**LAUNCHING**

**SWIO COASTAL FISHERIES-CLIMATE CHANGE OBSERVATORY**

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**SETTING THE SCENE 1**

**AN UPDATE ON THE ECOFISH PROGRAMME**

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Promoted and Funded by | Implementing partners

Welcome to the Workshop

Set the scene for the core business.

Gratitude to ECOFISH's partners and PMU staff.

Excellent deliberations.

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Economics of ECOFISH

Develoment as infinite process

Ecofish Vision and Mission.

## 1.1  HIGH LEVEL LOGFRAME

**1.** ECOFISH is _a Cross-Regional Initiative_ of the 11th EDF, sponsored by the EUD-Mauritius and implemented by the IOC in partnership with 4 African Regional Economic Communities (COMESA, EAC, IGAD and SADC) and other strategic regional multilateral agencies.

**2.** ECOFISH has a budget (grant) of _EUR 28 million for 62 months,_ starting in July 2019, and has been granted an extension of 18 months at no additional cost to complete its objectives.  The extension is justified by the delay in operationalising the multi-faceted programme and the COVID-19 pandemic.

**3.** ECOFISH's primary objective is to "enhance the sustainable management of inland and marine fisheries to contribute to the Blue Economy" of East Africa – Southern Africa and the Indian Ocean (EA-SA-IO) or ESA  in the AU region.

**4.**  The primary objective is driven by 3 Expected Results:

Result 1 -  Enhanced Fisheries Policy, Institutional and Governance Frameworks

Result 2 -  Strengthened Fisheries Monitoring & Surveillance Capacities

 Result 3 - [CALL FOR PROPOSALS ] – Sustainable inland and Marine SSF Demonstration Projects in local communities.

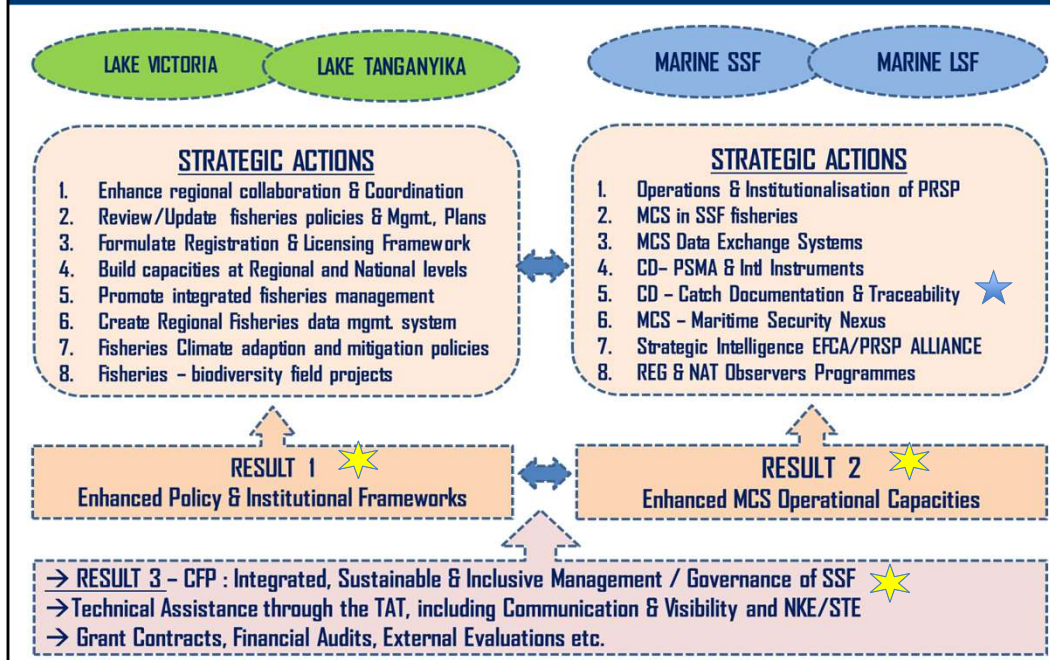_Emphasis on_

a)   _Collaboration and Cooperation_

b)   _Empowering institutional stakeholders_

c)   _Mainstreaming sustainable management of natural renewable resources._

d)   _A three-pronged approach – Regional – Sub-regional - National_

## 1.2 THEORY OF CHANGE

1. *Focus on* <u>*effective collaboration and cooperation*</u> *for the sustainable management of shared and sedentary fisheries resources and ecosystems;*

2. *Mainstream the* <u>*fundamentals, i.e., the triple-bottom-line of sustainability:*</u> *Economy – Society – Environment alongside Good Governance in Fisheries policies and management strategies;*

3. *Unlock the development potential of fisheries resources as* <u>*a sustainable and resilient growth sector f*</u>*or transformative change in the local, national, and regional economies to contribute to Africa Agenda 2063.*

4. <u>*Engage and Empower institutional stakeholders*</u> *at the regional and national levels to drive sustainable management of inland and marine fisheries resources in the Blue Economy.*

5. *Promote* <u>*the EA-SA-IO / ESA as a regional hub*</u> *for coordination and collaboration in the Sustainable Fisheries and the Blue Economy.*

6. *Equip the* <u>*ESA Platform with essential strategic tools*</u> *to drive sustainable development of the fisheries and aquaculture sector*

1. Anchoring the theory and practices of sustainable management

2. 3 components of fisheries management: Policy – Law- Governance.

3. Growth sector for shared prosperity

4. A lifeline for the ESA low-income and fragile countries

2.1 - STRATEGIC ACTIONS
[Programme Menu Card]

LAKE VICTORIA     LAKE TANGANYIKA          MARINE SSF     MARINE LSF

STRATEGIC ACTIONS
1. Enhance regional collaboration & Coordination
2. Review/Update fisheries policies & Mgmt., Plans
3. Formulate Registration & Licensing Framework
4. Build capacities at Regional and National levels
5. Promote integrated fisheries management
6. Create Regional Fisheries data mgmt. system
7. Fisheries Climate adaption and mitigation policies
8. Fisheries – biodiversity field projects

STRATEGIC ACTIONS
1. Operations & Institutionalisation of PRSP
2. MCS in SSF fisheries
3. MCS Data Exchange Systems
4. CD– PSMA & Intl Instruments
5. CD – Catch Documentation & Traceability
6. MCS – Maritime Security Nexus
7. Strategic Intelligence EFCA/PRSP ALLIANCE
8. REG & NAT Observers Programmes

RESULT 1
Enhanced Policy & Institutional Frameworks

RESULT 2
Enhanced MCS Operational Capacities

→ RESULT 3 – CFP : Integrated, Sustainable & Inclusive Management / Governance of SSF
→Technical Assistance through the TAT, including Communication & Visibility and NKE/STE
→ Grant Contracts, Financial Audits, External Evaluations etc.

