

National Training and Capacity Building Workshop on policies and strategies to Upgrade and Diversify the Fish Exports of Mozambique

Matola
26-30 November, 2015

Background

With a contribution of 3-4% to the GDP and around 20% of the population depending on fishing as part of their income and subsistence, Mozambique's fishery industry plays a crucial role in the overall economy. The country possesses vast fishery resources and a fisheries sector with a great potential to expand in both domestic and foreign markets. Small-scale fisheries are the most important fisheries segment in terms of volume as well as in contribution to the national economy, food security and poverty alleviation, especially for the extensive portion of the population. However, a broad range of demand and supply side constraints act as hindrance to the further development of the sector. The main demand side constraints, impairing the development of small-scale fisheries, include compliance to increasingly challenging and complex international standards of major fish importing economies. Food safety and quality standards in the fish sector in major importing countries are the most stringent barriers limiting market access and market entry. The dominant share of traditional or artisanal fishing, as compared to industrial fishing, further compounded the challenges of meeting market requirements in importing countries. Furthermore, institutional and infrastructure related challenges facing Least Developed Countries (LDCs), such as Mozambique, are the main supply side constraints responsible for the weak productive capacities of countries such as Mozambique to meet international safety and quality standards.

Against this background, UNCTAD is organizing the above-mentioned training and capacity building workshop in Matola, Mozambique. The workshop, which is funded through the United Nations Development Accounts, covers five Least Developed Countries, including Mozambique, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Comoros and Uganda. It intends to upgrade the technical knowledge and expertise in beneficiary countries to overcome challenges posed by weak supply capacities and complex international food safety and quality standards on fish exports.

The workshop, involving two main segments - technical and policy level - aims to address four broad issues: *(i)* ways and means to sustainably tap into the potential of the fisheries sector through diversification and structural transformation of the sector; *(ii)* Sharing best practices and successful experiences from other developing countries on how to take advantage of growing global demand in fish, including through aquaculture; *(iii)* policies and strategies to enhance the role of the fisheries sector in socio-economic development of Mozambique; and, *(iv)* ways and means to effectively address the challenges of meeting international fish quality and safety standards. The meeting is expected to enrich and validate a manual on ***Improving national standards in compliance with international sanitary and phytosanitary standards***, prepared by UNCTAD, which will serve as background document and a basis on which discussions will take place.

Workshop objectives

Part 1 – Technical working session

The objective of this part is to allow an in-depth technical discussion on the problems posed by weak supply capacities and complex international standards. Key participants will be technical people, from private and public institutions dealing with the fishery sector, fishermen, experts in fish inspection, exporters, etc. with practical and technical knowledge about trade, development policies and international standards pertaining to food quality and safety. Participants will be exposed to the most important challenges, opportunities and potential in fishery exports as well as offered hands-on training on key aspects of improving national food safety and safety standards.

The manual on ***Improving national standards in compliance with international sanitary and phytosanitary standards***, prepared by UNCTAD, will serve as background document and a basis on which discussions will take place.

Part 2 – Meeting at the level of policy makers, advisors and practitioners

The session is focusing on sharing information and increasing awareness as well as understanding of key policy makers on issues related to formulating and implementing diversification policies and export promotion strategies, with a particular focus on the fish sector. This aims to sensitize a broad range of stakeholders, including government officials, in order for them to understand their roles and required actions to sustainably upgrade and diversify fish exports of Mozambique by improving international standards. The segment will also explore ways and means of implementing the UNCTAD manual on improving national standards in compliance with international sanitary and phytosanitary standards.

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Segment I. Technical or expert level Session (Day 1)

08:30-09:00 **Registration**

09:00-09:30 **Welcome and introduction**

Mrs. Ana Paula Baloi, Director of the National Institute for Fisheries Inspection of Mozambique

Mr. Taffere Tesfachew, Director, Division for Africa, LDCs and special programmes, UNCTAD

Session I:	Policies and strategies for export diversification and structural economic transformation; the role of fisheries and the impact of international quality and safety standards with implications for Mozambique
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09:30-10:00 **Challenges, opportunities and prospects for diversification and structural economic transformation: Policy implications for Mozambique**

Mr. Taffere Tesfachew, Director, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes, UNCTAD

10:00-10:30 **Taping the potential of sub-regional and regional trading opportunities: policy options and implications for Mozambique's fishery exports**

Mr. Mussie Delelegn, Chief, Landlocked Developing Countries' Section, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes, UNCTAD

10:30-11:00 **Coffee/Tea break**

11:00-11:30 **The implications of sanitary and phytosanitary agreement; challenges in sanitary licensing for artisanal fisheries of Mozambique**

Mr. Rosário Herminio, Head of Sofala INIP Delegation

11:30-12:00 **Challenges and opportunities to meet International food quality and safety standards in Mozambique: national priorities and local limitations to address the challenges**

