



REPORT OF THE THIRD LVFO-ECOFISH PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING, 2ND – 3RD JUNE 2021, KABIRA COUNTRY CLUB, KAMPALA, UGANDA



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REPORT OF THE THIRD LVFO-ECOFISH PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING 2nd TO 3rd JUNE 2022.

1. INTRODUCTION

The third meeting of Lake Victoria Fisheries Organization (LVFO)-ECOFISH Project Steering Committee (PSC) was held from 2nd to 3rd June 2022 in Kampala, Uganda. The meeting considered progress of implementation of activities of 2021/22 and provided policy guidance on program implementation. The meeting was co-chaired by the current Chairperson of the Senior Officials and LVFO Executive Secretary.

The Project Steering Committee meeting was attended by: Directors of Fisheries Management from the Republic Uganda, and the United Republic of Tanzania; representatives of EU Delegation in Mauritius (Represented by Mr. Patrick Sseruyange- EU Delegation, Uganda); Representative of ECOFISH from Mauritius, representatives of Industry and regional Beach Management Unit networks, the Executive Secretary, Deputy Executive Secretary and Technical Staff of Lake Victoria Fisheries Organization. The meeting was conducted in hybrid mode with participants attending physically and others virtually. The purpose of the meeting was to provide high level policy guidance for efficient implementation of project activities. The list of participants is attached as *Annex I* and the programme was adopted and is attached as *Annex II*.

The specific objectives of the meeting were:

- a) To consider progress of implementation of project activities so far;
- b) To provide high-level policy guidance on project implementation

1.2 Expected outputs

- a) Updated status on progress of implementation of project activities disseminated to all implementers
- b) Policy guidance and direction on programme implementation offered to the project implementation team

2. OPENING PRAYER

The meeting started with a prayer led by Mrs. Joyce Ikwaput Nyeko from the Republic of Uganda.

3. OPENING REMARKS

3.1. Remarks by LVFO Executive Secretary

Dr. Shigalla B. Mahongo, LVFO Executive Secretary, welcomed participants to the third LVFO-ECOFISH Project Steering Committee meeting in Uganda. He noted that the “Contribution of Sustainable Fisheries to the Blue Economy of the Eastern Africa, Southern Africa and the Indian Ocean Region – ECOFISH programme” was very critical to the management and development of fisheries and aquaculture in the Lake Victoria region, the East African Community (EAC) at large and the international arena.

He informed Participants that ECOFISH programme came into force in September 2018 when an agreement was signed between the European Union and the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC). *LVFO*

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 overall objective of this ECOFIS program was to enhance equitable economic growth by promoting sustainable fisheries in the East African-South African-Indian Ocean (EA-SA-IO) region. The specific objective of the Programme on Lake Victoria **was to support sustainable management and development of fisheries resources**

He noted that after completion of the start-up phase, implementation of the 1st Programme Estimate (PE 1) started and as part of the project implementation arrangements, the LVFO-ECOFISH Project Steering Committee (PSC) was constituted with a role of offering high level policy guidance. The PSC membership was multi-sectoral with representation from Technical Heads of Fisheries Management and Development from Partner States (Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda), EU Delegations in Uganda and Mauritius, IOC Project Management team, Industry, Beach Management Unit Regional network, and LVFO staff. Since project inception, this is the 3rd PSC with first having been held on 24th January 2020 at Imperial Express Hotel, Kisumu, Kenya and the 2nd in Dar es-Salaam, Tanzania from 29th to 30th June 2021.

He informed members that, Euros 2 million allocation to LVFO had made it possible to implement regional activities aimed at harmonising fisheries management and development in line with the mandate of LVFO. He noted that the 1st PSC meeting considered the draft PE document structures and planned activities, Proposed communication and visibility activities and agreed on allowances to be applied during meetings/workshops and field activities while the 2nd PSC meeting policy provided guidance on project activities ranging from policy and institutional frameworks, fisheries management, frame survey, MCS and biodiversity conservation.

