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## Project title

Documenting spawning migration routes, identifying critical habitats and understanding exploitation system of the Vulnerable Atlantic Tarpon in Southern Benin

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## Conservation Objectives

- 1) Determine migration routes, juvenile habitats, fishing calendar of the species;
- 2) Characterise fishing gears and practices used to exploit the species;
- 3) Assess fishers' perceptions on the status of its population and causes underlying changes; and
- 4) carry out findings-based sensitisation and training within local communities

## Species and Project Location

Ganvié fishing community on Lake Nokoué, Sô-Ava, Southern Benin



*Megalops atlanticus*

(Dawé)

## Expected outcomes

- Atlantic tarpon movement period, space use and movement routes documented;
- Actors of inland fisheries sector sensitised on the necessity and conservation needs of *Megalops atlanticus* in Benin;
- Fishers' perception on the causes of decline of the population of the species in the study area over the years understood;
- Fishermen trained on safe handling and release of unintentional caught Atlantic tarpon;
- Technical information relevant to the design of ecosystem-based fisheries management for the Atlantic Tarpon in Southern Benin generated.