Mr. Carlos Riquixo, UNCTAD national Consultant

12:00-12:30 **Interactive discussions and summing up**

12:30-14:00 **Lunch break**

Session II:	Global demand and supply trends of fisheries export, the role of fisheries in socio-economic development: Policies and strategies to address economic and environmental sustainability
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- 14:00-14:30 **Demand and supply analysis of fisheries exports with implications for Mozambique**
Mr. Mussie Delelegn, Chief, Landlocked Developing Countries' Section, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes, UNCTAD
- 14:30-15:00 **Options available for a regional fisheries commission to advance national compliance with sanitary and phytosanitary standards among its member countries**
Mr. Aubrey Harris, Ag. FAOR and Senior Fisheries Officer
- 15:00-15:30 **Experiences and best practices from other least developed countries in tapping fisheries potential: policy lessons of relevance to the case of Mozambique**
Mr. Mussie Delelegn, Chief, Landlocked Developing Countries' Section, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes, UNCTAD
- 15:30-16:00 **Coffee/Tea break**
- 16:00-17:00 **Interactive discussions and summing up**
- 18:00 **Cocktail**

End of the first day of the technical session

Segment I Technical or expert level Session (Day 2)

Session III:	Introduction to UNCTAD's manual on improving national standards in compliance with international sanitary and phytosanitary standards
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09:30-10:00 **Scope, purpose and technical aspect of the manual**

Mr. Taffere Tesfachew, Director, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes, UNCTAD

10:00-10:30 **Challenges in the certification of fishery products of Mozambique**

Mrs. Lucia Sumbana, Head of INIP Delegation in Maputo Province

10:30-11:00 **Coffee/Tea break**

11:00-11:30 **Aquaculture: What can Mozambique learn from the successful experiences of other developing countries?**

Mr. Mussie Delelegn, Chief, Landlocked Developing Countries' Section, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes, UNCTAD

11:30-12:00 **Institutional and technical capacities of Mozambique to meet international standards: Challenges and opportunities**

Mr. Carlos Alberto Morais, Head of Fish Inspection Laboratory - in the Sofala INIP Delegation -Beira

12:00-12:30 **Interactive discussions and summing up**

12:30-14:00 **Lunch break**

Session IV:	The way forward: Significance of the manual to Mozambique and guidance on how to mainstream and incorporate it in national export development strategies.
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14:00-14:30 **Regulations and standards on fish safety and quality and their impact on LDC fish exporters: Implications for Mozambique.**

Mr. Taffere Tesfachew, Director, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes, UNCTAD

14:30-15:00 **Overview of key international food quality and safety standards with implication to fishery exports of Mozambique**

Mr. Mussie Delelegn, Chief, Landlocked Developing Countries' Section, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes, UNCTAD

15:00-16:00 **Priority actions in meeting international quality and safety standards: the case of Mozambique. Roundtable discussions**

Moderator: To be confirmed

Mr. Taffere Tesfachew, Director, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes, UNCTAD

Mr. Mussie Delelegn, Chief, Landlocked Developing Countries' Section, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes, UNCTAD

Mrs. Lucia Sumbana, Head of INIP Delegation in Maputo Province

Mr. Raul Fernandes, Head of Sanitary Licensing Department in the National Institute for Fish Inspection-Maputo

Mr. Carlos Alberto Morais, Head of Fish Inspection Laboratory - in the Sofala INIP Delegation -Beira

Mr. Carlos Riquixo, UNCTAD national Consultant

16:00-16:30 **Coffee/Tea Break**

16:30-17:30 **Continuation of the roundtable discussions**

17:30-18:00 **Interactive discussions and summing up**

End of segment I

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Segment II. High Level Consultation (30 November 2015)

- 08:30-9:00 **Registration**
- 09:00-09:30 **Opening session**
- *Opening remarks: Official from the Government to be confirmed*
 - *Report of segment I: Mr. Taffere Tesfachew, Director, Division for Africa, LDCs and special programmes, UNCTAD and senior official from Mozambique*
- 09:30-10:00 **Why upgrading exports matter and what are the key policies and strategies to enhance the role of fisheries in economic development?**
- Mr. Mussie Delelegn, Chief, Landlocked Developing Countries' Section, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes, UNCTAD*
- 10:00-10:30 **Quality and safety standards and the key regulations and institutional set up necessary to improve such standards in Mozambique**
- Mr. Carlos Riquixo, UNCTAD national Consultant*
- 10:30-11:00 **Coffee/Tea break**
- 11:00-11:30 **Scope, purpose and coverage of UNCTAD's manual and mainstreaming and incorporating it in national export development strategies: proposed implementation.**
- Mr. Mussie Delelegn, Chief, Landlocked Developing Countries' Section, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes, UNCTAD*
- 11:30-12:00 **Interactive discussions and reflection on the way forward**
- 12:00-12:30 **Wrap up and closing remarks**
- Mr. Taffere Tesfachew, Director, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes, UNCTAD*
- 12:30-14:00 **Lunch break**

End of Segment II
