

LVFO-Ecofish Programme Progress Brief for February 2021

1.0 Frame Survey

National data entry, analysis and report writing workshops were held from 8th to 18th February 2021 in Tanzania, and started on 22nd February to end on 7th March 2021 in Kenya and Uganda. The next step will be a workshop to compile national reports into a regional report which will be done in March 2021.

2.0 Staff Recruitment

The recruitment process to procure a Consultant to Review the performance of the Lake Victoria Fisheries Management Plan-III (2016-2020) and drafting Lake Victoria Fisheries Management Plan-IV (2021-2025) is still ongoing; **Evaluation was conducted and Dr. Richard Ogutu Ohwayo was selected as the best candidate.** Implementation of this activity is expected to start this month (March) 2021.

The Consultancy to undertake a legal, institutional and organizational framework of the proposed East African Fisheries Organization (EAFO) was earlier advertised and implementation awaits finalisation of the recruitment process.

3.0 Training in fisheries enforcement and prosecution

This process still awaits approval for the reallocation of Euros 30,000 to engage a short-term consultancy to conduct the training. The previous ToRs submitted to IOC have been reviewed and LVFO plans to source for CVs from the region and select the most competent consultant who will train with support for national MCS Officers from Partner states. The selected officers, once trained will help to train other national members of the enforcement teams and this will be followed by national enforcements operations. This activity is planned for April 2021

4.0 Project monitoring team

As required by the LVFO-Ecofish Programme estimate that provides for establishment of a Program Monitoring Committee, the established Committee headed by the Deputy Executive Secretary and composed of the Director Fisheries Monitoring and Research, Director Fisheries Management and Development, Director of Finance and Administration and an Assistant Procurement Officer monitored the ongoing Frame Survey activities in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda including review of the project budget.