score) to 5 (worst score), all PRSP partner countries' index seems to settle around the average.



- Ranking of PRSP partner countries in terms of fight against IUU fishing³



1. <https://globalinitiative.net/>
 2. There is no specific index for La Reunion Island because it is a French overseas territory and, as such, its assessment is included in that of France.
 3. The higher the rank, the better the country is in terms of the fight against IUU fishing.
 4. In collaboration with regional fisheries management organizations