

## Great families of fisheries operating in West Africa since 1950: typology and distribution

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Abstract: This document presents the first typology of the principal fisheries (artisanal and industrial) operating or having operated in water currently under jurisdiction of the various countries of the Commission Under Regional from Fishings in the 50 last years.

These fisheries were identified, by consultation of the literature available on the subject, by using simple explanatory criteria like the geographical distribution, the nationality of the fleets, the types of machines of fishing and/or the targeted species. The choices retained in the establishment of this typology are described and justified, the principal bibliographical reference marks are provided.

The great characteristics of these fisheries are indicated and this list of fisheries build a synthetic and qualitative representation of distribution of fishing in the space of the sub-region throughout the past half-century.