1. *Synopsis – Bird eye view*

2. *Results 1 & 2 have 8 strategic actions each*

3. *Result 3 Objectives and guiding principles are well-defined.*

4. *Each work plan selects its priority strategic Actions*

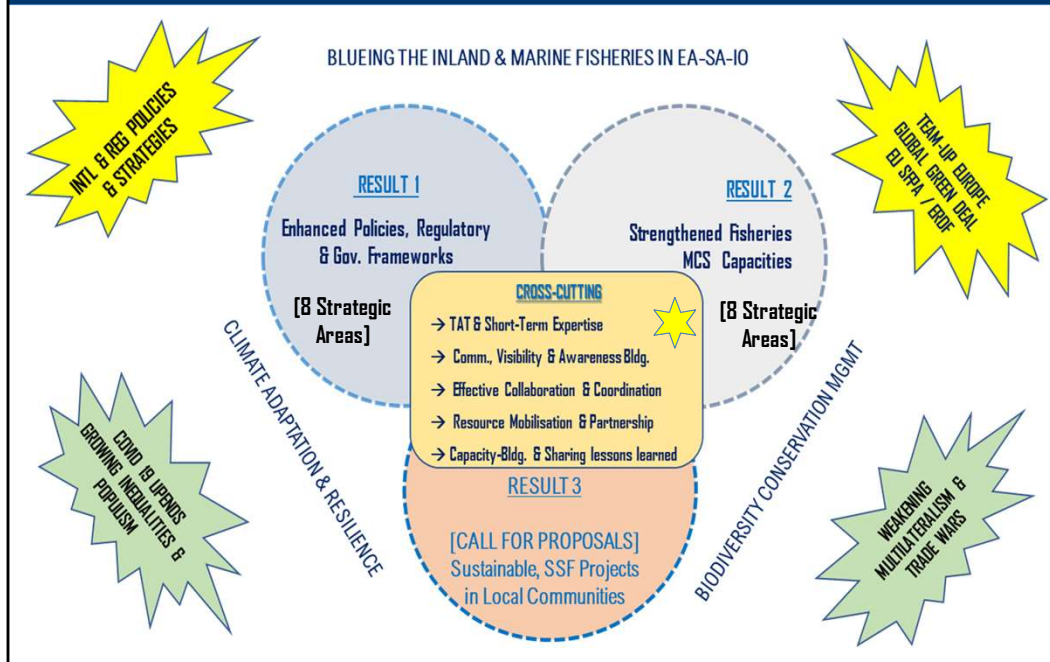5. *The lowest part is directly managed by the EUD-Mauritius*
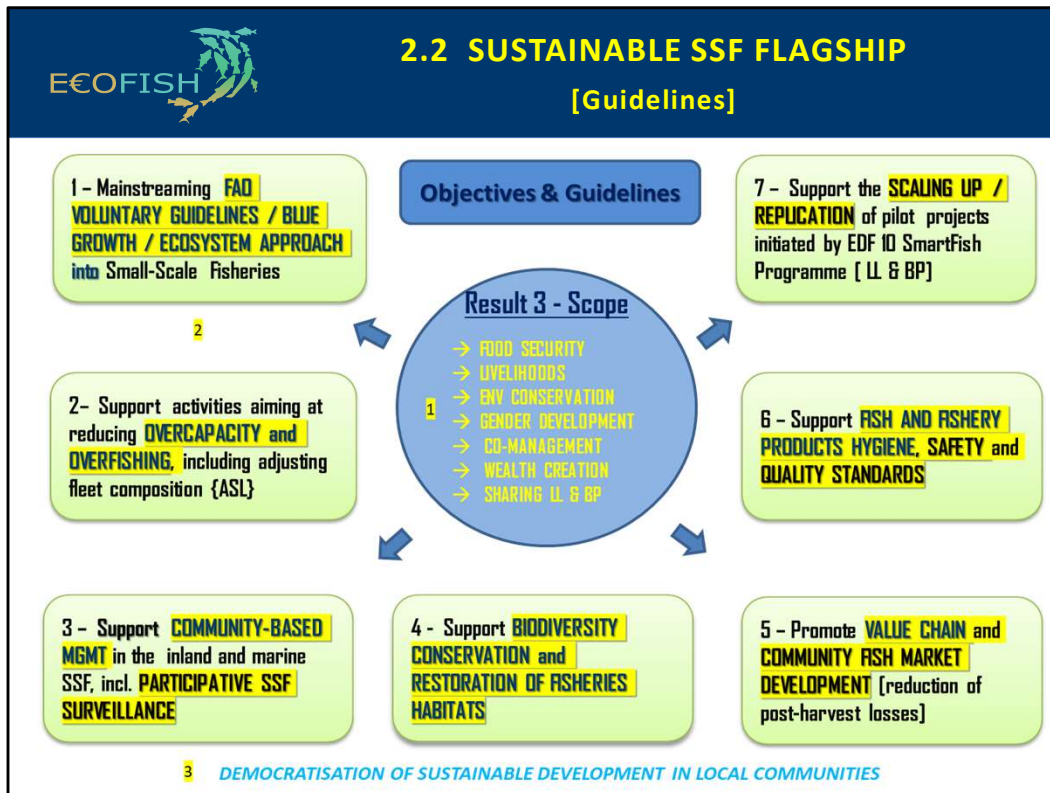
1. *Experimenting SD in SSF as Social lab – Stakeholder Engagement*

