

MONTHLY REPORT FOR ECOFISH PROJECT, NOVEMBER 2022

1.0 Introduction

This report is covering all activities/processes, which were implemented in November 2022. Those activities are the following:

1. Regional Planning Meeting to implement the regionally synchronized MCS operations at the national levels.
2. Procurement of MCS Equipment;
3. Communication and Visibility.

2.0 Progress

2.1. Regional Planning Meeting to implement the regionally synchronized MCS operations at the national levels.

The LVFO-ECOFISH project is implementing activities among which one is aimed at establishing and implementing a regional MCS system that encompasses among others, the development of regional guidelines or framework on fisheries licensing, and establishment of user rights-based management systems (control of open access). Among the activities to achieve implementation a regional MCS system is planning for the implementation of regional MCS operations, and conducting the actual MCS operations. *The regional planning meeting to implement the regionally synchronized MCS operations at the national level was held in Musoma, Tanzania from 14th to 15th November 2022.*

2.1 Procurement of MCS equipment

The Procurement process is ongoing as part of capacity building and had been advertised for acquiring 6 Boats, 9 Engines, 60 Life Jackets, 9 High resolution Digital Camera, 6 Binoculars, 6 Drone Cameras and 7 GPSs to support effectively conduct of MCS operations. *The evaluation of bids and related award processes leading up to contracting for the supplies is in the final stages.*

2.2 Communication and Visibility

Communication and visibility are an important component and in line with this, LVFO developed a communication and visibility plan to ensure valuable communication about the projects' opportunities to EAC Partner States and worldwide, while informing important external stakeholders and the public about the impact of the project. Procurement was made for *printing Fisheries Management Plan IV (FMPIV) booklets and stakeholder awareness materials (T-shirts) to disseminate at the Aquatic Resources and Blue Economy Conference in Kisumu, Kenya from 28th November to 1st December 2022.*