



LAKE VICTORIA FISHERIES ORGANISATION

Title	MONITORING, EVALUATION AND REPORTING (M, E & R) FRAMEWORK FOR THE CONTRIBUTION OF SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES TO THE BLUE ECONOMY OF THE EASTERN AFRICA, SOUTHERN AFRICA AND INDIAN OCEAN REGION – EEOFISH PROGRAMME (LAKE VICTORIA COMPONENT)
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List of acronyms

IOC	Indian Ocean Commission
DFMD	Director Fisheries Management and Development
ECOFISH	Contribution of Sustainable Fisheries to the Blue Economy of the Eastern Africa, Southern Africa and the Indian Ocean Region
EAC	East African Community
EU	European Union
EDF	European Development Fund
IUU	Illegal, Unreported Unregulated fishing
KMFRI	Kenya Marine Fisheries Research Institute
LVFO	Lake Victoria Fisheries Organization
MERF	Monitoring Evaluation and Reporting Framework
NaFIRRI	National Fisheries Research Institutes
PMC	Programme Monitoring Committee
PCU	Project Coordination Unit
TAFIRI	Tanzania Fisheries Research Institute

Executive Summary

The ECOFISH Project Monitoring and Evaluation Report for the period of 13th June 2020 to 12th September 2022, provides an assessment of progress made towards the result areas 1 and 2 and the specific and overall purpose of the project. The report provides remarks for the performance levels achieved and possible interventions for improvement.

This monitoring report is premised on the project log frame developed at the project start that laid down the strategic actions, objectively verifiable indicators, verification sources, responsible actors and assumptions to guide effective monitoring, evaluation and reporting of the project implementation processes. Performance is hence measured against the set targets in the two result areas namely:

- a) Regional policies and institutional frameworks are enhanced to secure more sustainable fisheries management.
- b) Regional and sub-regional Monitoring, Control and Surveillance action plans to deter and eliminate IUU fishing in small scale inland fisheries; and

Table 1 below highlights a summary of ECOFISH Results achieved for the 2 result areas in the reporting period starting from June 2020.

Table 1. Highlight of ECOFISH Results achieved in the reporting period

Who are involved	EAC/LVFO, Fisheries Management Institutions in Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda and Burundi, Fisheries Research Institutions in Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda and Burundi (NaFIRRI, KMFRI, TAFIRI)
Results achieved so far	
Result Area 1: Regional policies and institutional frameworks are enhanced to secure more sustainable fisheries management.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Updated (1) Lake Victoria Fisheries Management Plan (FMP) III 2016-2020; b) Developed (1) Lake Victoria Fisheries Management Plan (FMP) IV 2021-2026; c) Consultancy (1) ongoing to define the mechanisms on expanded scope and mandate of LVFO
Result Area 2: Regional and sub-regional Monitoring, Control and Surveillance action plans to deter and eliminate IUU fishing in small scale inland fisheries.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Trained 60 officials in enforcement compliance and prosecution procedures b) Conducted 1 planning meeting for harmonising MCS operations

1.0 BACKGROUND

Lake Victoria Fisheries Organization (LVFO) is implementing a programme called “Contribution of Sustainable Fisheries to the Blue Economy of the Eastern Africa, Southern Africa and the Indian Ocean Region – E€OFISH programme”. The funding is Euro 2 million to LVFO for activities implemented in the Republics of Kenya, Uganda and the United Republic of Tanzania.

The overall objective is to enhance equitable economic growth by promoting sustainable fisheries in the EA-SA-IO region. The specific objective is to support sustainable management and development of fisheries, while addressing climate change resilience and enhancing marine biodiversity. On Lake Victoria, the purpose of the Programme is to support sustainable management and development of fisheries resources using a grant from EU of Euros 2 million.

The ECOFISH programme came into force in September 2018 when the Agreement was signed between the European Union and the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC). LVFO initially signed a Start Up Programme Estimate with IOC and EU Mauritius to be implemented for a period of four months, from 25th October 2019 to 24th February 2020.