2. *Embedded in the local socio-ecological environment*

3. *Critical Areas of Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries*

4. *Local Sustainable Livelihood Approach;*

5. *Value chains and Market development;*

6. *Co-management & Local knowledge*
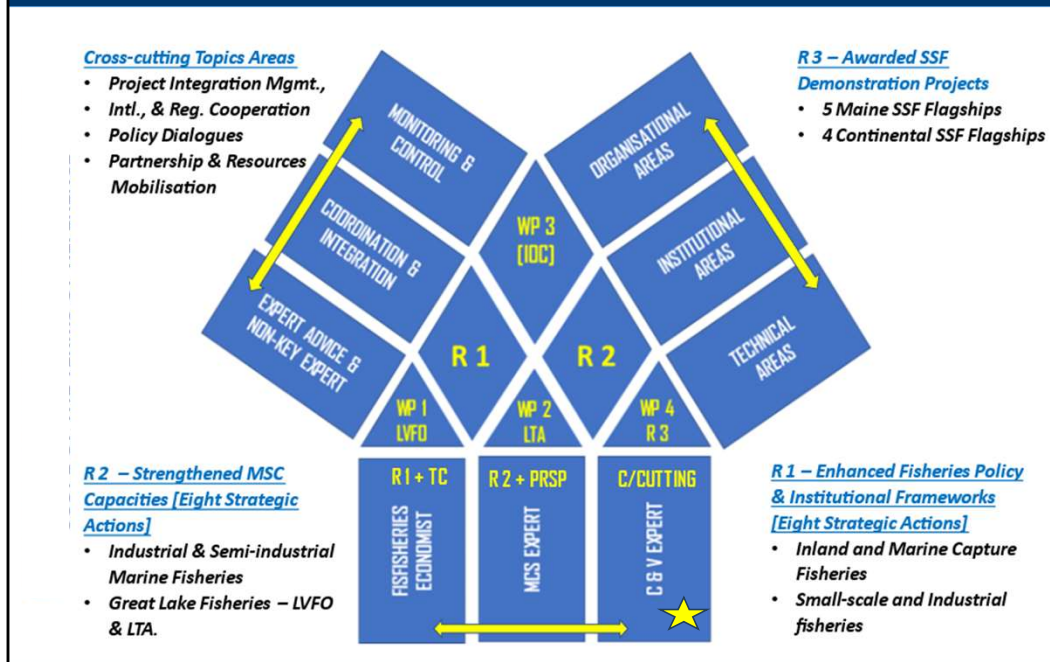
1. TAT is hired by the EUD- Mauritius (Ecofish's Soul)

2. Cross-cutting and overarching – Disruptive Innovation/ Critical Thinking

3. Provide expert advice, strategic orientation, back-stopping services

4. A C & V Expert: Awareness-Raising, Social Innovations and Marketing

**2.4 Integration**

BLUEING THE INLAND & MARINE FISHERIES IN EA-SA-IO

INTL & REG. POLICIES & STRATEGIES

TEAM-UP EUROPE
GLOBAL GREEN DEAL
EU SRIA / ERDF

RESULT 1
Enhanced Policies, Regulatory & Gov. Frameworks
[8 Strategic Areas]

RESULT 2
Strengthened Fisheries MCS Capacities
[8 Strategic Areas]

CROSS-CUTTING
→ TAT & Short-Term Expertise
→ Comm., Visibility & Awareness Bldg.
→ Effective Collaboration & Coordination
→ Resource Mobilisation & Partnership
→ Capacity-Bldg. & Sharing lessons learned

RESULT 3
[CALL FOR PROPOSALS]
Sustainable, SSF Projects in Local Communities

CLIMATE ADAPTATION & RESILIENCE

BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION MGMT

COVID-19 UPENDS GROWING INEQUALITIES & POPULISM

WEAKENING MULTILATERALISM & TRADE WARS

1. *Synergies among all components despites challenging externalities*

2. *Consolidate the 3 components of fisheries management*

3. *Strategic role of TAT.*

3.1 FIVE INTERCONNECTED WORK PLANS
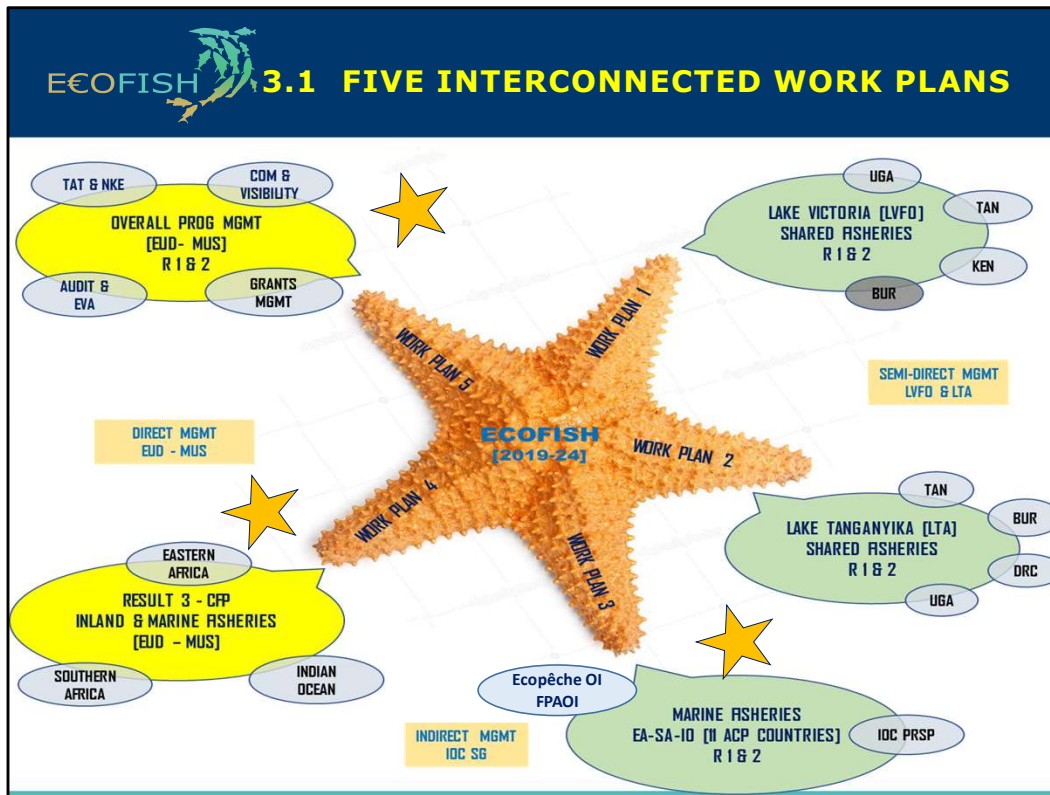
1. *The 5 work plans are diversely administered by the EUD–Mauritius*

