

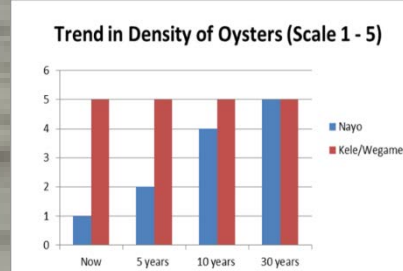
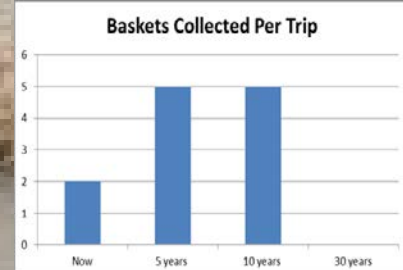
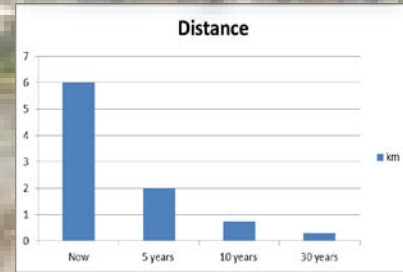
## **USAID/GHANA SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES MANAGEMENT PROJECT**

**Rebuilding marine fisheries stocks and increasing production through effective fisheries management strategies and adoption of responsible fishing practices**

# Empowering Women Oyster Harvesters



## A Declining Resource



# Participatory Planning and Action



Citizen monitoring



# A Successful Closed Season Yields Results



*“Our experience at The Gambia and the enormous support of our traditional leaders made the process possible”*

*“The closed season was a great opportunity for us. When the season was opened I made GHC80 (\$20) a day, which was not so in the past”*

*“We want to see the closed season happening once every year, as this would allow the oysters to grow into bigger sizes and multiply for harvesting”.*

# Improving Livelihoods



Improved packaging



New fish smoking technology



Strengthened micro businesses



# Selected Results

- 3,473 MSMEs receiving business services
- \$ 57,350 loaned to 305 MSMEs
- 6 VSLAs with 155 members
  - \$ 10,249 aggregate saved
  - \$ 3,700 aggregate loaned
- 601 processors empowered in leadership and advocating for responsible fishing
- 3,551 signed up for the fisher insurance plan

*"Using the records book, I am now able to keep track of my business transactions and how much profit I made."*

**Madam Salina Kotoku from Viefe-Mifetu Kofe**

*"I am now healthier due to the smokeless Ahotor Oven and I spend less on medical care"*

**Madam Florence Arthur, Mumford-Apam**

*"The smoked fish is more attractive and tastes even better. It sells faster and customers are willing to pay higher for it."*

**Madam Peace Gavor, Elmina**





***“We believe that empowering local communities to manage their own resources is one of the most important components of a secure food future for Ghana.”***

**Dr. Margaret Atikpo, SFMP**

**Thank You!**