The implementation arrangements provide for a Programme Monitoring Committee (PMC) to be set up by LVFO Secretariat constituted of at least the Deputy Executive Secretary, the Officer in charge of the Programme, the Head of the Finance and Administration and the Procurement Officer. The PMC meets once every three months to ensure proper operation of a monitoring and evaluation system for the financial, administrative and technical aspects of the programme. LVFO Secretariat is also responsible for undertaking the internal control function, including missions to the regional offices as may be required and attendance of activities implemented under the result area for the purpose of technical input, communication, administration, accounting and other control/ support functions. This report presents the first M and E conducted for the period January 2020 to August 2022.

1.1 Objective and scope of the monitoring report

The purpose of this M,E& R Framework is to provide timely and accurate information on the status of project implementation to ensure that the project is on the right track in accordance with the stated objectives, results, outcomes (impacts) and within an agreed project lifespan. This will improve accountability for work undertaken so far and guide future strategic decisions on the implementation of the project. Specifically, the report focuses on the following.

- a) Progress made against planned outputs and outcomes. (As per the Appendix 1- workplan);
- b) Explanation for the performance levels achieved;
- c) Observations and Recommendations for improved performance

1.2 Methodology

The report draws the required data from the implementing Partner reports at the EAC/LVFO, Fisheries Management and research Institutions in Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda and Burundi and from ECOFISH National Focal Persons and PCU reports. The PCU analysed the data, checked for completeness and accuracy, through triangulation against other sources of information. This particular Monitoring and Evaluation was conducted in a participatory manner involving the implementers.

1.3 Structure of the report

The report is structured as follows: It starts by the first section with introduction which is composed of the project background information followed by objective and scope of the monitoring and evaluation exercise, methodology and report structure. The next section provides performance by overall and specific objectives covering the two project result areas and based on output indicators. The last section includes general observations and recommendations.

2.0 STRATEGIC RESULTS

2.1 Performance by overall objective.

The overall objective of ECOFISH Project is to enhance equitable economic growth by promoting sustainable fisheries in the EA-SA-IO region. The performance by the overall objective is based on one indicator namely: The Lake Victoria Fisheries Management Plan implemented successfully and here the FMPIII was evaluated and the FMPIV is yet to be evaluated.

2.2 Performance by specific objective

There are 5 indicators for measuring the progress towards the specific objective. These include:

- a) At least 10% increase in fish catches by 2024.
- b) At least 2 regional frameworks namely: Updated Fisheries Management Plan IV and Mechanisms on implementation of the expanded scope and mandate; of LVFO in place;
- c) At least 60 officials trained in enforcement compliance and prosecution procedures
- d) Regional database of licensed fishing vessels;
- e) At least 50 community biodiversity hot spots, protected; and
- f) At least 3 joint/coordinated patrols conducted

While some progress has been made on indicators a to c, for, d to f progress will be captured in the next monitoring reports.

3. PERFORMANCE BY KEY RESULT AREAS

In order to facilitate monitoring of ECOFISH as a regional programme, the strategic actions were mapped and grouped based key result areas 1 and 2:

Result Area 1: Regional policies and institutional frameworks are enhanced to secure more sustainable fisheries management.

- a) Strategic Action - A.1.1. Enhance regional cooperation in the sustainable management of shared resources in the marine fisheries
- b) Strategic Action – A.1.2. - Promote coherent regional registration and licensing frameworks in the small-scale inland fisheries
- c) Strategic Action – A.1.3. - Support the adoption and implementation of management measures aiming at protecting marine biodiversity with regional impacts
- d) Strategic Action – A.1.4 - Improve data collection and data management in support of more evidence based regional policies

Result Area 2: Regional and sub-regional Monitoring, Control and Surveillance action plans to deter and eliminate IUU fishing in small scale inland fisheries.

