



Fish stock survey to benefit Tanzania, boost industrialization

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Welcome!

Dear partners,

Once again welcome to another edition of the FAO Tanzania newsletter. This covers the period between April and June this year.

Indeed this has been quite a busy but interesting time for FAO in Tanzania. As you will see, a number of major events significant to the agriculture sector in this country occurred during this time.

We saw the visit by the Norwegian vessel Dr. Fridtjof Nansen that concluded a two week research on fishery resources and ecosystem on Tanzania's Indian Ocean waters. This followed a request by the President of the United Republic of Tanzania, Dr. John Pombe Magufuli, when he met the Director General of the Food and Agriculture of the United Nations (FAO), José Graziano da Silva, in September last year at the State House in Dar es Salaam. The purpose was to enable Tanzania to ascertain the quantity, types and distribution of fish in its Indian Ocean waters.

During this time, we also witnessed the historic inauguration of a semi-commercial marine hatchery in Zanzibar that was constructed with funding from the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) with technical support from FAO. The completion of the construction of this facility will go miles away in supporting the fishing industry in the country and the East African region as a whole.

A very successful vaccination and public awareness campaign against rabies was carried out in Moshi district where about 40,000 dogs and cats were vaccinated

following reports of the outbreak of the disease in the district. The campaign was funded by the US Agency for International Development (USAID) and carried out by One Health partners including FAO. It was launched by the Deputy Minister of Livestock and Fisheries, Abdallah Hamis Ulega in Dar es Salaam at the national level and at the regional level by the Kilimanjaro Regional Commissioner Ana Mghwira at Kindi Kati village in Moshi.

President John Magufuli launched the long awaited Second Phase of the Agricultural Sector Development Programme (ASDP II) at a function held in Dar es Salaam where I had the honour to speak on behalf of the Development Partners' Agriculture Working Group. Indeed it's a key milestone for the country and a great opportunity to transform the sector.

Please enjoy reading these and other reports on FAO work in Tanzania and once again thanks for your interest to learn more about us and the work we are doing.

With warmest regards,

Fred Kafeero
FAO REPRESENTATIVE



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The State-of-the-art marine research vessel [Dr. Fridtjof Nansen](#) (pictured above) concluded its research on fishery resources and ecosystem on Tanzania's Indian Ocean waters that was conducted from April 4 to 19 this year.

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President requested for FAO's support to enable Tanzania ascertain the quantity and types of fish on its Indian Ocean waters in order to attract investments in terms of industries that would create jobs for youth and boost government revenues.

Speaking at a port call event to mark the climax of the Tanzanian leg research organized at the Dar es Salaam Port aboard the Dr. Fridtjof Nansen vessel on April 19, the Chief Secretary of the [United Republic of Tanzania](#), HE Ambassador Eng. John William Kijazi said that the research was timely and that it was going to boost Tanzania's industrialization drive in the fishing sector. He was representing the President of the United Republic of Tanzania, HE Dr. John Joseph Pombe Magufuli at the occasion.

"Indeed this is a great milestone for Tanzania to benefit from the services of such a high-tech research vessel with support from partners in this case FAO and [Government of Norway](#), to establish with certainty the types and quantity of fish stocks and other marine resources in her waters," he said adding: "The data on fisheries will be useful information for decision-making in tapping into opportunities to both local and international investors in the Fisheries sector while taking into consideration environmental concerns. [Continues on page 4](#)



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Amb. Eng. Kijazi making his key note address at the function

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With accurate data we can attract interested investors to come and establish fish processing and related industries in the country and therefore boost our industrialisation drive.”

Speaking at the same event the Minister of Livestock and Fisheries, Luhaga Joelson Mpina, said that it was Government’s hope that the data from the research would help the country to establish with certainty the types and quantity of fish stocks and other marine resources that we have in our Indian Ocean waters. “This will enable us to get investors in this area who will then build fish processing and related industries that apart from creating employment to our people especially the youth along the value chain development, will also boost our revenues,” he said.

FAO Representative to Tanzania, Fred Kafeero, said that Partnership with the [Norwegian Government](#) in the implementation of the Nansen Programme is of major importance to FAO. “Beyond the information that will make it possible to better manage the use of resources in a sustainable way, the research will allow a better

understanding of the impacts of climate change and other external factors, such as pollution, on aquatic ecosystems,” he said.

On her part, the Norwegian Ambassador to Tanzania, Ms. Hanne-Marie Kaarstad, said: “It is my sincere hope that the Nansen vessel will contribute not only in making the scientific data available, but also to strengthen the capacity when it comes to use these data in order to develop frameworks for good management of marine resources. The oceans have enormous potential in terms aquaculture, fisheries and fish processing. Knowledge based policies for these resources will create a basis for new industries such as mineral extraction on the seabed and the cultivation and harvest of seaweed, kelp and other organisms, contributing to Tanzania’s development efforts”.

The event was jointly organized by FAO in collaboration with the [Embassy of Norway in Tanzania](#), and the [Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries](#) and was attended by other Ministers from Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar, ambassadors and heads of diplomatic missions and UN agencies in Tanzania.

