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THE REGION CONTRIBUTES TO THE FAO 'BLUE GROWTH' INITIATIVE

In order to avail from 'blue growth' benefits, many countries around the globe are adopting cross-sectoral strategies. Indeed, the transition from a conventional economy to a blue economy, while thriving on traditional approaches, goes beyond sectoral visions. It enables complementarities that contribute to strengthen the sustainability of exploited ecosystems, while creating value (blue economy), inclusive economies, wealth and employment. In order to provide guidance to its Member States and to ensure that the national blue growth strategies are aligned with international instruments such as the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries or the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries and Aquaculture, the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) has developed the Blue Growth Initiative (BGI) in which the CIRAD has participated, in particular on aspects related to aquaculture. The BGI advocates for suitable ways to balance economic growth, social development, food security and sustainable use of living aquatic resources. It is already being implemented in several regions, including in the Mediterranean and in the Small-Island Developing States. In the long term, this strategy will lead to new economic dynamics at territorial level, and will contribute to countries' efforts towards achieving the sustainable development goals of the 2030 Agenda.

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