

**SADC SECRETARIAT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH AU-IBAR, IOC AND  
WWF HOSTS A CONSULTATIVE WORKSHOP TO DEVELOP  
REGIONAL AND SUB-REGION COOPERATION MECHANISMS FOR  
EAST AFRICA, SOUTHERN AFRICA AND INDIAN OCEAN (EA-SA-IO)  
REGION  
AND THE 4<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE SADC TASK FORCE ON IUU FISHING  
Maputo, Mozambique  
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The consultative workshop for the East Africa, Southern Africa and Indian Ocean (EA-SA-IO) region and the 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the SADC Task Force on Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing was held on the 09-11, May, 2016 at the Hotel Cardoso in Maputo in the Republic of Mozambique. The meeting was organized by SADC Secretariat in collaboration with the African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR), Indian Ocean Commission (IOC) Secretariat, and the Government of the Republic of Mozambique with the support of the European Union (EU), the World Bank (WB) and the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF).

The overall objective of the meeting was to develop a regional and sub-regional collaborative mechanism for effective management of shared fisheries resources in the EA-SA-IO region and to validate the draft Charter for the establishment of the Regional Fisheries Monitoring, Control and Surveillance Coordination Centre (MCS) in Southern Africa.

The meeting was attended by government representatives from the Republics of Angola, Botswana, Comoros, Djibouti, DR Congo, France, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Maldives, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Also in attendance were staff members from the African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR), European Union (EU), Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), Indian Ocean Commission (IOC), Lake Tanganyika Authority (LTA), East Africa Community/Lake Victoria Fisheries Organization (EAC/LVFO), Nile Basin Initiative/Nile Equatorial Lakes Subsidiary Action Program (NBI/NELSAP), Southern African Development Community (SADC), Stop Illegal Fishing (SIF), South Western Indian Ocean Fisheries Commission (SWIOFC), The World Bank, World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), and Zambezi Watercourse Commission (ZAMCOM). Also in attendance were the AU-IBAR consultants and representative from the Interpol Regional Bureau of Harare.

The meeting was officially opened by Dr. Narci Nuro de Premegi, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Sea, Inland Waters and Fisheries in Mozambique. He reiterated the commitment of the Government of Mozambique in supporting the initiative of combating IUU through a collective and regional approach. He commended SADC and IOC for providing leadership in the regions and the AU-IBAR for the continental leadership.

Madam Claudia Tomas, Director General of Fisheries Administration in Mozambique, Dr. Motseki Hlatshwayo, Technical Advisor-Fisheries, SADC Secretariat, Mr Raj Mohabeer, IOC Secretariat, Dr. Mohamed Seisay, Senior Fisheries Officer, AU-IBAR, and Mr. David Schorr, Senior Fisheries Manager of WWF also made their opening remarks.

The opening session was followed by presentations from partners in the EA-SA-IO region sharing lessons and experiences on regional fisheries projects and interventions being implemented. Mr. Edward Kimakwa, the WWF Coastal East Africa Fisheries Programme Manager made a presentation on WWF fisheries interventions in the Coastal East Africa / South West Indian Ocean region. Mr. Raj Mohabeer, Officer in charge at the IOC Secretariat presented on the EU funded IOC-SmartFish Programme. Ms. Sandy Davies, Coordinator Stop Illegal Fishing (SIF) Secretariat presented on the FISH-i Africa Task Force, an initiative coordinated by SIF. Mr Jude Talma, MCS Officer of the IOC provided an overview of the MCS activities of the IOC. Dr. Dejen Eshete, Fisheries Expert with IGAD talked about IGAD fisheries activities. Mr. Godfrey Monor, Executive Secretary of the Lake Victoria Fisheries Organization (LVFO) gave an overview of LVFO and fisheries activities, as technical arm for the East African