- a) Strategic Action –B.2.1. - Establishing and implementing a regional MCS system that encompasses among others, the development of regional guidelines or framework on fisheries licensing, the establishment of user rights-based management systems (control of open access);
- b) Strategic Action –B.2.2. - Building capacity to implement regional, cost-effective inland monitoring and surveillance programmes.
- c) Strategic Action – B.2.3. - Supporting capacity building in Enforcement, Compliance and Prosecution procedures in the fisheries sector at national levels

3.1 Result Area 1: Regional policies and institutional frameworks are enhanced to secure more sustainable fisheries management.

The assessment of performance by the Result 1: Regional policies and institutional frameworks are enhanced to secure more sustainable fisheries management was based on 4 strategic actions/indicators.

Table 2: Performance by Strategic Action A1.1.1 Enhance regional cooperation in the sustainable management of shared resources in the marine fisheries

Result Area / Working Package	Indicators	Baseline	Reporting period January 2020 – August 2022			End of the project			Remarks
			Target	Progress	%	Target	Progress	%	
Strategic Action - A.1.1. Enhance regional cooperation in the sustainable management of shared resources in the marine fisheries	1.2.1.1 Number of consultancy services	0	2	1 consultancy on FMPIV completed and EAFO in progress	70	2	2 consultancies on FMPIV and EAFO completed	100	COVID19 and response from 2 Partner States
	1.1.1.2 Number of National meetings	0	13	10 National meetings conducted	77	13	13 consultancies on FMPIV and EAFO conducted	100	COVID19 and response from 2 Partner States
	1.1.1.3 Number of regional meetings	0	3	2 conducted on FMPIV	67	3	3 regional meetings conducted	100	COVID19 but meeting still on plan
	1.1.1.4 Number of Validation meetings	0	2	1 validation meeting completed	50	2	2 validation meetings conducted	100	Meetings still on plan
	1.1.1.5 Number of Printing materials	0	4	2 Printed (FMPIV and policy brief)	50	4	4 Printed (FMPIV and policy brief and EAFO report and policy brief)	100	EAFO consultancy ongoing

Result Area / Working Package	Indicators	Baseline	Reporting period January 2020 – August 2022			End of the project			Remarks
			Target	Progress	%	Target	Progress	%	
	1.1.1.6 Number of Consultant from TAT	0	3	2 consultants recruited on FMPIV and EU training completed 1 consultancy on MCS changed to local and is ongoing	70	100	3 consultants recruited	100	The consultancy on MCS training changed to local consultant
Performance by Result								64	

3.1.1 Key observations and recommendations

Out of the 6 indicators milestones only 64% - was achieved in the reporting period. The Covid-19 pandemic and non-response from some Partner States affected the progress. However, some consultancies are still ongoing. The component implementation is on course and progress so far registered is satisfactory. The following is recommended:

- a) Completion of the national consultations with the 2 remaining Partner States and fast tracking the remaining meetings

Table 3: Performance by Strategic Action A1.1.2 Promote coherent regional registration and licensing frameworks in the small-scale inland fisheries

Result Area / Working Package	Indicators	Baseline	Reporting period January 2020 – August 2022			End of the project			Remarks
			Target	Progress	%	Target	Progress	%	
Strategic Action – A.1.2. - Promote coherent regional registration and licensing frameworks in the small-scale inland fisheries	1.1.1.1 Number of Regional meetings	0	2	Planned in 2023	0	2	2 Regional meetings conducted	100	Not yet done
	1.1.1.2 Number of Consultancy services	0	1	Not yet done	0	1	1 Consultancy service completed	100	Not yet done
	1.1.1.3 Number of regional Technical Training	0	1	Not yet done	0	1	1 regional Technical Training conducted	100	Not yet done

Result Area / Working Package	Indicators	Baseline	Reporting period January 2020 – August 2022			End of the project			Remarks
			Target	Progress	%	Target	Progress	%	
Performance by Result								0	

3.1.2 Key observations and recommendations

Out of 3 indicators none has been implemented. The activities are planned in the next reporting time. It is recommended that the activities are targeted for implementation.