2. *Effective coordination – Sharing knowledge, lessons and best practices.*

3. *Collaboration with other programmes*

4.1 - GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORKS
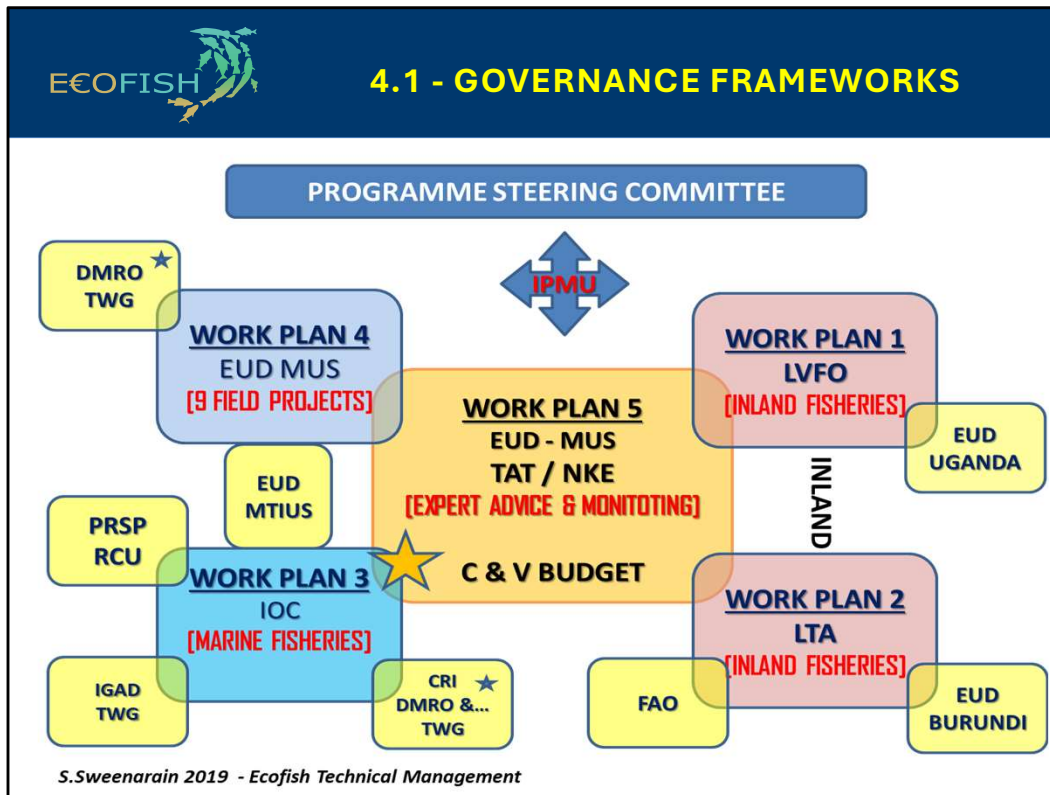
1. *A decentralised governance structure*

2. *A Programme Steering Committee at the apex*

3. *The implementing partners are in the driving seats*

4. *A centralised Programme Management Unit based at the IOC*

5. *Support from the relevant African RECs.*

| ECOFISH WORK PLAN / ACP COUNTRIES | IMPLEMENTING AGENCY | ESA-IO ISLAND AND COASTAL COUNTRIES | | | | | | | | | | | ESA-IO LANDLOCKED COUNTRIES | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | COM | REU | MAU | MAD | SEY | MOZ | TAN | KEN | SOM | DJI | SUD | UGA | BUR | NAM | RDC | ETH | S-SUD | ZAM |
| MARINE FISHERIES WP ( RESULT 1 & 2) | IOC | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | |
| REGIONAL FISHERIES SURVEILLANCE PLAN (PRSP) | IOC | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1* | | | | | | | | | |
| RESULT 3 - SSF FIELD PROJECTS (MARINE) | EUD | | | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | | | |
| RESULT 3 - SSF FIELD PROJECTS (INLAND) | EUD | | | | | | 1 | | 1* | | | | | 1 | | | 1* | 1* | 1 |
| LAKE VICTORIA FISHERIES | LVFO | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | 1 | | | | | | |
| LAKE TANGANYIKA FISHERIES | LTA | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | 1 | | 1 | | | 1 |
| At the national level ( counts) | | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |

Marine Capture Fisheries          Inland Capture Fisheries

1. 17 ACP countries of the ESA region benefit from the programme.

