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Dear Reader,

Welcome to the 4th issue of the **Global Programme Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture Newsletter**.

Last year was dominated by the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19. It changed our work and private lives. Suddenly home office, homeschooling, travel and meeting restrictions, and lockdowns defined our daily operations.

The project teams in the implementation countries have impressively demonstrated how they adapted to the changing conditions. Face-to-face meetings became online events, training was implemented in smaller groups and follow-up loops were organized via radio programs. Creative and **new formats** were piloted and will be further developed and rolled out in 2021.

While changing circumstances challenged us in one way or another, the Global Programme Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture still generated **success stories**, which we would like to share with you.

Enjoy reading and stay healthy!

The Communication Team

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The Fish Farmer Card: A Driver of Progress for Aquaculture



The fish farmer card plays an important role in formalising the fish farming profession. It enables the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries (MAEP) to track aquaculture activities and outcomes. Moreover, cardholders have priority access to MAEP's support funds and state-provided technical training and advisory services.

The Sustainable Aquaculture Project in Madagascar (PADM) has supported the MAEP to develop and coordinate a ministerial decree introducing the fish farmer card. The decree that sets out the conditions and modalities for issuing the card was approved on 14 May 2020.

On 4 December 2020, the MAEP officially launched the fish farmer card in the presence of PADM and with support of the World Bank. The Secretary General of the MAEP distributed the first 174 cards to fish

farmers at the event. During a speech, a representative of the fish farmers confirmed the need for the card: *"Having this card proves that we are fish farmers. We can use it in case of theft. We are protected during the closed season for fishing because we have proof that we are fish farmers; so we can continue to sell our products."*

In perspective, PADM plans to support the MAEP in distributing the card to fish farmers in its intervention zones.



Official launching ceremony of the fish farmer card © GIZ-PADM

Malawi

Malawian Women in Aquaculture: From an Ordinary Woman to a Community Inspiration



There are many myths about growing up as a woman in a remote area and trying to make your way through. Men are usually seen as the best inspiration and women have to follow. Tryness Mhone, a 25-year-old fish farmer in Rumphi district, Northern Malawi, works to prove this wrong.

"I started fish farming in 2018 and by 2019 I had constructed two ponds and was one of the first women to own a pond in our area. After recognising my hard work and commitment, Aquaculture Value Chain Project Malawi (AVCP) selected and supported me with training and inputs to become a model farmer and a fingerling producer. I am now able to produce over 100,000 fingerlings per year and to supply over 60 fish farmers in my community with

these fingerlings. Within the two years of fish farming, I have managed to build a brick house with iron sheets and moved out of my grass-thatched mud house."

Tryness is a member of a fish farmer group with 24 members. Since she became a member, she inspired many other women. She also managed to get six more women to be part of the group which was in the past dominated by men.



Tryness Mhone in front of her fish farm © GIZ-AVCP / Ladislao Di Domenica

Mauritania

First Sale & Hygiene Certificates for Better Traceability in Fisheries



Since November 2019, the project SEWOH Promopêche has been supporting the Ministry of Fisheries and Maritime Economy (MPEM) and the National Office of Sanitary Inspection of Fishing and Aquaculture Products (ONISPA) to develop, introduce and digitize a first sale and hygiene certificate for fisheries products in Mauritania.

The delivery of this certificate is now obligatory directly after landing and provides information on the fishing area, the vessel and the landing site of the product. With that, products are traceable which helps to combat illegal fishing and improves food safety for consumers.

Initially filled out manually, the project mobilized an IT expert who developed a database management system to reduce the time and costs involved for issuing the

certificate. This expert trained the ONISPA officers in the use of the system in summer 2020.

Additionally, the project equipped the landing sites in Nouadhibou, Tanit, Nouakchott and Rosso with tablets, battery-powered portable printers and desktop computers to issue the digitized certificates. The information on the certificates is now constantly updated and available to ONISPA and the MPEM.

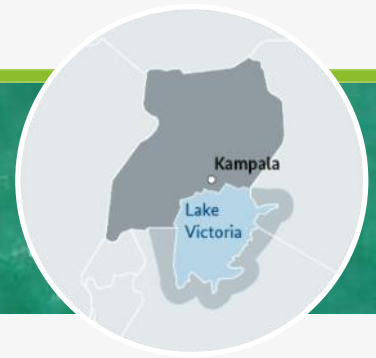
[Click here to watch the video](#)



ONISPA inspectors investigate freshly landed products before issuing a certificate at the port of Tanit © GIZ / Alena Göbel

Uganda

Crowning Winners of the RFBCP Fisheries Business Competition at Lake Victoria



SEWOH Responsible Fisheries Business Chains Project (RFBCP) conducted a competition to identify and award innovative and profitable fisheries businesses. The competition targeted boat builders, boat owners, local fish processors, fish by-product processors, fish traders and fish cooperatives and associations from 21 districts around Lake Victoria.

