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Bill Nr.
Forming the marine aquaculture code

Note of presentation

The development of the marine aquaculture is one of the key projects of the HALIEUTIS strategy considering the potentialities within the coastal waters and the objectives expected at satisfying the domestic market's needs, creating jobs and reducing the fishing effort on the fisheries resources.

Indeed, the development of such an activity may accompany the policy of fisheries management and contribute in creating attractive and competitive regional development clusters.

To implement these strategic choices for aquaculture development, it is deemed appropriate to establish a specific, unified and adequate legal framework in line with the ambitions set by the authorities.

In this regard, the current legislation set within the Dahir forming the law Nr. 1-73-255 of Chawal 17th, 1393 (November 23rd, 1973) for marine fisheries regulation remains incomplete.

Therefore, the bill forming the marine aquaculture code aims to put in place a special judicial framework favorable for the organization and the development of this activity.

The provisions of this bill are set into eight chapters that deal mainly with:

- The development and management of marine aquaculture.
- The installation and operation conditions of aquaculture farms.
- The commercialization of marine aquaculture products.

Furthermore, it is intended to create a national council of marine aquaculture to allow a continued interaction between the various stakeholders in the sector.

That is the purpose of the present bill on aquaculture code.