2. 10 island and coastal states and 7 landlocked countries

3. They participate in different programme activities

4. Kenya and Tanzania are all-rounders.

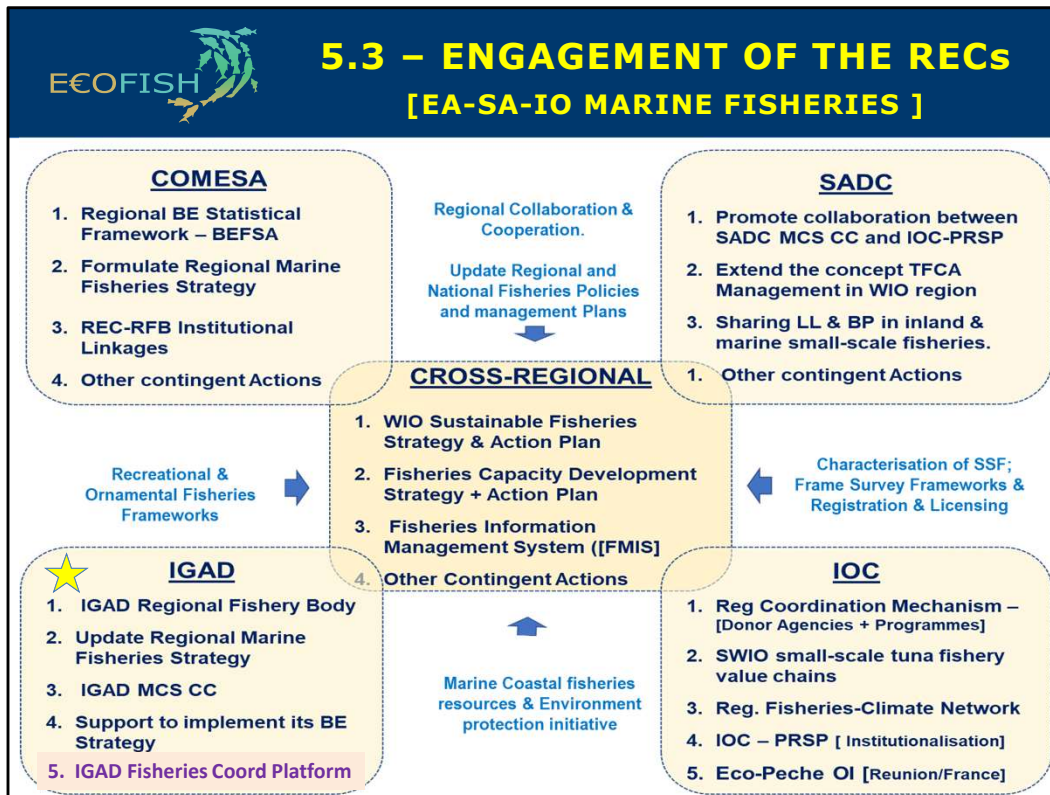5. France/ Reunion participates through other funding.
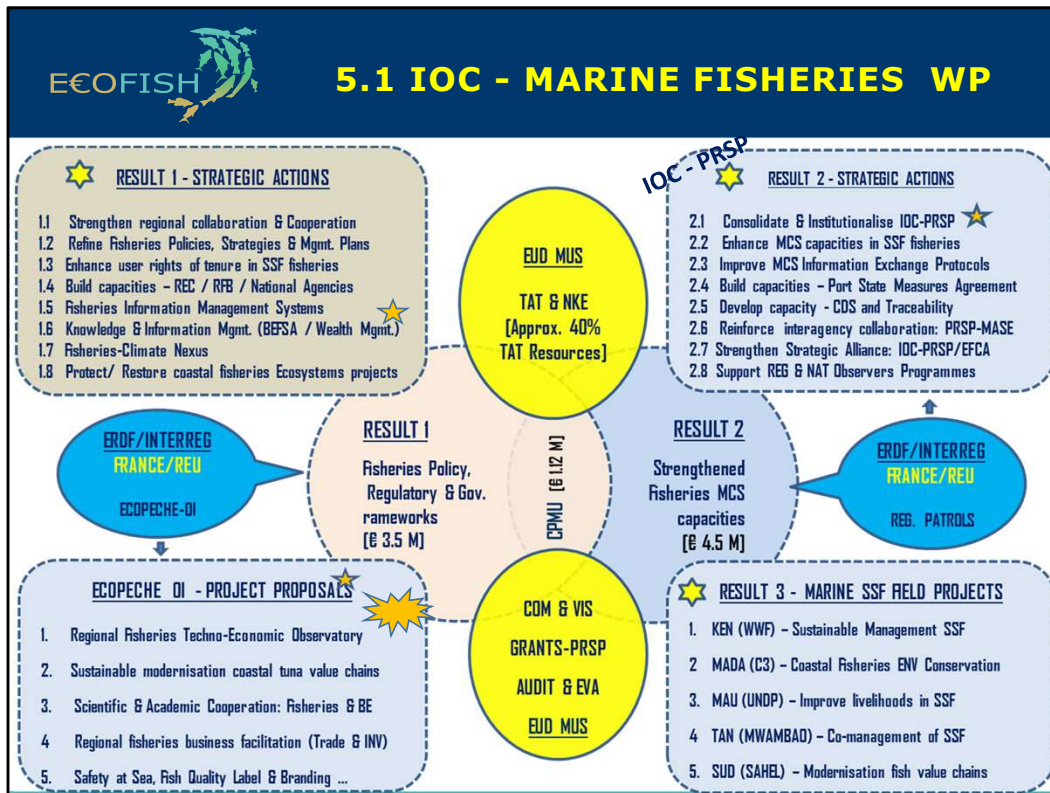
1. *IOC – ECOFISH  Work Plan is fully loaded ( the backbone)*

2. *It implements the eight strategic actions of Results 1 and 2.*

3. *It hosts the Programme Management Unit*

4. *Result 2 is engaged in empowering and institutionalisin IOC-PRSP.*

5. *5 Result 3 SSF Demonstration projects are in the marine sector.*

6. *Additional resources are mobilised by France/ Reunion for Regional maritime fisheries surveillance patrols.*