He informed members that some considerable progress has been made with some activities completed and others ongoing but noted that COVID-19 hampered project implementation at the national, regional and international including implementation in Uganda and at the Project Management Unit in Mauritius. Floods, floating islands and fish kills were another phenomenon on Lake Victoria that destabilised the lake ecosystem with great environmental and socio-economic impacts yet to be fully understood. He thanked the Directors of Fisheries Management and Development in the Partner States and all stakeholders for enduring the tough times and achieving the level of implementation attained then. He thanked the EU Delegation in Uganda and Mauritius for all the support and guidance provided to the LVFO implementing team and more so the financial support. He commended the project implementation team at LVFO for effort put in to make progress amidst the stated challenges and hoped that the 3rd PSC would further guide the project implementation to complete the activities in time while achieving the intended project outcomes.

3.2. Remarks by ECOFISH Representative from Mauritius

Dr. Sunil Sweenarain, The Technical Expert at ECOFISH in Mauritius informed members that he was happy to be in Kampala, Uganda to participate in this 3rd PSC meeting in his capacity but also representing the project team that were unable to attend physically. He reminded the members that we are here to review the performance achieve despite the known challenges. He emphasised the need to work together as our region and the need to strengthen our collaboration with Lake Tanganyika Authority to sustain the fisheries in our region.

3.3. Remarks by Representative from EU Delegation

Remarks were given Mr. Patrick Sseruyange who was representing the EU delegation. He welcomed all the participants to this important meeting that was a cross initiative of EU supporting both inland and marine fisheries. He noted that, this reflected the importance EU puts on fish based on its contribution to food security and sustainable development while preserving biodiversity and mitigating climate change. He informed members that fisheries and aquaculture development was the

best tool to balance food security and ECOFISH was designed to help us adopt the new normal requiring cost effective and result oriented approaches. He indicated that EU wanted to see how we plan to achieve more in the covid19 situation. He noted that most women and men were living under poverty and rely on natural resources for food and resilience.

3.4 Remarks by Lake Tanganyika Authority

Capitaine Dieudonne Dukundane who represented Lake Tanganyika Authority thanked LVFO for inviting them to this important meeting. He also thanked EU/ECOFISH for supporting this fisheries programme at LTA and LVFO. He informed members that Lake Tanganyika was shared between Zambia, Burundi and Tanzania and also emphasized the need to sustainably manage our waterbodies to meet the fish demand and supply to the population and industry. He noted that challenges needed to be taken as opportunities and getting more results in the little support available.

3.5 Chair of LVFO Senior Officials Committee

Mr. Emanuel Magese Bulayi, Chair of the Senior Officials thanked the almighty God who helped us to organize this very important meeting. He also thanked the facilitators EU/ECOFISH for supporting this PSC meeting physically and also thanked LVFO for coordinating ECOFISH activities. He highlighted that the Lake Victoria was the second largest Lake in the world, and that is why we need to put more effort on the management of this water body. He added that there were a lot of challenges and was glad ECOFISH was addressing IUU fishing. He thanked the BMU representative for participating in fisheries programs.

4. PRESENTATION ON PROGRESS REPORT AND GUIDANCE REQUIRED

4.1 Physical progress

Dr. Rukuunya Edward, The Director Fisheries Management and Development/Project Coordinator gave an overview of the issues discussed and noted at the 1st and 2nd PSC meetings. 1st PSC meeting considered: progress of the start-up PE, that included undertaking of a situation analysis, office partitioning; procurement of office equipment and one project vehicle.

The 2nd LVFO –ECOFISH PSC was reported to have considered the progress of FY 2020/21 guiding on completion of the legal framework analysis of the proposed East African Fisheries Organization (EAFO); review of the performance of FMPIII and formulation of FMPIV; Conducting lake wide Frame Survey on Lake Victoria 2020; Planning the implementation of Regional MCS operations, training in enforcement, compliance and prosecution procedures; facilitating national high-level policy dialogue on IUU fishing and sensitizing of fisher communities and lower-level leadership on importance of their roles in combating IUU; and marking and protection of biodiversity hotspots and breeding/nursery areas in selected areas.

