

**REPORT ON A FOCUSED GROUP DISCUSSION TO ASSESS THE
ADOPTION, IMPLEMENTATION, AND OPERATIONALIZATION OF
THE SMALL-SCALE FISHERIES GUIDELINES AS WELL AS THE
POLICY FRAMEWORK AND REFORM STRATEGY FOR FISHERIES
AND AQUACULTURE**



VENUE: DARAJANI HOTEL, MOMBASA

DATE: 29TH MAY 2024

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

CANCO- Community Action for Nature Conservation

FAO – Food and Agriculture Organization

SSF – Small Scale Fisheries

SWIOTUNA – South West Indian Ocean Tuna Forum

TuFAK – Tuna Fisheries Alliance of Kenya

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

TuFAK in collaboration with CANCO held a one-day meeting on the 29th of May 2024 at Darajani Hotel to engage with the small-scale fishers in the form of focused group discussions to assess the implementation and operationalization of the small-scale fisheries guidelines as well as the PFRS. Present in the meeting were actors of the small-scale fisheries sector; fishermen, women in the fisheries value chain, boat owners, etc. Also present was the secretariat team from TUFAC, CANCO, and SWIOTUNA.

The meeting was divided into five sessions, the first session was a presentation on the background and context of the meeting in which participants were taken through a presentation on the main agenda of the meeting. This was followed by a brief presentation on the aspects of the small-scale fisheries guidelines and their linkage to the PFRS. This was followed by a presentation on the overview of the upcoming small-scale fisheries regional and global summits.

The presentation was followed by a group discussion in which the participants went into groups following their respective counties of residence. To discuss the prepared questionnaires geared towards the implementation and operationalization of the guidelines. At the end of the discussions, a brief presentation on the findings for each county was done. As a way forward, it was said that the team that will represent the fishers in both summits should ensure that they bring back feedback to the team on how the summit went about, it was also said that the team should make an effort to share the report as well as the policy brief that was going to be prepared as a result of the assessment.

INTRODUCTION

TuFAK in collaboration with CANCO held a one-day meeting on the 29th of May 2024 at Darajani Hotel Mombasa to conduct a focused group discussion to assess the adoption, implementation, and operationalization of the small-scale fisheries guidelines in Kenya. The main aim of the assessment was to initiate the discussion around the operationalization of these guidelines following the 10th anniversary of their implementation. The assessment came about as a way for the organizations to take part in the small-scale fisheries summit to be held in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and Rome, Italy. The assessment is to form part of a general study that is being conducted in the SWIO region and the entire Africa at large which is to inform the production of a report as well as a policy brief on the adoption, implementation, and operationalization of the FAO Small Scale Fisheries guidelines.

Present in the discussion were members from four of the Kenyan coastal counties as well as the CANCO, TUFAC, and SWIOTUNA secretariat.

MAIN SESSIONS

Background and context of the meeting

The presentation was done by Divon Mwamba who took the participants through a presentation highlighting the background of the assessment, the tools that would be used for the assessment, and as well as the expected end output of the study. See the [link](#) for the full presentation.

Purpose of the meeting

The purpose of the meeting was presented by Joyce Keingati who she pointed out that the purpose of the meeting was to bring the small-scale fishers together to assess the implementation and the operationalization of the SSF guidelines and the PFRS 10 years after they were passed.

Overview of the SSF guidelines and the PFRS

The session was facilitated by Elijah Ngoa in which he took the participants through the section of the small-scale fisheries guidelines and what they entirely address. He further went on to outline the connectedness of the guidelines and the PFRS. See the link for the full presentation.

Overview of the small-scale fisheries summit

Richard Bemaronda gave the participants an overview of the small-scale fisheries summit. He pointed out that an African summit was to be held from the 5th to 7th of June in Dar es Salaam and the global summit was to be held from the 5th to 7th of July in Rome. He pointed out that some of the members will be representing the organization in both summits and it was

important for them to have something to showcase during both summits. See [the link](#) for more details on the Rome SSF summit.

Group discussions

The participants were divided into groups dictated by their respective counties of residence. In the groups, participants got to discuss the questions prepared for the focused group discussions while providing their input for the questions. See the link to access the raw input provided by the participants. After the discussions, it was followed by presentations of the discussions by the team. See [the link](#) for a sample-focused group discussion questionnaire.

WAY FORWARD

As a way forward after the meeting, it was agreed that the findings of the study would be published on the FAO website as earlier mentioned. It was also said that the study will inform the engagement of the core team in the upcoming summits. Additionally, as another way forward it was said that the organizing team should ensure that they share the key findings from the study and also do a brief meeting to provide a synopsis of the events after both summits.

ANNEXES

PROGRAMME; MEETING TO COLLECT SSF VIEWS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SSF GUIDELINES

VENUE; DARAJANI HOTEL

DATE; 21ST MAY 2024

Time	Action	Who
8.00 Am - 8.30 Am	Arrival and Registration	Bhoke Werema
8.30 Am - 8.45 Am	Introduction and Welcoming Remarks	Joyce Keingati
8.45 Am – 9.00 Am	Background and Context of the Meeting	Divon Mwamba
	Purpose of the meeting	Joyce Keingati
9.00 Am – 10. 00 Am	Overview of the SSF guidelines and PFRS	Elijah Ngoa
10.00 Am – 10.30 Am	Overview of Small Scale Fisheries Summit	Richard Bemaronda
10.30 Am – 11.00 Am	Tea Break	
11.00 Am – 11.30 Am	Guiding Questions for the Focused Group Discussion	Divon Mwamba/Elijah Ngoa
11.30 Am – 1.00 Pm	Focus Group Discussion (Per County) Interventions per county	All
1.00 Pm – 2.00 Pm	Lunch Break	
2.00 Pm – 3.30 Pm	Group Discussion Presentation/Feedback	Group Reps
3.30 Pm – 4.00 Pm	Plenary Questions	All
4.00 Pm – 4.30 Pm	Way Forward and Meeting Closure	Elijah NGOA
4.30 Pm – 5.00 Pm	Tea Break and	
Rapporteur – Hellen Awuor		
End of the meeting		

List of participants for the focused group discussion on FAO SSF guidelines

NAME	COUNTY	CONTACT	RES/NON-RES
1. Elijah Ngoa	Kilifi		Resident
2. Hellen Awuor	Nairobi		Resident
3. Divon Mwamba	Nairobi		Resident
4. Salim Ali	Kilifi		Resident
5. Mariam Chitsaka	Kilifi	0706009530	Resident
6. Rukia Juma	Kilifi	0728256069	Resident
7. Bhoke Werema	Mombasa		Resident
8. Joyce Keingati	Mombasa		Resident
9. Mtengo Omar	Kwale	0704743007	Resident
10. Mwatime Mohammed	Kwale		Resident
11. Mwanatumu Kadau	Kwale	0720059170	Resident
12. Adhalla Matano	Kwale	0718633020	Resident
13. Richard Bemaronda	Kwale		Resident
14. Fatuma Mshenga	Kwale		Resident
15. Athumani Mwero	Kwale		Resident
16. Dorcas Malogho	Mombasa		Non-resident
17. Naima Twahir	Mombasa		Non-resident
18. Brain Mwakudza	Mombasa		Non-resident
19. Omar Hamisi	Mombasa		Non-resident
20. Mercy Mghanga	Mombasa		Non-resident
21. Charles Nyale	Kilifi		Non-resident
22. Kadenge Said	Kilifi	0769298319	Non-resident
23. Juma Ali Tsongo	Kilifi	0796554153	Non-resident

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