



AID-FOR-TRADE CASE STORY

SPAIN



**PROJECT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF FISHING CAPACITIES IN THE GULF OF FONSECA;
COALITION OF MUNICIPALITIES OF THE SOUTH OF HONDURAS, -NASMAR-.**



Duration: June 2004 – December 2011.

Objectives:

A) General Objectives: 1) To foster sustainable fishing in the Gulf of Fonseca; 2) To improve fishermen's quality of life; 3) To maintain a sustainable exploitation of resources.

B) Specific Objectives: 1) To foster productive activities which may diversify the local economy (this is, which go beyond fishing); 2) To reinforce the regional (NASMAR) and national (DIGEPESCA –Directorate General for Fishing and Aquaculture of Honduras-) institutional capacities in the field; 3) To improve the commercialization of fishing products by means of a first sale system.

Financing:

The project has received a total amount of 3.027.989 USD granted by both the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (2.765.992 USD) and the regional government of Galicia (261.997).

This project is covered by CAD-CRS code number 31320 –development of the fishing sector-.

Results:

After more than five years of continuous support to the local economy of the Gulf of Fonseca, great progress has been made in the following areas:

- 1) Greater regulation of the fishing sector.
- 2) Boost to sustainable trade of fishing products.
- 3) The workers' capacities have been fostered in accordance with their own specific needs.
- 4) The project has been implemented with a particular focus on gender and women.
- 5) 20 alternative products to traditional fishing activities have been developed.
- 6) Institutional capacities have been strengthened.
- 7) Mangrove felling has been reduced in the municipalities which are part of the program as a consequence of the establishment of stoves in traditional fishermen's houses.
- 8) Creation of a revolving fund addressed to fishermen's urgent needs (pending its ratification).
- 9) The statistics system has been improved.
- 10) The project has helped to define the legal status of some fishing associations of the region.

There have also been some difficulties such as the lack of institutional support and ownership and the pressure put by intermediaries distributors of fishing products.