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FAO’s Director of Fisheries Dr. Manual Barange speaking



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A tour inside the Dr. Fridtjof Nansen vessel



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A cross-section of invited guests at the function



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Ambassador Kaarstad handing over a book on Nansen Programme to FAO Representative Fred Kafeero

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New marine hatchery to benefit Zanzibar, East Africa

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Touring the hatchery after the launch

Zanzibar and Tanzania together with the larger East African region stand to benefit from the construction of Zanzibar semi-commercial marine hatchery that was launched on April 20.

The Second Vice President of the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar, Amb. Seif Ali Iddi and the President of the Korea International Cooperation Agency

(KOICA), Ms. Lee Mi-Kyung presided over the launching ceremony.

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Zanzibar Minister of Agriculture, Natural Resources, Livestock and Fisheries, Rashid Ali Juma; FAO Representative to the United Republic of Tanzania, Fred Kafeero; and FAO Director of

Fisheries (global), Dr. Manuel Barange were among other high profile guests who participated in the launch.



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FAO's Director of Fisheries, Dr. Manuel Barange, speaking at the function. Next to him is the FAO Representative to Tanzania, Fred Kafeero.

“The completion of the construction of this facility will go miles away in supporting our fishing industry in the country by producing fish fingerings at reasonable costs for our local and regional markets,” Ambassador Seif Ali Iddi said adding that the hatchery will also boost the economy by generating revenue and create employment most especially among youth and women and therefore reduce poverty.

On her part, Ms. Lee Mi-Kyung said that KOICA has been supporting Zanzibar's agriculture and fisheries sectors development with the aim to achieve the second Sustainable Development Goal on food security and improved nutrition through promotion of sustainable agriculture. *Continues on page 5*

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Visiting an exhibition by women seaweed farmers on the sidelines of the function

"I expect that the development of the fisheries sector of Zanzibar will contribute to strengthening food security, job creation and social and economic development of the country. We know that this hatchery will provide professional technical training on aquaculture and cultivation technology," she said adding: "We hope that this hatchery will be used as a basis for nurturing fisheries technology and will become a symbol of partnership between Korea and Tanzania."

"...a major step in making aquaculture an engine for the economy of Zanzibar..."

The Development of the Aquaculture Sector in Zanzibar project dubbed 'Korea-Zanzibar Marine Hatchery Centre' is implemented through the technical support by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) with financial support from KOICA in collaboration with the Zanzibar Revolutionary Government.

FAO's Director of Fisheries, Dr. Manuel Barange, noted that the development of this mariculture hatchery followed a long and detailed process that includes the formulation of an Aquaculture Development Strategy and Plan, and the implementation of several FAO technical cooperation projects in the seaweed sector. "It is a major step in making aquaculture an engine for the economy of Zanzibar, for the support of livelihoods and for women's empowerment efforts," he said.

The multi-species marine hatchery located at the State University of Zanzibar (SUZA) in Unguja is expected to boost Zanzibar and East Africa's blue economy through the production of a variety of marine species including juveniles of milkfish, sea cucumber and mud crabs, among others. The plan is to produce ten (10) million milkfish fingerlings, one (1) million sea cucumber juveniles and one (1) million crablets per year as from 2020.



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The Chief Guest and KOICA President officially inaugurating the hatchery

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Govt, FAO and USAID fight rabies in Moshi

Following recent reports of outbreaks of rabies in humans in Moshi district, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in collaboration with the Government through funding from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) responded by carrying out a vaccination and public awareness campaign to contain its further spread.

The campaign was carried out by the Government through the One Health Desk in Prime Minister's Office and Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries with technical support FAO and funding from USAID.

It was launched at national level by Deputy Minister Of Livestock and Fisheries, Abdallah Hamis Ulega in Dar es Salaam and at regional level by the Kilimanjaro Regional Commissioner, Anna Mghwira at Kindi ward in Moshi district.

In his remarks, Deputy Minister Ulega appreciated the support from development partners urged Tanzanians to vaccinate their animals. "It is by far cheaper and economical to invest in disease prevention through vaccination than to treat infected humans," he pointed out.

FAO Representative to Tanzania, Fred Kafeero, said that the UN Agency supports the training of government staff and equipping laboratories for early detection and rapid response to zoonotic and other high impact animal diseases and that the response to rabies outbreak in Moshi district directly falls under the ambit of its works.

Speaking at the function, and on behalf of USAID Country Director, Dr. Patrick Swai said that USAID will continue to work and support the Government working through its various implementing partners particularly on programmes to curb zoonosis-infections that affect both humans and animals.



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Moshi residents lining up to vaccinate their dogs

At the regional launch Ms. Mghwira said that the region was blessed with a big number of animals. "Our



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Deputy Minister, Abdallah Ulega (3rd left) inaugurating the campaign in Dar es Salaam

region hosts important national parks and forests where wild animals like foxes, wild dogs and hyenas can play part in spreading rabies to humans. So we should all vaccinate our dogs and cats to reduce the spread of the killer disease," she urged.

