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Successes from ACP countries**

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THE CASE OF GHANA: SHARING CHALLENGES IN IMPLEMENTING THE LEGISLATION TO  
COMBAT IUU FISHING

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**Executive Summary**

On 26 November 2013 Ghana was issued with notification by the European Commission that it is possible of being identified as non-cooperating third countries pursuant to Council Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008 establishing a Community system to prevent, deter and eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing.

At the heart of Ghana's IUU fishing challenges are a number of interrelated fisheries management challenges, including lack of controls on its fishing vessels; non-compliance with international and regional obligations, weak monitoring, control and surveillance measures resulting in lack of effective enforcement of existing legislation, outdated legislation and lack of dissuasive sanctions to deter IUU fishing.

Since December 2013, Ghana has been implementing a range of successful corrective measures to combat IUU fishing. The presentation will provide an overview of Ghana's IUU fishing challenges and focus specifically on the scope of new legislative measures it has put in place to combat IUU fishing. The presentation will also draw general lessons from Ghana's experience for other ACP countries.