Key issues of concern from the two meetings were: limited co-management activities; lack of Nile perch certification process; community participation in marking and protection of fish breeding areas; and limited resources for frame surveys.

The following progress was reported at this 3rd PSC meeting:

- a) Consultancy on legal framework analysis of the proposed EAFO was on going and national consultations had been conducted in the Burundi, Uganda, South Sudan and United Republic of Tanzania. ***The Republic of Kenya and Rwanda were yet to be consulted;***
- b) The Fisheries Management Plan IV had been finalised and was to be presented for approval at the next Fisheries and Aquaculture Sectoral Council of Ministers. ***Funding and innovative approaches were required to fully implement the plan;***

- c) Frame survey was reported conducted in December 2020 and the results were essential in MCS planning and development of the FMPIV. ***However, no resources to implement FS 2022;***
- d) MCS planning meeting was held in Homa Bay, Kenya in May 2021 followed by LVFO visits to Partner States to discuss with and came up with regionally harmonised approaches, timing, resources and human capacity required for MCS operations. ***Agreement reached on an action plan;***
- e) Procurement of equipment and supplies to support MCS operations was ongoing. ***Equipment to support MCS operations in Partner States;***
- f) Training in enforcement, compliance and prosecution procedures had been conducted in Homa Bay 19th to 20th May 2022 for Uganda and Tanzania; ***The Republic of Kenya was yet to be trained***
- g) Communication and visibility activities were ongoing in print and electronic media

The following activities were reported planned for implementation before September 2022:

- a) Conducting a regional workshop to harmonise annual licensing of fisheries, fishing boats and gear;
- b) Expansion and updating of the existing Fisheries Database;
- c) Regional meeting to harmonize protocols for marking of biodiversity hotspots and breeding/nursery areas in selected areas of Lake Victoria although funding was limited;
- d) 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; and
- e) Completion of National Stakeholder meetings on the review of the institutional framework for EAFO Kenya, Technical regional workshop to validate the institutional framework for EAFO and Multi-stakeholders high level meeting to initiate the process of institutional transformation into EAFO.

The following activities were reported for rolling out in 2022/23 (from September 2022):

- a) Expansion and updating of the existing Fisheries Database;
- b) Procurement of equipment, marking and demarcating fish breeding areas;
- c) Mark and protect biodiversity hotspots and breeding/nursery areas in selected areas;
- d) Conducting MCS operations; and
- e) Communication and visibility.

The following challenges were reported: COVID-19 pandemic made physical meetings unattainable; rises in water levels caused floods and weeds that made fishing activities difficult; non uniformity in enforcement systems in Partner States called for harmonisation before some activities are implemented; delayed recruitments for consultancies; long process of validation, audit and second PE funding approvals; changes in the economy leaving project facilitation rates so minimal; and bilateral fish trade related challenges hindering meeting participation in Partner States.

The following areas were proposed for funding either through reallocations or synergistic support or future consideration through midterm review: Conduct of Frame Survey 2022; Conservation of critical fish breeding areas; Consultancy on Nile perch certification; Nile perch/Small pelagic fish conflicts; and strengthening regional cooperation/LVFO-LTA collaboration.