Community (EAC). Mr. Chris Heinecken CAP Marine a Consultant to AU-IBAR presented a draft report on the work on a national and regional observer programme and vessel registry database. There were several interventions from the participants, which enriched the report. AU-IBAR was asked to re-send the questionnaire to Member States who may have missed out in providing their feedback; further, AU-IBAR was requested to circulate the draft report for further inputs by participants and the respective countries. Dr. Aboubacar Sidibe, Project Officer at AU-IBAR made a presentation on African Union Strategy for Monitoring, Control & Surveillance (MCS) system to combat Illegal Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing in Africa and he pointed out that strengthening MCS to curb IUU fishing is of high priority to AU-IBAR fisheries governance work. Dr. Jane Chimungeni-Brassington, of Samaki Ecosystems, a Consultant to AU-IBAR presented the draft report on the overview of the current status of MCS in the Eastern and Southern African region. There were several interventions from the participants, which enriched the report. AU-IBAR was requested to circulate the draft report to participants and respective countries for further inputs.

This was followed by group working session where participants identified priority actions at both national and regional levels on the five thematic areas of: (i) regional cooperation/collaboration framework; (ii) capacity building; (iii) improvement of legal frameworks; (iv) funding mobilization; and (v) knowledge of fisheries resources and information sharing systems. There were interventions from the participants to enrich the results of the groups.

The group session was followed by discussions on how to consolidate proposed interventions from the groups into the processes of developing a programme for the EA-SA-IO region to be considered under EDF-11. Dr. Eshete Dejen of IGAD gave a brief overview of the EDF 11, whose overall objective is to improve fisheries and aquaculture management to increase the contribution of the sector to poverty alleviation, food security and nutrition in line with the *Pan-African Fisheries and Aquaculture Policy Framework and Reform Strategy*. Mr. Raj Mohabeer of IOC briefly informed the meeting that EUR 30 Million cross-regional envelope has been provided for under 11<sup>th</sup> EDF for the fisheries related activities in the the EA-SA-IO region. He mentioned that the lead organizations in the formulation of the 11<sup>th</sup> EDF Programme were IOC and the EU Delegation in Mauritius. The fund will support the whole of the EA-SA-IO region. The Lessons learnt and the policy guidance on management and food security will be used as inputs for the new Programme under 11<sup>th</sup> EDF. Mr. Denis Reiss, Fisheries Attaché EU Delegation in Mauritius provided principles and guidance on implementation modalities of the EDF 11 cross-regional envelope dedicated to the support to the contribution to sustainable fisheries and blue economy in the region.

The final session was the discussion of the draft Charter for the establishment of the Regional Fisheries Monitoring, Control and Surveillance Coordination Centre for Southern Africa. Dr. Motseki Hlatshwayo, Technical Advisor - Fisheries, and Mr.

Phineas Matto, Legal Counsel of the SADC Secretariat and Dr. Manuel Castiano Policy Officer from WWF also on behalf of SADC Secretariat and the Government of Mozambique presented the draft Charter and the roadmap for the establishment of the MCS Coordination Centre in Southern Africa. There were interventions from the participants to improve the Charter and the roadmap in the context of a broader EA-SA-IO region newly proposed collaborative mechanisms.

Key outcomes from the meeting:

1. Participants validated the draft Charter for the establishment of the MCS Coordination Centre in Southern Africa together with the roadmap for operationalization of the regional MCS Coordination Centre Southern Africa. Also the Secretariat should indicate a timeframe for the roadmap;
2. A roadmap/framework for regional cooperation on MCS for the EA-SA-IO region was agreed upon and priority areas for regional cooperation on MCS were developed;
3. Key priority areas to inform the formulation of the 11<sup>th</sup> EDF on fisheries were agreed upon and IOC, IGAD, EAC, COMESA, SADC, in collaboration with AU-IBAR should establish a Task Team that will work closely with EU Delegation in Mauritius to draft a comprehensive fisheries programme in EA-SA-IO region for funding consideration under the 11<sup>th</sup> EDF cross-regional envelope programming.

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