FAO Tanzania Country Team Leader for the Emergency Center for Transboundary Animal Diseases (ECTAD) Programme, Folorunso Fasina, said that the campaign involved vaccination of dogs and cats

targeting over 32,000 of them in total to provide vaccination coverage of at least 80 percent of the total numbers of dogs and cats in the district.



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Kilimanjaro Regional Commissioner, Anna Mghwira launching the campaign in Moshi

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FAO hands over revised draft of National Forest Policy to Government

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) handed over the final draft of the National Forest Policy to the Government of Tanzania to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism (MNRT) following a long consultative process to review and update the Forest Policy.

In February 2017, FAO and the Government of Tanzania through MNRT signed a Technical Cooperation Program agreement. The objective was to support the government to finalise the review of its National Forest Policy dating back to 1998 when it was passed.

The handing over was held at the MNRT headquarters in Dodoma between the Ministry's Permanent Secretary, Major General Gaudence Milanzi, and FAO Representative, Fred Kafeero.

Speaking on behalf of the Government, Maj. Gen. Milanzi appreciated FAO'S support saying that it was so timely when the country needs a new comprehensive policy to address forest issues. "The country is facing a number of challenges in managing its forest resources that's why we initiated the process for reviewing our forest policy as the current policy is too old failing to cope and reflect with many new developments initiatives, including the sustainable development goals (SDGs).

On his side, Mr. Kafeero said that FAO is pleased to see the stage of achievement for the forest policy review process. "FAO already supported many countries in similar areas. The support includes facilitating the engagement of multiple stakeholders

including local and international development partners. The objective is to ensure that the policy not only takes into account local issues, but also



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PS Maj. Gen. Milanzi displaying one of the copies of the draft National Forest Policy after receiving them from FAO Representative, Fred Kafeero (2nd right).

global issues of development concern," he said.

According to him, the year-long review process was a participatory process that brought together key stakeholders to share their views and give inputs into the forestry Policy. Additionally, it was an opportunity to consider larger global

issues that affect the forest sector at international level, including the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and The Paris Climate Change Agreement. Mr. Kafeero said that forestry is among the key mandates of FAO since it is one of the key areas to address sustainable natural resource management, food security and nutrition and overall economic development.

Meanwhile, FAO and the Government are now finalizing modalities for developing a strategy and reviewing the Act for implementing the National Forest Policy.

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Signing Forest Policy Review agreement in February 2017

Donors pledge support to phase two of national agriculture development programme

Development partners through the Agriculture Working Group (AWG) have pledged full support to the implementation of Phase Two of the national Agriculture Sector Development Programme (ASDP II) that was launched in Dar es Salaam by President John Magufuli on June 4.

Speaking on behalf of the group at the launch, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Representative to Tanzania, Fred Kafeero, said that development partners appreciated efforts by the Government to come up with the programme.

“We’re encouraged by the efforts by the ministries of agriculture both in the Mainland and Zanzibar and the Government to prepare and endorse such a comprehensive and well-articulated programme,” he said and added: “We believe that the programme will contribute greatly to the national development strategy and government vision on industrialisation. We see this as an important driver for provision of raw materials and employment for the youth, men and women of Tanzania.”

FAO and the US Agency for International Development (USAID) are the current co-chairs of the AWG which include International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), World Bank, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, World Food Programme, United Nations Industrial Development Organization, African Development Bank, Department for International Development (UK), Japan International Cooperation Agency, Irish Aid and Embassy of Japan. They normally meet regularly, and interacts with ministries responsible for the sector.

According to Mr. Kafeero, a mapping conducted last year revealed that many DPs were supporting agriculture interventions in most parts of the country over several years and he gave example under the ASDP1 where they alone disbursed a total of USD 474 million for the programme. “We believe that more funds to operationalize the second phase of the programme which we’re launching today will be made available. The development partners are willing and ready to continue this support into the new programme you are going to launch today,” he said.



FAO Representative, Fred Kafeero, speaking at the function

Furthermore, the FAO Representative said, as donors they recognised the strong commitment by the Government to accountability and good governance which gave them confidence that the resources directed to this sector will indeed deliver effective and sustainable outcomes.

He, however noted, as the sector continued to grow and play such an important role in Tanzania and the region, a few factors were necessary pre-requisites including a favourable investment climate, particularly for the private sector, enabling policy and regulatory frameworks coupled with regular inclusive policy dialogue.

In his address, President Magufuli appreciated the support by partners and emphasized that none of their contributions would be misused. “We’re keen to see that ASDP II delivers. Please rest assured that not even a single cent allocated for the purpose of implementing the programme will be misused under,” he pledged while calling upon all relevant government officials, agriculture experts and partners including private sector to join hands.

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“...We’re keen to see that ASDP II delivers the laid down objectives...”

Media Coverage

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- ⇒ August 8 — *Nane Nane* (Farmers Day) National Celebrations in Simiyu region

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