

WEST AFRICA SUSTAINABLE OCEAN PROGRAMME

The **Blue Facility** is a key operational instrument of the **West Africa Sustainable Ocean Programme (WASOP)**. It aims at supporting the development of a sustainable and inclusive blue economy in West Africa. It provides flexible and responsive technical assistance to address the needs of WASOP countries, considering their level of progress and challenges, particularly in governance and financing. It also intervenes at the regional level.

The **Blue Facility** is an innovative cooperation mechanism between West African coastal countries, regional organizations, and the EU designed to strengthen the protection and sustainable use of oceans. WASOP aligns with the EU Global Gateway and EU Ocean Pact, promoting balanced, sustainable, and inclusive partnerships between Europe and its international partners. The **Blue Facility** is part of the **Sustainable Blue Economy pillar of WASOP**, financed by the EU and implemented by Expertise France.

BLUE FACILITY Technical Assistance for a Sustainable Blue Economy in West Africa



OBJECTIVE

To support the development of a sustainable and inclusive blue economy in West Africa.

MEANS

Development and implementation of technical assistance programmes (expertise, training, etc.).

REGIONAL COVERAGE

Coastal West Africa: Benin, Cabo Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mauritania, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo.

THEMATIC COVERAGE

All sustainable blue economy sectors: fisheries, aquaculture, coastal tourism, circular economy, renewable energies, maritime transport, biodiversity, etc.

BENEFICIARIES

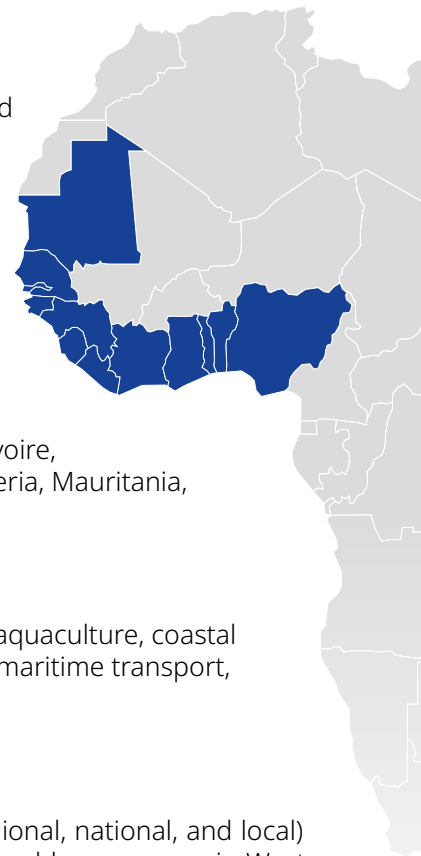
All stakeholders (public, private, civil society, regional, national, and local) involved in developing a sustainable and inclusive blue economy in West Africa.

NATIONAL LEVEL INTERVENTIONS

The Blue Facility supports the establishment of an environment conducive to the development of a sustainable blue economy, capacity building, structuring of bankable projects, and improved access to finance.

REGIONAL LEVEL INTERVENTIONS

The Blue Facility provides technical assistance to regional actors such as ECOWAS, BOAD, and EBID.





? WHAT CAN THE BLUE FACILITY OFFER YOU?

► **A technical assistance programme** (local and international experts, training, etc.) to support the development of your sustainable and inclusive blue economy (SIBE) project.

The technical assistance packages are divided into two main sets:

Technical Assistance on Fundamentals

- SIBE Strategy (development/implementation)
- Governance framework
- SIBE enabling business environment
- Seascape approach
- Financial diagnostics of blue projects
- Certification/accreditation readiness
- Environmental and social assessments and safeguards

Technical Assistance for “Structuring Financing”

- Support for developing blue/climate finance applications
- Support for creating local financial instruments adapted to the SIBE
- Support for integration and participation in the FiCS Ocean Coalition
- Support for blue project preparation

€ MAXIMIZING THE IMPACT OF THE BLUE FACILITY

► **The Blue Facility aims for a leverage effect** of 1 to 5 or even 1 to 10. Each euro mobilized by the Facility is expected to generate 5 to 10 euros of additional financing (from public donors, international financial institutions, private investors). The Blue Facility prioritizes technical assistance requests that can demonstrate a strong leverage effect.

⚙️ HOW TO BENEFIT FROM A TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME?

► **Complete an Expression of Interest Form** available via [this link](#) or by scanning this QR code.

i KEY INFORMATION

- Launch of the Blue Facility: November 21, 2025
- Closure: October 2029
- Budget: €5.2 million



+ TO LEARN MORE

- Blue Facility Launch Webinar: November 21, 2025
- Useful links: [WASOP Presentation](#), [Blue Facility Presentation Note](#)

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