Out of 347 applicants, RFBCP selected 34 candidates to take part in a 5-day business training camp. At the camp, they got the opportunity to present their businesses, to learn about basic business skills and to exchange experiences. Additionally, knowledge gaps, such as failure to keep records for their business and lack of financial management skills, were identified to plan the upcoming training series "Business Development Services".

Out of 34 participants, the best three of

each category won prizes in form of technical and material support, altogether worth 12,497 EUR. At an award ceremony in Jinja, the Guest of Honor Dr. Winnie Nkalubo, Director of National Fisheries Resources Research Institute, presented the prizes to the 18 winners.

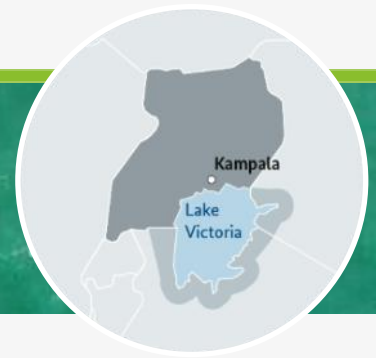
After the training camp, the participants formed the group "Fish with me" to encourage cohesiveness and experience exchange among the participating businesses.



Kiyindi women fish processors receive dummy cheque © GIZ-RFBCP

Uganda

World Fisheries Day: Showcasing the Importance of Fish for Food Security and Nutrition



SEWOH Responsible Fisheries Business Chains project (RFBCP), together with the Directorate of Fisheries Resources and Bugiri district local government, celebrated the World Fisheries Day on 21 November 2020 in Bugiri district at WakaWaka landing site.

The theme of the celebration was the importance of fisheries for food security and nutrition in Uganda. 250 people from academia, policy makers and local fisheries communities attended the event and discussed the challenges and opportunities of the fisheries sector in Uganda.

Leading up to the celebrations, RFBCP organised a district dialogue of the fisheries stakeholders on sustainable fisheries management in Bugiri and a national multi-stakeholder forum in Kampala. The aim was to discuss and harmonize the different fisheries policies and practices. With the launch of the East African chapter of AWFISHNET and the second women

symposium through Uganda National Women's Fish Organization (UNWFO), female fish processors discussed women's roles in the fisheries sector in East Africa.

The celebration was officiated by honourable speaker of parliament, Rebecca Kadaga, and the Minister of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries, honourable Vincent Sempijja Bamulangaki. Rebecca Kadaga thanked the donors, BMZ through GIZ, FAO and EU, for supporting the fisheries sector. She advised partners to work together and scale the reduction of post-harvest losses in the fisheries sector in Uganda.



Minister Sempijja addresses attendees of the World Fisheries Day © GIZ-RFBCP

Zambia

Celebrations of the World Fisheries Day



Zambia celebrated its first World Fisheries Day on 21 November 2020 in Samfya, a district on the shores of Lake Bangweulu in Luapula Province. The Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock hosted the event, supported by SEWOH's Fish for Food Security project and WorldFish. The theme was "Fisheries and Aquaculture for Nutrition and Wealth: The Future".

The event brought together partners promoting sustainable fisheries and aquaculture, such as the Department of Fisheries, GIZ, WorldFish, World Wide Fund for Nature, African Parks as well as private sector fish hatcheries and -farms.

The Minister of Fisheries and Livestock, the Provincial Minister, traditional leaders and around 200 guests attended the event, with COVID-19 prevention measures in place. Their keynote speeches encouraged the participants to reflect on the value of the

fisheries sector. GIZ prepared exhibitions of fish products, nutrition information, conservation actions, fishing methods and information materials.

A local radio station broadcasted a series of topics on sustainable fisheries in five districts in the week prior to the event, and the national television covered the event itself. The local fishing community in Samfya participated through displaying and selling fish products and performing their traditional *Kalela* dance.



World Fisheries Day attendees posing for a photo © GIZ / Jason Mulikita

Ghana, Madagascar, Mozambique

Stop Illegal Fishing starts Remote Mentoring using Body Cameras and Expert Support



Maritime ports and fishing vessels continued their work and fishing activities in 2020 with strict COVID-19 measures in place. With that, inspectors were prohibited to travel and undertake port monitoring. But without at-sea observers, it is difficult to monitor the use of authorised fishing gear, bycatch reduction devices, catch requirements and compliance with other key rules. To close this gap of inspections, *Stop Illegal Fishing* (SIF) introduced body cameras for the inspectors.

SIF developed a pilot training on remote mentoring using body cameras and remote online expert support. The successful piloting of body cameras with live streaming and real-time online support took place in the ports of Ghana, Tema and Takoradi, and has now been rolled out to Mozambique and Madagascar.

The initial inspections using the body camera involved checks on gear, catch, logbooks, vessel registration, safety docu-

ments and confirmatory checks of the vessel identity.

Benefits from this system of mentoring inspections go beyond cost savings and flexibility. They improve the safety of frontline inspectors, provide evidence if violations are detected, enable SIF experts to get wider involved and support capacity building through real-time mentoring during the inspections.



Body camera image for the validation of fishing net compliance © SIF



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