Table 4: Performance by Strategic Action – A.1.3. - Support the adoption and implementation of management measures aiming at protecting marine biodiversity with regional impacts

Result Area / Working Package	Indicators	Baseline	Reporting period January 2020 – August 2022			End of the project			Remarks
			Target	Progress	%	Target	Progress	%	
Strategic Action A.1.3. - Support the adoption and implementation management measures aiming at protecting marine biodiversity with regional impacts	1.1.1.1 Field visits to at least 20 hotspots	0	3	Not yet done	0	3 visits (one per Partner state to each 20 fish breeding areas)	3 visits (one per Partner state to each 20 fish breeding areas) completed	100	Planned in 2023 but budget not enough
	1.1.1.2 Meet to harmonise protocol	0	1	Note yet done	0	1 meeting completed	1 meeting to harmonise protocol conducted	100	Planned in 2023 but budget not enough
	1.1.1.3 Equipment procured for marking FBAs	0	5 floats, 5 synthetic ropes, 5 sinkers	Not yet done	0	5 floats, 5 synthetic ropes, 5 sinkers	5 floats, 5 synthetic ropes, 5 sinkers procured	100	Planned in 2023 but budget not enough
Performance by Result								00	

3.1.3 Key observations and recommendations

Out of 3 indicators none has been implemented. The activities are planned in 2023 and will be reported on in the next reporting period. Partner States should be encouraged to work on legal instruments to support the management of FBAs

Table 5: Performance by **Strategic Action – A.1.4 - Improve data collection and data management in support of more evidence based regional policies**

Result Area / Working Package	Indicators	Baseline	Reporting period January 2020 – August 2022			End of the project			Remarks
			Target	Progress	%	Target	Progress	%	
Strategic Action A.1.4 - Improve data collection and data management in support of more evidence based regional policies	1.1.1.1 Number of Planning Regional meetings	16	1	1	100	1 Regional planning meeting conducted	Completed	100	
	1.1.1.2 Number of National Planning meetings	48	3	3	100	3 Regional meetings conducted	Completed	100	
	1.1.1.3, Number of National Training of Supervisors	48	3	3	100	3 National Trainings of Supervisors conducted	Completed	100	
	1.1.1.4 National Training of enumerators	48	3	3	100	3 National Training of enumerator conducted	Completed	100	
	1.1.1.5 Collection of data at 1500 landing sites,	16	1	1	100	1 data collection lake-wide session conducted	Completed	100	Data collected was useful in developing the FMPIV
	1.1.1.6 Data entry analysis and report writing	48	3	3	100	3 National Data entry analysis and report writing conducted	Completed	100	
	1.1.1.7 National validation workshop	48	3	3	100	3 National validation workshops conducted	Completed	100	
	1.1.1.8 Regional meeting	16	1	1	100	1 Regional Data analysis and report writing conducted	Completed	100	
	1.1.1.9 Printing materials	64	4	4	100	3 National and 1 regional report printed	Completed	100	

Result Area / Working Package	Indicators	Baseline	Reporting period January 2020 – August 2022			End of the project			Remarks
			Target	Progress	%	Target	Progress	%	
<i>Performance by Result</i>								100	

3.1.4 Key observations and recommendations

Out of 9 indicators all have been implemented. The activity implementation is completed at 100%. The Data collected was useful in developing the FMPIV

3.2 Result Area 2: Regional and sub-regional Monitoring, Control and Surveillance action plans to deter and eliminate IUU fishing in small scale inland fisheries.

The assessment of performance by the Result 2: Regional and sub-regional Monitoring, Control and Surveillance action plans to deter and eliminate IUU fishing in small scale inland fisheries was based on 3 strategic actions/indicators.