4.2 Financial – Remaining activities and Budget in FY 2021/22

No.	Activities	Budget in EUROS
1	Enhance the institutional, structural and legal frameworks of LVFO against the backdrop of expanded scope and mandate	
	1 National and technical consultation meeting for Kenya	12,470
	1 regional technical meeting,	14,880
	1 multi-sectoral validation workshop	21,610
2	Training in enforcement, compliance and prosecution procedures	
	National Trainings in 3 Partner States (Kenya, Uganda and URT)	39,600
3	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);	
	3 National high-level dialogues (Kenya, Uganda, URT)	33,080
4	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)	
4.1	Regional consultative multi-stakeholders meeting to harmonize MCS operation on Lake Victoria	
	Regional multi-stakeholder's meetings	35,000
	Regional Training on specialized equipment	8,890

4.3 Financial - Activities and budget to be rolled FY 2022/23

	Activities	Budget (in EUROS)
Promote coherent regional registration and licensing frameworks in the small-scale inland fisheries		
1	Regionally coordinated annual licensing of fisheries, fishing boats and gears, 2 regional meetings	34,460
	Expansion and updating of the existing database	
	- Consultant - Regional Technical Training	10,040 11,230
2	Support the adoption and implementation of management measures aiming at protecting marine biodiversity with regional impacts.	
	Supporting national staff to visit the 60 breeding sites for sensitization and installation of marks	13,200
3. 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)		
3.1	Regional consultative multi-stakeholders meeting to harmonize MCS operation on Lake Victoria	
	1 Regional multi-stakeholders meeting	35,000
	2. Conducting MCS operations	19,800

4.4 Financial Performance to date:

The ECOFISH Project accountant reported that the total imprest component was Euros 1,860,705 of which Programme Estimate No.1 was Euro 602,181.62 and Programme Estimate No.2 received Euro 626,476.76 on 31st March 2022. The Total Expenditure was Euros 119,604.80 equal to 19.09% of total funds received in PE2 as 1st June 2022 and the cash balance was Euro 506,871.96.

4.5 Presentation on the Training of Trainers on Enforcement, Compliance and Prosecution.

The consultant Mr. Odul Charles presented on the short-term consultancy to support the capacity building on enforcement, compliance and prosecution procedures and indicated that a three-day Training of Trainers was organized by LVFO in Homa Bay from 19th to 21st May 2022. It was attended by participants from Uganda and Tanzania. The training was heavily participatory with the participants enriching the discussions in many topics that were floated for discussions. He highlighted the approach to the training, major topics and the training manual developed.

4.6 Presentation on EAFO

Mr. Sam Watasa from Food Safety Associates (U) Limited presented the outcome of stakeholder consultation on the proposed transformation of LVFO to EAFO highlighting LVFO Member States, Mandate / Objectives /Vision/Mission, Scope, Collaboration with other Regional Bodies, Emerging Issues for Considerations and Status of Progress. He noted that while the scope was being limited to the current contracting parties; the amendment to the convention expanded membership to all Partner States of the EAC and mandate of LVFO to all the water bodies of the East African Community making it inevitable to consider further amendments to the convention and subsequently change of name of LVFO to reflect its new mandate as an EAC Institution responsible for the management of fisheries, aquaculture and fish trade in the EAC region.

Some of the issues observed included:

- Should the LVFO name be changed to cover its new geographical scope and mandate?
- Some concerns remain that need to be addressed on the linkages between LVFO and other Institutions with '*almost similar mandates*' like Lake Victoria Basin Commission (LVBC); EAC Sectoral Council on Agriculture and Food Security (SCAFS), and EAC Sectoral Council on Environment and Natural Resources Management (SCENR);
- Should LVFO be fully mainstreamed into the EAC?
- Should LVFO's mandate include management of fisheries resources of minor and satellite lakes and water bodies within Partner States or only transboundary water bodies like Lake Victoria? What about riverine and wetland fisheries?
- Should LVFO's mandate include management of marine and coastal fisheries resources?
- Should the convention be maintained? May be YES -Keeping the Convention may keep LVFO semi-autonomous with a secretariat and at the same level with other Regional Fisheries Management Organizations where collaborative MoUs can be made like LTA-LVFO.
- Should LVFO increase its structure broadly to match its expanded mandate? Is a new structure required or can filling the current approved positions suffice?
- LVFO-LVBC Linkages – are the two institutions overlapping in mandates, should they be merged?

