



SMART FISHERIES CO-MANAGEMENT (SFC) IN MOZAMBIQUE

The **Smart Fisheries Co-Management (SFC)** is promoting the sustainable growth of fisheries sector in Mozambique by providing assistance to all stakeholders and decision-makers involved in fisheries to formulate and execute efficient co-management strategies and frameworks for sustainable governance of fisheries at the national and local levels.

Promoting sustainability and livelihoods

Effective fisheries co-management plays a vital role in achieving sustainable resource utilization and improving livelihoods. In Mozambique, SFC is fostering the sustainable and responsible management of fisheries through the participation of fishing communities and users from different subsectors, Community Fisheries Councils (CCPs) and civil society in the planning and application of a sustainable and co-managed fisheries programmes.

Community Fisheries Councils (CCP's) are community-based organisations, with legal personality, which collaborate in the participatory management of fisheries and aim to ensure compliance with the management measures in force and to assist in the management of fishing conflicts.

The CCP's actively support the fisheries administration bodies of the respective district in the process of fisheries licensing and fisheries surveillance and participate in the preparation of proposals and implementation of management measures and access to or restriction of fishing.

Moreover, they are responsible for alerting the authorities responsible for fisheries administration of changes in the behaviour of fishery resources, their ecosystems and the environment while implementing and monitoring management measures, and control fishing activity in the Community management fishing area.





Mozambique's 2 800 km coastline teems with rich marine life, providing a source of livelihood for numerous coastal communities. The country boasts both vast oceanic and inland waters, supporting a rich artisanal fishing sector that employs approximately 380 000 individuals, including fish processors, traders, and carpenters. This sector shelter abundant fish stocks, serving as a significant source of food and nutrition for the population.

Mozambique is highly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change and extreme weather events such as floods and cyclones. These challenges not only affect fish catches and the ecosystem but also have a significant impact on communities' livelihoods in terms of food and nutrition security.

SFC tools and trainings in Maputo and Inhambane

Fisheries co-management presents a viable approach to address the challenges impacting the sustainable development of the sector while meeting the increasing demand for food resources. Therefore, conducting evaluations of the effectiveness of co-management systems and plans becomes crucial. To support this process, SFC has developed a set of knowledge tools specifically designed as guides for evaluating the effectiveness of fisheries co-management. Leveraging this comprehensive set, SFC is conducting trainings in Mozambique to provide the knowledge and skills necessary for evaluating and improving fisheries co-management practices.



Guidebook for evaluating fisheries co-management effectiveness
Process and method to evaluate the fisheries co-management (FCM).



E-Learning course: Evaluating fisheries co-management effectiveness
Four lessons to dive in the FCM evaluation process.



Guidebook for evaluating fisheries co-management effectiveness – How it works
This handbook complements the Guidebook.



Tools for the Guidebook for evaluating fisheries co-management effectiveness
The online collection of tools and resources.



Trainings aimed at strengthening the ability to assess the effectiveness of fisheries co-management systems.

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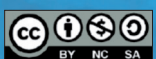
SFC contributes to several Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the 2030 Agenda.



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