Table 6: Performance by Strategic Action –B.2.1. - Establishing and implementing a regional MCS system that encompasses among others, the development of regional guidelines or framework on fisheries licensing, the establishment of user rights-based management systems (control of open access);

Result Area / Working Package	Indicators	Baseline	Reporting period January 2020 – August 2022			End of the project			Remarks
			Target	Progress	%	Target	Progress	%	
Strategic Action – B.2.1. - Establishing and implementing a regional MCS system that encompasses among others, the development of regional guidelines or framework on fisheries licensing, the establishment of user rights-based	1.1.1.1 Number of National visits to Partner States	0	3	3	100	3 National visits conducted	Activity completed	100	
	1.1.1.2 Number Regional multi-stakeholders' meetings	0	2	0	0	2 Regional multi-stakeholders' meetings conducted	Not done	0	Planned for September 2022
	1.1.1.3 Number of regional planning and Review meetings	0	3	1 regional planning and Review meetings conducted	33	3 regional planning and Review meetings conducted	1 regional planning and Review meetings conducted	100	Planned for September 2022

Result Area / Working Package	Indicators	Baseline	Reporting period January 2020 – August 2022			End of the project			Remarks
			Target	Progress	%	Target	Progress	%	
management systems (control of open access);									
	1.1.1.4 National Operations for enforcement team	0	12	0	0	12 National Operations for enforcement team conducted	Not done	100	2 planned by end of December 2022
Performance by Result								33	

3.2.1 Key observations and recommendations

Out of 4 indicators 1 has been completed and one is at 33%. The activity implementation is still on course. The establishment of user rights-based management systems (control of open access) should be brought up;

Table 7: Performance by Strategic Action –B.2.2. - Building capacity to implement regional, cost-effective inland monitoring and surveillance programmes.

Result Area / Working Package	Indicators	Baseline	Reporting period January 2020 – August 2022			End of the project			Remarks
			Target	Progress	%	Target	Progress	%	
Strategic Action –B.2.2. - Building capacity to implement regional, cost-effective inland monitoring and surveillance programmes.	1.1.1.1 Regional Training on specialized equipment	0	1	0	0	1 Regional Training on specialized equipment conducted	Not done	100	Awaits procurement of MCS equipment
	1.1.1.2 Number of equipment procured	0	6 Fibre glass canoes, 9 outboard engines, 60 life jackets, 9 binoculars, 6 cameras,	Adverts sent out; bids received awaiting evaluation	5	6 Fibre glass canoes, 9 outboard engines, 60 life jackets, 9 binoculars, 6 cameras,	6 Fibre glass canoes, 9 outboard engines, 60 life jackets, 9 binoculars, 6 cameras,	100	Awaits procurement of MCS equipment

Result Area / Working Package	Indicators	Baseline	Reporting period January 2020 – August 2022			End of the project			Remarks
			Target	Progress	%	Target	Progress	%	
			6 drone cameras and 7 GPS			6 drone cameras and 7 GPS procured	6 drone cameras and 7 GPS procured		
Performance by Result								2.5	

3.2.2 Key observations and recommendations

Out of 2 indicators one has been fully partially initiated. The procurement process is ongoing however awaiting evaluation. It is recommended that the procurement is fast tracked.

Table 8: Performance by Strategic Action – B.2.3. - Supporting capacity building in Enforcement, Compliance and Prosecution procedures in the fisheries sector at national levels

Result Area / Working Package	Indicators	Baseline	Reporting period January 2020 – August 2022			End of the project			Remarks
			Target	Progress	%	Target	Progress	%	
Strategic Action – B.2.3. - Supporting capacity building in Enforcement, Compliance and Prosecution procedures in the fisheries sector at national levels	1.1.1.1 Regional training of trainers	0	1	1 regional Training of Trainers on enforcement compliance and prosecution procedures completed	100	1 regional Training of Trainers on enforcement compliance and prosecution procedures	1 regional Training of Trainers on enforcement compliance and prosecution procedures conducted	100	
	1.1.1.2 Number of National Trainings per country	0	3	3 completed	0	1 National Training per country	3 National Trainings conducted		
	1.1.1.3 Number of National high-level dialogue	0	3	Not yet done	0	1 National high-level dialogue	3 National high-level dialogues conducted		Planned for January 2023
Performance by Result								33	

3.2.3 Key observations and recommendations

Out of 3 indicators 1 has been implemented. The activity is on course and the national trainings are planned for October 2022 and other activities for January 2023.