The following were highlighted as emerging issues: Low appreciation of contribution of Lake Victoria fisheries to the GDP of EAC Partner States; regional harmonization of approaches vs Partner States' implementation modalities i.e., in enforcement arrangements; change of name (LVFO to EAFO) remains an emotionally & controversially static issue – some proposals for a new name have come up; while other members propose focusing on management of Lake Victoria fisheries resources.

4.7 LVFO-LTA Presentation

Dr. Sunil presented on the LVFO-LTA collaboration including the scope to cover sharing Knowledge: scientific, economic, socio-anthropologic (Traditional and Indigenous); exchange of fisheries information and strategic intelligence (Fisheries Information Management System for evidence-based policy making and management decisions); organisational culture and institutional memory: sharing of lessons learned, best practices; policy alignment and one voice; capacity (human and technical) building, including deputation of experts and technicians, training and field works; Joint projects, resource mobilisation and partnership and awareness-raising.

He also highlighted the genesis as having been existence of an initial LVFO – LTA collaborative arrangement that expired, but after tangible progress. This was followed by joint meetings and brainstorming on a new collaborative arrangement with areas for collaboration identified; Community of Practices were also organised on the side line of ECOFISH SC Meeting at Lusaka (Zambia) in March 2022 and a visit of Ecofish TC to LTA and LVFO to identify basic / practical areas of effective collaboration. Next is now Operationalisation of the LVFO-LTA collaborative arrangement on a strong footing to demonstrate the value-added and in-depth inventory on the needs and gaps, including the comparative advantage, complementary and supplementary – needs and gaps.

He proposed the way forward as: Defining the ToR to hire a STE/NKE to undertake engineering the Collaboration in terms of annual and inter-annual work plan; Identifying internal resources to support the initiative – no regret policy or no additional cost (virtual meeting and platforms, documentation and archives (public domain); External support from current programmes / project, including ECOFISH) to enhance effective collaboration and cooperation; Mobilisation of additional resources through the formulation of a Concept Notes / Project proposal and Ecofish to support the take-off of the initiative through Service Contract Framework and Result 1.1 Effective Collaboration & Cooperation (cross-cutting)

The following immediate actions were proposed: Designation of a Focal Point by each institution; Define the ToR and launching of the STE/NKE; Broader consultation, involving key stakeholders, Funding Agencies and Development Partners; Establish multidisciplinary Working Group to promote and monitor the operationalisation of the joint collaboration. At least one physical meeting should be held annually on the side line of a major event during ECOFISH. Initiative to be also supported by EU-Funded FishGov2 and AFRIPAAS and to link with relevant REC and AU Agencies (AUDA-NEPAD & AU-IBAR) to integrate the African Fisheries institutional ecosystem.

4.8 Presentation on Transforming the African Fisheries Theory of Change

Dr. Sunil presented on the Transforming the African Fisheries Theory of Change with an objective to enhance sustainable management of inland and marine fisheries to contribute to the Blue Economy of Eastern Africa – Southern Africa and the Indian Ocean (EA-SA-IO) region. The theory of change was to unleash the development potentials of sustainable fisheries to contribute to the economic, social and ecological goals of the UN Agenda 2030 and Africa we want 2063; to reconnect the fisheries sector to the regional national political economies and to leverage regional collaboration & Cooperation to empower institutional stakeholders to drive a wealth management approach.

4.9 Concept and Methodology on Bluing the Lake Fisheries

Dr. Sunil presented on the Concept and Methodology on Bluing the Lake Fisheries highlighting the key drivers of sustainable development, facts on the Lake Victoria basin, where Fisheries Development meets fisheries Management including its flow chart, the concept of sustainable development, key impact assessment approaches, blue economy satellite accounts, refining and characterisation of small scale fisheries and Unleashing the development potentials of sustainable fisheries for the Transformation of the EA-SA-IO region.

