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Project title

Conserving the red list threatened fish species
by raising awareness, strengthening local rules
and diversifying livelihood in fishing
communities in Benin

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Objectives

- 1) Assess the stakeholders' knowledge levels and the factual menaces on threatened species;
- 2) Create awareness through environmental education and sensitization of inland fishing communities, managers, decision makers and schoolchildren;
- 3) Develop local management and conservation measures; and
- 4) Promote fish farming as a sustainable additional livelihood for conservation.

Project sites

- Agonlin-Lowé, Adjohoun for Ouémé River
- Ganvié, Sô-Ava for Lake Nokoué
- Aguégus, Aguégus for Porto-Novo Lagoon
- Malanville, Malanville for Niger River
- Big fish markets in Benin: Ganvié Tokpa in Abomey-Calavi and Djassin-Topka in Porto-Novo

Expected outcomes

- Reduction of species-specific menaces on threatened fish species (global IUCN and national red lists)
- Reduction of the degradation of key habitats in targeted aquatic ecosystems
- Improvement of the awareness level of fishing communities and their level of care for threatened fish species
- Enhancement of the enforcement of the local regulations and improvement of the level of compliance with laws by local communities levels
- Improvement of the management practices of water quality and feeding in traditional pen farming of tarpon in Southern Benin
- Multiplication of above-ground tank farming units of African Catfish in fishing communities in Northern Benin