7. *Ecopêche-OI in the pipeline.*
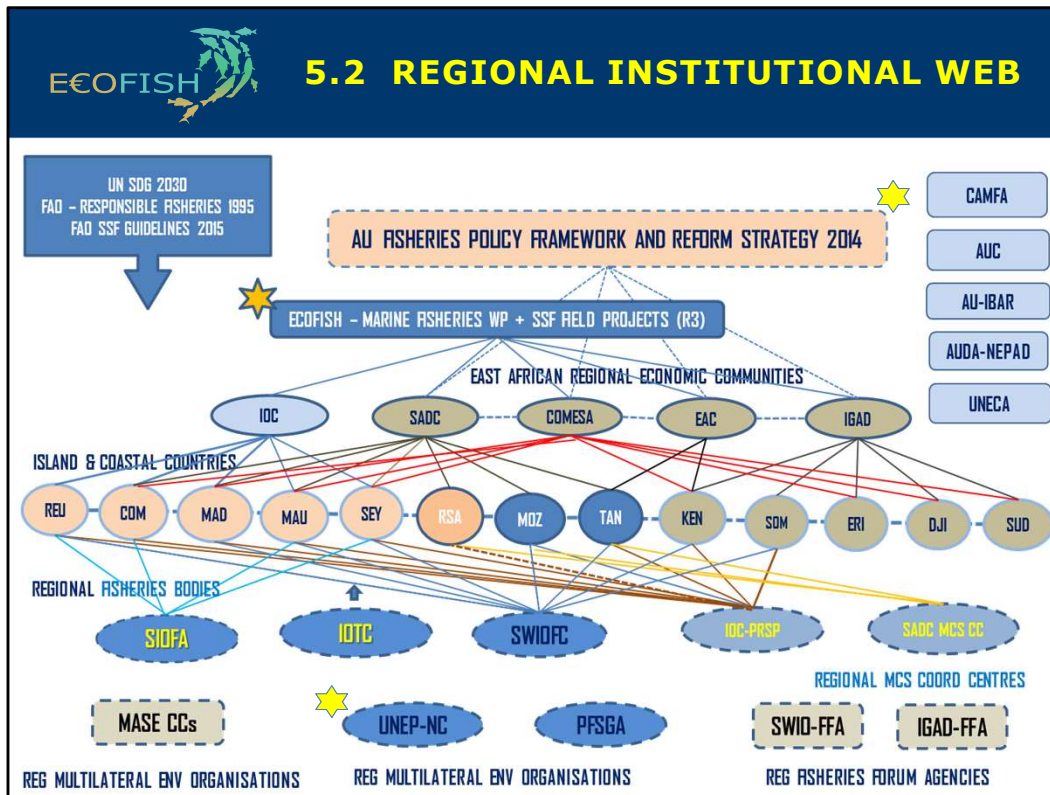
1. IOC-ECOFISH PE is implemented in collaboration with the RECs

2. Creating value from existing regional institutions.

3. Effective coordination and collaboration to avoid overlaps and duplication of efforts.

4. It is aligned with AU fisheries policies ans strategies

5. Result 1 focuses primarily on SSF and Result, IOC-PRSP

6. Effective collaboration with Regional Fisheries Bodies.

## 5.3 – ENGAGEMENT OF THE RECs
### [EA-SA-IO MARINE FISHERIES ]

**ECOFISH**

**COMESA**
1. Regional BE Statistical Framework – BEFSA
2. Formulate Regional Marine Fisheries Strategy
3. REC-RFB Institutional Linkages
4. Other contingent Actions

**Regional Collaboration & Cooperation.**

**Update Regional and National Fisheries Policies and management Plans**

**SADC**
1. Promote collaboration between SADC MCS CC and IOC-PRSP
2. Extend the concept TFCA Management in WIO region
3. Sharing LL & BP in inland & marine small-scale fisheries.
4. Other contingent Actions

**CROSS-REGIONAL**
1. WIO Sustainable Fisheries Strategy & Action Plan
2. Fisheries Capacity Development Strategy + Action Plan
3. Fisheries Information Management System ([FMIS]
4. Other Contingent Actions

**Recreational & Ornamental Fisheries Frameworks**

**Characterisation of SSF; Frame Survey Frameworks & Registration & Licensing**

**IGAD**
1. IGAD Regional Fishery Body
2. Update Regional Marine Fisheries Strategy
3. IGAD MCS CC
4. Support to implement its BE Strategy
5. IGAD Fisheries Coord Platform

**Marine Coastal fisheries resources & Environment protection initiative**

**IOC**
1. Reg Coordination Mechanism – [Donor Agencies + Programmes]
2. SWIO small-scale tuna fishery value chains
3. Reg. Fisheries-Climate Network
4. IOC – PRSP [ Institutionalisation]
5. Eco-Peche OI [Reunion/France]

1. *Insight into the collaboration with the RECs ( Division of Labour & Partnerships)*

2. *Lead and Supporting role to ensure effective collaboration*

3. *Each REC defines its priority actions*

4. *ESA promoted a regional hub*
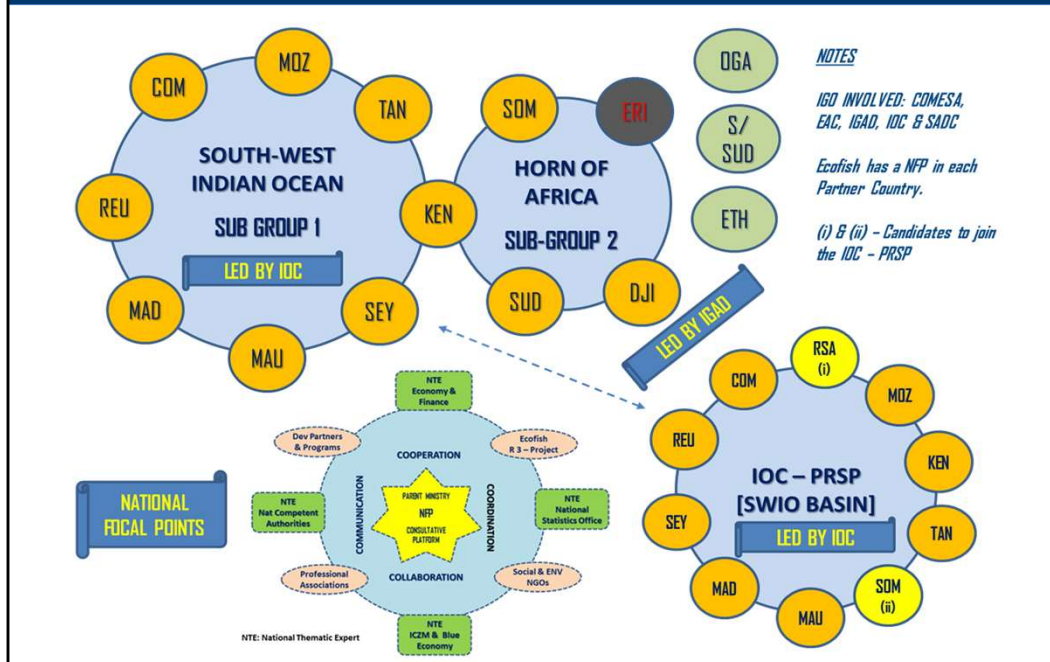
1. The ESA maritime sector is subdivided into 2 clusters: SWIO and HOA, led by IOC and IGAD.