4.10 Press Conference

A press conference was held as part of the communication and visibility plan. The following arose from the information disseminated by the representative of LTA, BMU Representative, ECOFISH Technical Expert Mauritius, Director Fisheries Uganda and Tanzania, LVFO Deputy Executive Secretary and Industry representative

No.	Issue	Response
1	How far is the bi-lateral fish trade issue between Uganda and Kenya	The matter was now resolved and framework put in place which would be launched soon.
2	What new strategies are there for controlling illegalities	We have harmonised approached to work in a multi-agency approach with a synchronised approach
3	How are grassroot communities involved in policy	The BMUs are represented at policy levels right from grassroot vertically to the top
4	NBS -- How big was the problem of reduction of fish stocks	The stocks have reduced by 50% i.e., Nile perch from 1m to 500,000, Dagua reduced by about 30% and haplochromines showed some small rise
5	UBC – What level of destruction was by the fish kills	
6	UBC – What is the effect of plastics on the fishery	Plastic pollution is a world-wide problem but so far, no much impact on the fish because the concentrations have not reached critical levels. Danger is now on micro plastics that can bioaccumulate in the fish. Studies on but our fish still safe. Proper disposal is needed

5.0 Discussion

The PSC Noted and provided the following guidance:

- a) The PSC recommend that LVFO does an analysis of the available budget vis viz the spent monies to guide on where reallocations can be made. Consideration should look at activities not implemented that could be reprioritized, check where savings can be made in case of price changes or overbudgeting; completed activities with savings, highlight proposed activities for consideration in reallocation mainly FS, Fish breeding areas and Nile perch certification. The

report should be ready in 5 days and virtually presented to Director of Fisheries in Partner States for final approval before submission to EU for consideration (**Annex 3**)

- b) The PSC noted the LVFO LTA collaboration and welcomed the collaborative initiatives and considered it good for a wider area of collaboration in the EAC and beyond since Lake Tanganyika is shared also with Zambia and DRC having come on board. The meeting also noted the existing initiatives for the Memorandum of Cooperation between LVFO and LTA.
- c) The meeting resolved those issues of conflicts between Nile perch and small pelagic fishers be handled by LVFO and Partner States through the new IFAD Project to be launched soon.
- d) The PSC recommended that the Training of enforcement and prosecution should realign with the existing EAC legal frameworks and procedures and in view of LVFO harmonized management guidelines and policy. The PSC noted the training had only covered Uganda and Tanzania and recommended ensuring that Kenya is brought on board for this training and other Partner States activities where they were not represented.
- e) Recommended continued packaging of vital data and information as a process to help in attracting resources to implement the Fisheries Management Plan IV
- f) Management of fisheries should not target marketing the fish but also focus on managing behavior of the resource users including considerations for alternative livelihoods
- g) The consultant of EAFO was guided that he should continue with consultations, noting areas where there is consensus and where no consensus such areas can be considered by the multisectoral council. LVFO could also be left as a stand-alone institution to handle Lake Victoria issues and then a unit created to handle issues of expanded mandate. The Convention could also be amended to create a separate body to handle expanded mandate. Experience could be borrowed from IUCEA, CASOA that remain semiautonomous;
- h) PSC noted that all the necessary documentation required for the audit should be submitted to EU to ensure no ineligible declared by the audit team. A case was noted where the 2020 PSC recommended opening of accounts in Partner States for ease of operation. It was noted that Partner States are Competent Authorities and can manage funds effectively for project operations. It was recommended that LVFO should write to EU requesting for clarity and referring to the previous minutes and indicating the need to continue using the same bank accounts in Partner States for other similar activities i.e. National MCS operations;
- i) The project at midterm review state and hence the need to start focusing what kind of future project we can have.