3.3: Result on Communications and Visibility for Result area 1 and 2

Communication and visibility are an important component and in line with this evaluation was done to assess how it has supported result areas 1 and 2.

Table 8 below show performance of indicators under the crosscutting Communications and Visibility component.

Result Area / Working Package	Indicators	Baseline	Reporting period January 2020 – August 2022			End of the project			Remarks
			Target	Progress	%	Target	Progress	%	
Communications and Visibility.	Published visibility materials (brochures, pamphlets, banners)	0	200 visibility materials (brochures, pamphlets, banners)	Published 40 books of FMIV and 40 leaflets of the policy brief, 10 banners	40	200 books and booklets, 15,000 brochures pamphlets, banner	50 Sensitisation/Awareness Progra/Communication / Short film/ TV Spots annually conducted	100	Printing more books and booklets of the FMPIV awaiting final approval of the documents
	Sensitisation/Awareness Program/ Communication Short film/ TV Spots annually	0	50 Sensitisation/Awareness Progra/Communication/ Short film/ TV Spots annually)	13 Sensitisation/Awareness Progra/Communication/ Short film/ TV Spots	26	50 Sensitisation/Awareness Progra/Communication/ Short film/ TV Spots annually	50 Sensitisation/Awareness Progra/Communication / Short film/ TV Spots annually conducted	100	More in 2023
	Documentation of best practices - translation, publishing and dissemination	0	Translations done in 2 languages	Not done	0	2 language translations		100	Planned in 2023
	e) Maintenance and running of the LVFO Website for the ECOFISH programme & for display and access to fisheries related data sets or Publication of same in yearly bulletins	0		4 quarterly publications in ECOFISH regional newsletter and 1 in the fishing industry newsletter Procured 1 audio-visual					100

Result Area / Working Package	Indicators	Baseline	Reporting period January 2020 – August 2022			End of the project			Remarks
			Target	Progress	%	Target	Progress	%	
				system for conference hall					
<i>Performance by Result</i>								22	

3.3.1 Key observations and recommendations

Out of 4 indicators only 3 have been partially implemented. The activity is however continuous and more C&V materials to be procured in 2023 and reported on in the next reporting period.

4.0 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Implementing Unit	Role
LVFO Secretariat	Coordination of Programme activities at regional level and follow up of implementation of Programme activities at national level with the Executive Secretary as Imprest Administrator, DFMD as Project Cordinator, DFAImprest Accounting officer to do Finance and Administration, Administrator for Project Administration, Accounts Assistant for Managing project funds, PIA for Project Internal Audit and one as Alternate Accounting Officer ECOFISH, Procurement Officer for procurements and Secretary for secretarial work
EU Contracting Authority	Act as Regional Authorizing Officer (RAO) of the European Development Fund (EDF) and delegates LVFO Secretariat with powers to implement activities under LVFO-ECOFISH Programme Estimate.
EU Delegation in the Republic of Mauritius	Responsible for the follow-up of the Programme and informs the EU Delegation in Uganda of missions and events regarding LVFO-ECOFISH implementation.
Programme Monitoring Committee (PMC)	LVFO will set up a PMC at the Secretariat. It will include at least the Deputy Executive Secretary, the Officer in charge of the Programme, the Head of the Finance and Administration and the Procurement Officer. The PMC will meet once every three months. The PMC will ensure proper operation of a monitoring and evaluation system for the financial, administrative and technical aspects of the programme. LVFO Secretariat will undertake the internal control function, including missions to the regional offices as may be required and attendance of activities implemented under the result area for the purpose of technical input, communication, administration, accounting and other control/ support functions.
Programme Steering Committee	Provide regular high-level policy guidance for efficient implementation. The Programme Steering Committee meets once a year.
National Focal Points (NFPs)	Liaison with the Head of the Fisheries Institutions and other stakeholders and contribute to the coordination of Programme activities in their country. NFPs also provide support to the organisation of seminars, meeting and workshops, as well as activities required to attain the expected results.
EU and EAC	Provide Budgeting and planning frameworks including audits
Beneficiaries	Beneficiaries have the right and the responsibility to know what is happening in the programme or project, which aspects need corrective action, what the results are, and which lessons can be learned and shared and can also provide information on what has been undertaken

