

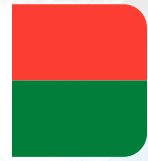
SUPPORTING STAKEHOLDERS IN SUSTAINABLE SHRIMP FISHING

17 5 years

Menabe Region, West Coast, **Madagascar**

Estimated budget : 13,7 M€

Sector: Shrimp fishing



Context

The Menabe Region is home to approximately 41,000 ha of mangroves, which play a critical role as fish nurseries, provide coastal protection against erosion and cyclones, and serve as carbon sinks. However, these ecosystems lost 30% of their area between 2000 and 2024. The region is home to 8,297 small-scale fishermen and 11 industrial trawlers operating in the caution zone (Zone C2). The shrimp industry suffers from poor technical and financial performance, weak governance of the artisanal sector, and insufficient oversight. Persistent pressures—including energy wood harvesting, unsustainable practices, population growth, and climate change—are undermining ecosystems and the livelihoods of local communities.



Objectives

- Strengthening effective, climate-resilient community-based management to reduce illegal logging and destructive fishing practices
- Restoring 750 ha of degraded mangroves through local communities
- Ensuring the enforcement of and compliance with laws and regulations governing shrimp fishing and mangrove ecosystems
- Improve the performance and sustainability of the small-scale fisheries value chain and diversify fishermen's livelihoods
- Establishing dialogue platforms on sustainable shrimp fishing at national level and in the Menabe region, informed by reliable data



Institutions and collectivities: MPEB/DRPEB Menabe, MEDD/DREDD Menabe, Menabe Region

Local actors: communities (TGRN/ LMMA/TGRH), fisher folks, industrial fishers, Marine Protected Areas (MPA)

Managers

Partners / Technical support: WWF Madagascar, AFD, WWF, IUCN, EF

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