Closing remarks

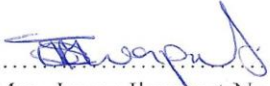
The Chair thanked all members and the LFVO for continuously coordinating the ECOFISH activities. He noted that LVFO was doing great work and also thanked the Partner States for effectively implementing and participating in the PSC meeting.

The Co-Chair - Executive Secretary Dr. Shigalla Mahongo thanked all members for participating, thanked industry for attendance and LTA for being ready for the collaboration and requested the representative to link more with LVFO staff to strengthen collaboration activities. He thanked the BMU representative for dedicated participation and LVFO staff for the organisation. He thanked Dr. Sunil the ECOFISH technical expert for the nice presentations on the LTA collaboration and blue economy. He hoped that such linkages would be used to formulate another project to sustain the initiatives and lesson learnt.

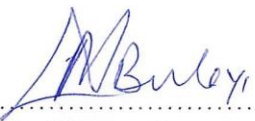
6.0 Adoption

The report of the 3rd LVFO-ECOFISH Project Steering Committee Meeting was adopted on 3rd June 2022.


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**Annex II: PROGRAMME FOR THE THIRD LVFO-ECOFISH PROJECT
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING, KAMPALA, UGANDA**

WEDNESDAY, 1ST June 2022 – Travel to Kampala, Uganda		
THURSDAY: 2ND JUNE 2022		
<i>Time</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Responsibility</i>
8.30 - 9.00 a.m.	Registration	LVFO Secretariat
9.00 - 9.30 a.m.	Prayer Introductions Welcoming Remarks LVFO Secretariat Remarks IOC Remarks EU Remarks from LTA Remarks by Chair LVFO Senior Officials	ES, LVFO
9.30 – 10.30 a.m.	Presentation of LVFO-ECOFISH progress report on result areas 1 and 2	PC/LVFO
10.30 – 11.00 a.m.	General Discussion	Members of Steering committee
11.00 - 11.30 a.m.	<i>TEA BREAK</i>	
11.30 – 12.00 p.m.	Progress of the legal and institutional framework analysis of the proposed East African Fisheries Organization (EAFO)	Consultant
12.00 – 1.00 p.m.	Discussions	Members of Steering committee
1.00 – 2.00 p.m.	<i>LUNCH</i>	
2.00 – 2.30 p.m.	Development and implementation of the Lake Victoria Fisheries Management Plan-IV (2021-2025)	PC/LVFO
2.30 – 3.00 p.m.	Discussions	Members of Steering committee
3.00 – 3.30 p.m.	- Planning the implementation of Regional MCS operations - Training in enforcement, compliance and prosecution procedures in enforcement, compliance and prosecution procedures	Consultant/ virtually
3.30 – 4.00 p.m.	Facilitating national high-level policy dialogue on IUU fishing and sensitizing of fisher communities and lower-level leadership on importance of their roles in combating IUU	PC/LVFO
4.00 – 5.00 p.m.	Discussions	Members of Steering committee
5.00 p.m.	<i>EVENING TEA</i>	

FRIDAY: 3rd JUNE 2022		
<i>Time</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Responsibility</i>
8.30 – 9.00 a.m.	Registration	LVFO Secretariat
9.00 – 9.30 a.m.	Marking and protection of biodiversity hotspots and breeding/nursery areas in selected areas	PC/LVFO
9.30 – 10.00 a.m.	Discussions	Members of Steering committee
10.00 – 10.30 a.m.	Highlight on the LVFO/LTA collaboration	Dr. Sunil/IOC
10.30 – 11.00 a.m.	Discussions	Members of Steering committee
11.00 - 11.30 a.m.	TEA BREAK	
11.30 – 1.00 p.m.	Press Briefing	LVFO Secretariat and IOC
1.00 – 2.00 p.m.	LUNCH	
2.00 – 2.30 p.m.	Covid19 related challenges	Members of Steering committee
2.30 – 3.00 p.m.	Closing remarks	ES/ LVFO
3.00 p.m.	EVENING TEA	