5.0 MONITORING AND EVALUATION WORKPLAN

Period	Action
2020	Implementation of the start up
June 2021	Draft MER developed
September 2021	Presentation of the 1 st Progress Narrative Project Implementation report to IOC
August 2022	Review of the MER
September 2022	Presentation of the 2 nd Progress Narrative Project Implementation report to IOC
September 2022	Midterm evaluation
September 2023	Presentation of the 3 rd Progress Narrative Project Implementation report to IOC
2024	Reporting on Communication and visibility (for Result 1 and 2)
13 TH SEPTEMBER TO 12 TH MAY 2025	Closure reporting period

6.0 DATA AND INFORMATION FLOW AND MANAGEMENT

Monitoring data will flow from the field staff led by National Focal Point Officers to team leaders project manager and to the donor with the project manager giving feedback to resource users.

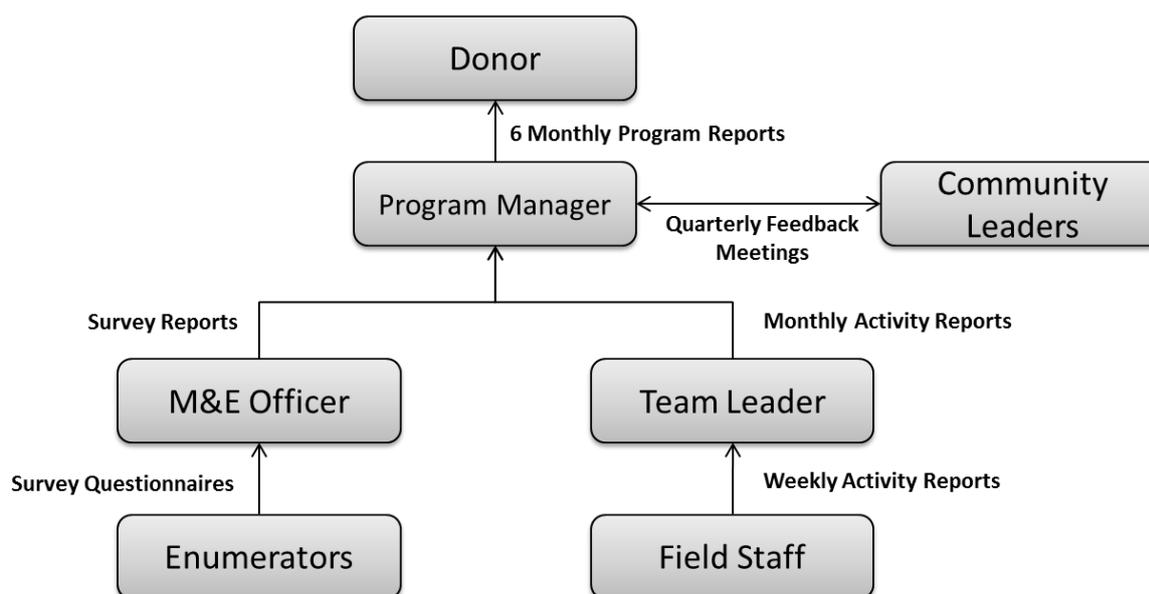


Fig1. Flow chart for the flow of data and information in the ECOFISH MERF

The data and information collected in the monitoring will be managed in accordance with the data and information management policy of LVFO

7.0 EMERGING ISSUES

There are a number of emerging issues in the implementation process as follows:

- Need for more funding to conduct a second Frame Survey that is falling within project life span but was not planned
- Sensitization on LVFO Convention to the Partner States of the East African Community and those not yet contracting parties to LVFO Convention i.e., Democratic Republic of