2. The SWIO cluster is the same as the IOC-PRSP

3. The other RECs are engaged in following their interests.

4. The National Focal Point plays a significant role and consists of a panel of interdisciplinary stakeholders.

5. Sharing knowledge, lessons and best practices across the ESA region.
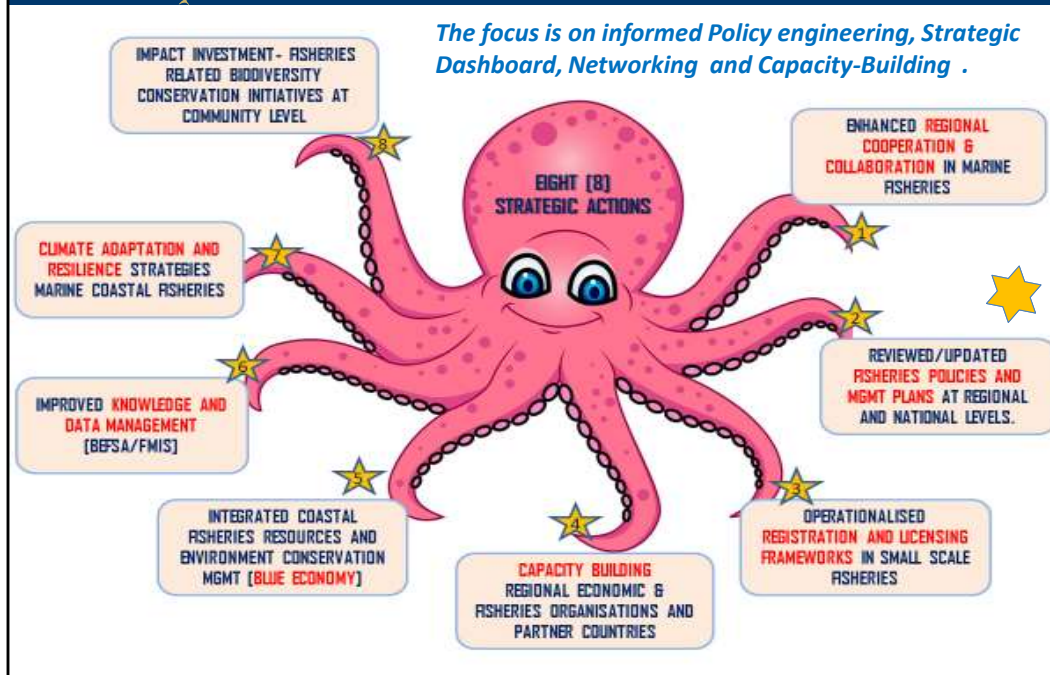
**SA 1** - ESA Sustainable Fisheries & BE Coord Mechanism + a series of strategic tools, including Regional Programme Coord Platform and thematic networks.

**SA 2** - Assessment of fisheries policies and mgmt. strategies, emphasising a regional approach to two national priority fisheries: octopus and sea cumber

**SA 3** - Addressing open access in artisanal fisheries, including Registration and licensing, Co-management, etc.

**SA 4 -** Demand-driven capacity development, including strategic networking.

**SA 5** - Regional Fisheries Information System in the pipeline.

**SA 6** - Blue Economy Fisheries Satellite Account & Economic & Financial Assessment

**SA 7** - Climate Change Adaptation in Coastal Fisheries, including the Observatory and Policy support

**SA 8** – Facilitate selective project Human – Environment positive interactions in coastal fisheries;
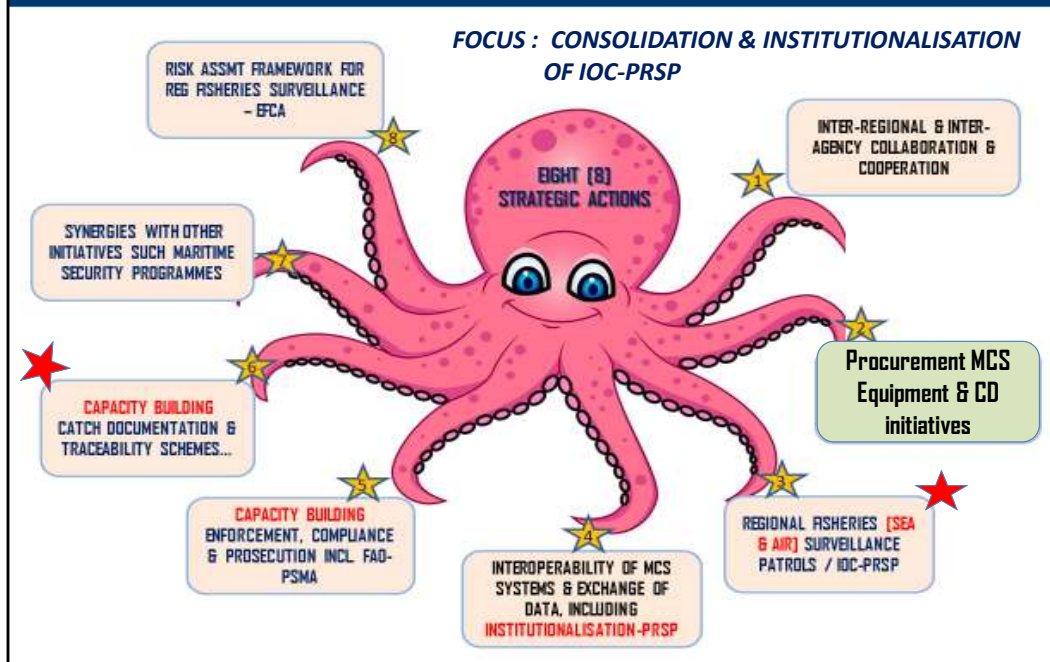
1. *MCS services are a component of fisheries management and make no sense on their own.*
2. *The focus is on IOC- Regional Fisheries Surveillance Patrols (RFSP), called PRSP*
3. *It concerns primarily the industrial tuna fishing in the SWIO region.*
4. *Enhancing Strategic Intelligence, MCS information sharing, joint patrols, etc.*
5. *Collaboration between other regional MCS CC and Maritime Security Initiatives, etc.*
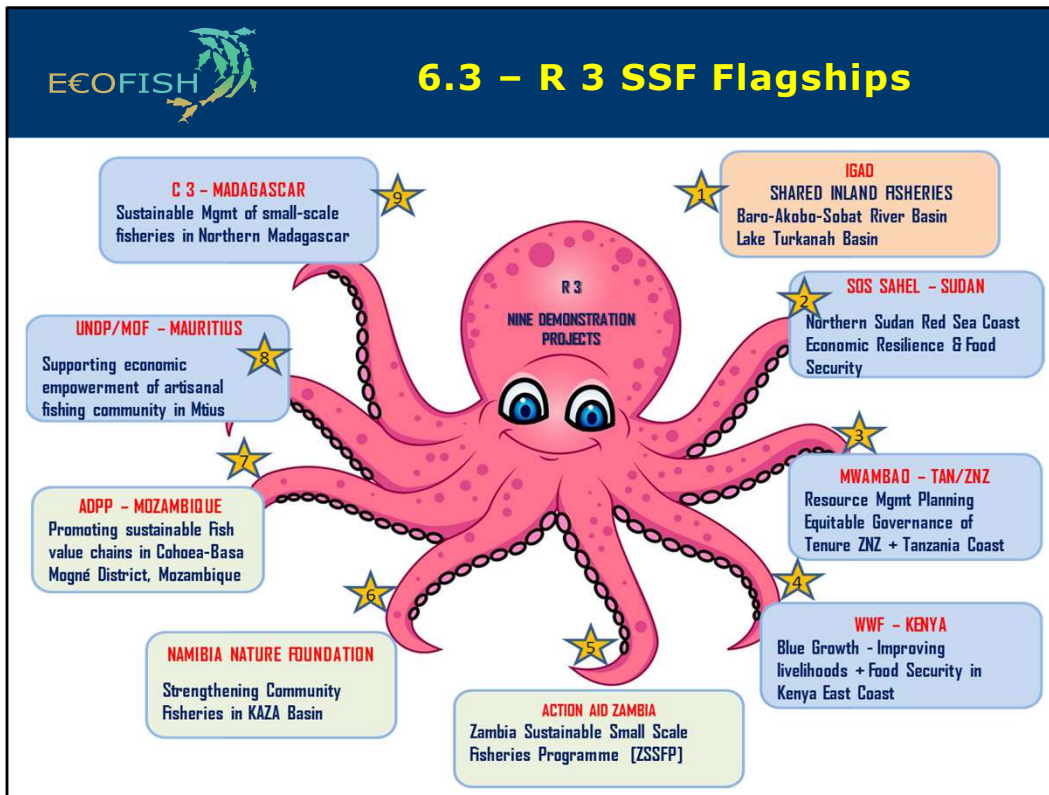
*1. These projects have been a social lab for upscaling solutions*