Congo, South Sudan and Rwanda in order to facilitate adoption of Regional Policies and Institutional Frameworks and secure more sustainable fisheries management and in line with the expanded scope and mandate of LVFO

- c) Consultancy services required to conduct a study to measure the strengths and management of the Nile perch fishery against the requirements of the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) Principles and criteria for certification
- d) Support to strengthen collaboration with other Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMOs) especially with the Lake Tanganyika Authority (LTA).
- e) Need for more resources to fund conservation of biodiversity hotspots
- f) Conflicts between Nile perch and Mukene/Daga fishers
- g) Need to support aquaculture as alternative livelihood option
- h) Support for setting up a regional MCS Unit with supporting satellite units on the lake

While submission has been made to IOC for reallocations there is need for innovative funding approaches to address the emerging issues. Some of these new areas may require inclusion in the M&ER framework once approved for support

8.0 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The overall performance as shown in the above analysis is generally positive and the project is largely on track as regards achievements of stated indicators outputs and results. Having been under implementation phase for about 3 years, the Project has made steady progress and despite the COVID 19 pandemic the indicators are on track to be achieved. There is need to closely support the communication and visibility component to address some of the emerging challenges in areas of sensitisation. The current midterm review should consider the new emerging issues.

9.0 PRAYER

The Mid-term review and IOC is expected to consider this M & E report and guide on implementation to ensure tangible results before project end. A no cost extension is also being advanced to cover up for delays of COVID 19 and un anticipated bilateral challenges that arose during implementation.

APPENDICE I : Programme Implementation Plan

Act. No.	Activities	Years									
		2020-2021		2021-2022		2022-2023		2023-2024			
RESU LT 1:	REGIONAL POLICIES AND INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORKS ARE ENHANCED TO SECURE MORE SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES MANAGEMENT										
A.1.1.	Evaluate and review existing management plans and/or develop and support the implementation of new management plans for species and/or fisheries of regional interest										
i)	Enhance the institutional, structural and legal frameworks of LVFO against the backdrop of expanded scope and mandate	X	X	X							
ii)	Review the performance of Lake Victoria Fisheries Management Plan-III (2016-2020) and draft Lake Victoria Fisheries Management Plan-IV (2021-2025)	X	X	X							
A.1.2.	Promote coherent regional registration and licensing frameworks in the small-scale inland and marine fisheries										
i)	Regional workshop to harmonize annual licensing of fisheries, fishing boats and fishers			X							
ii)	Expansion and updating of the existing fisheries database			X	X	X	X				
A.1.3.	Support the adoption and implementation of management measures aiming at protecting marine biodiversity with regional impacts										
i)	Mark and protect biodiversity hotspots and breeding/nursery areas in selected areas			X	X	X	X				
A.1.4.	Improve data collection and data management in support of more evidence based regional policies										
i)	Conduct lake wide Frame Survey on Lake Victoria	X	X								
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B.2.1.	Establishing and implementing a regional MCS system that encompasses among others, the development of regional guidelines or framework on fisheries licensing, the establishment of user rights-based management systems (control of open access)								
i)	Regional consultative high-level multi-stakeholders meeting to harmonize MCS operation on Lake Victoria			X					
ii)	Plan the implementation of Regional MCS operations		X						
iii)	Conducting MCS operations			X	X	X	X		
B.2.2	Building capacity to implement regional, cost-effective inland monitoring and surveillance programmes								
i)	Procurement and maintenance of equipment and supplies to support MCS operations	X	X						
B.2.3.	Supporting capacity building in Enforcement, Compliance and Prosecution procedures in the fisheries sector at national levels.								
i)	Training in enforcement, compliance and prosecution procedures in enforcement		X	X					
ii)	Facilitate national high-level policy dialogue on IUU fishing and sensitize fisher communities and lower-level leadership on importance of their roles in combating IUU		X						
	Communication and visibility (for Result 1 and 2)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X