*2. A continent-wide Knowledge Fair was organised last June in partnership with IGAD and AU-IBAR*

*3. A regional platform for sharing knowledge, lessons and best practices*

*4. Connected with the RECs and RFBs.*

*5. 2 projects closed: SOS Sahel (Sudan) for security issues and Action Aids Zambia, completed.*

*6. Emphasis on replicability, upscaling and policy advocacies*
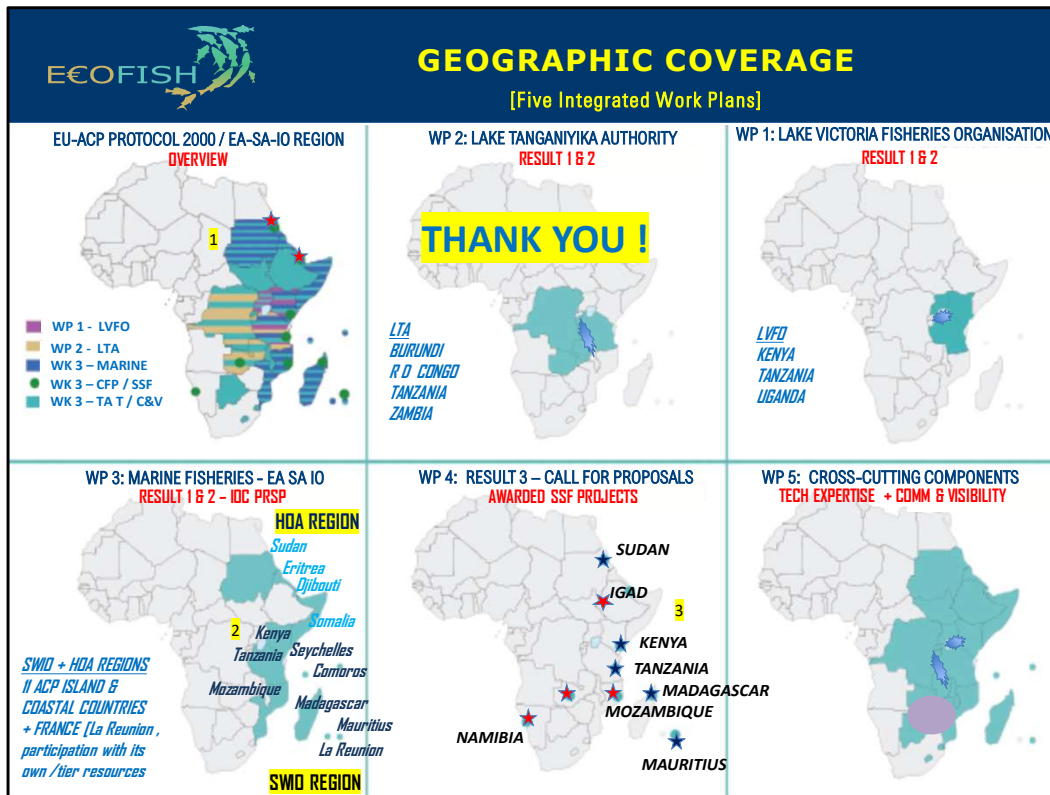
ECOFISH is a three-pronged programme:

a)  Starting at the sub-regional levels with the RECs and RFBs

b) To trickle down to beneficiary countries by developing a tailored National Chapter;

c) And ultimately to consolidate ESA into a regional hub for sustainable fisheries and the Blue Economy

So, the current efforts are to operationalise this platform as a game changer for the region.