



# **THE ROLE OF FISH-I AFRICA TASKFORCE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST FISHERIES CRIMES IN THE WIO REGION**

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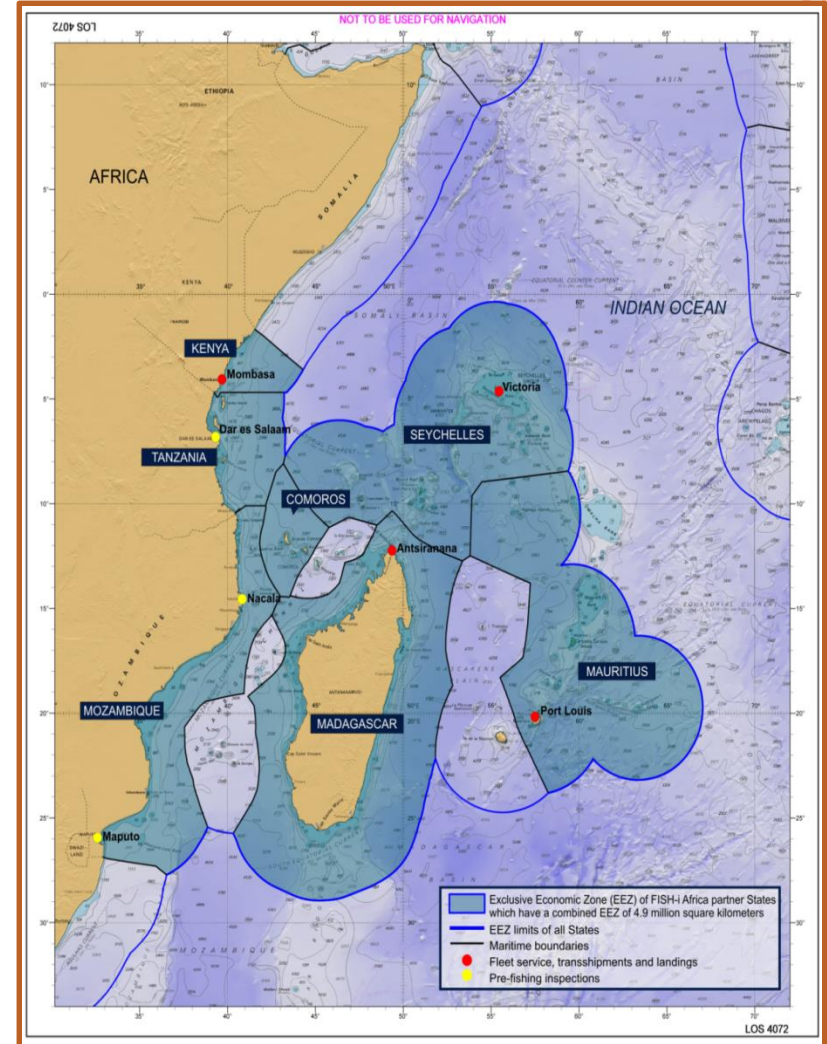
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# BACKGROUND

- The Fish-i Taskforce comprises of WIO coastal States as members.
- The States include: Comoros, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique, Seychelles and United Republic of Tanzania (>5 million sq. km of EEZs)
- It is a regional initiative of the Stop Illegal Fishing (SIF) working group of the NEPAD, with funding from Pew Charitable Trusts. The NFDS and FACT provide the technical backup.
- Advisory team: IOTC, IOC-SmartFish, Others.



## MODE OF OPERATION

- To achieve the FISH-i objectives, taskforce members have already made commitments to:
  - Cooperate
  - Collaborate
  - Share MCS intelligence



MCS

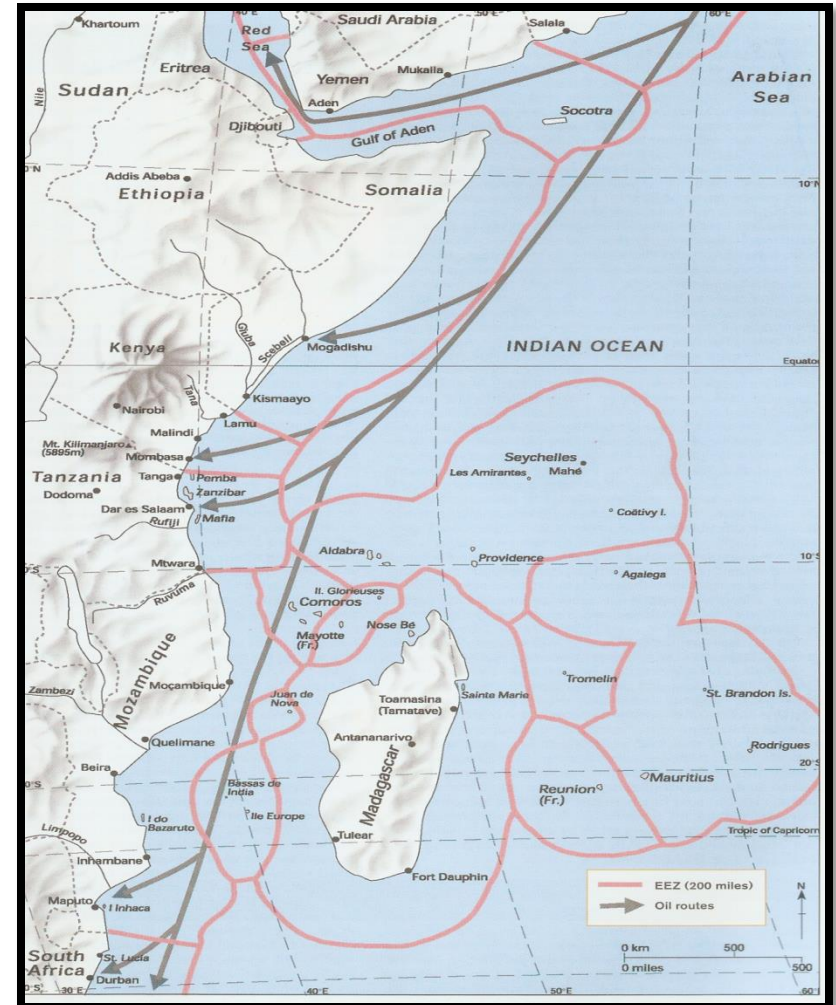


COOPERATION



# WHAT COUNTRIES SHARE

- Fishing vessel license lists
- Fishing vessel movements, including suspected IUU vessels
- Vessel photos and identities
- Vessel information and history





- INTERPOL red and purple alerts/ notices
- Regional, monthly fishing media news
- IUU lists from other RFMOs and other organizations e.g. the Paris MOUs white, grey and black list



## EXAMPLES OF SUCCESSES

- Regional action to deny license and port services to the Korean flagged FV Premier (now FV Adria)
- The case of the FV Thunder
- Kenya: Denial of port services to the then Tanzanian flagged FV Lucky Star

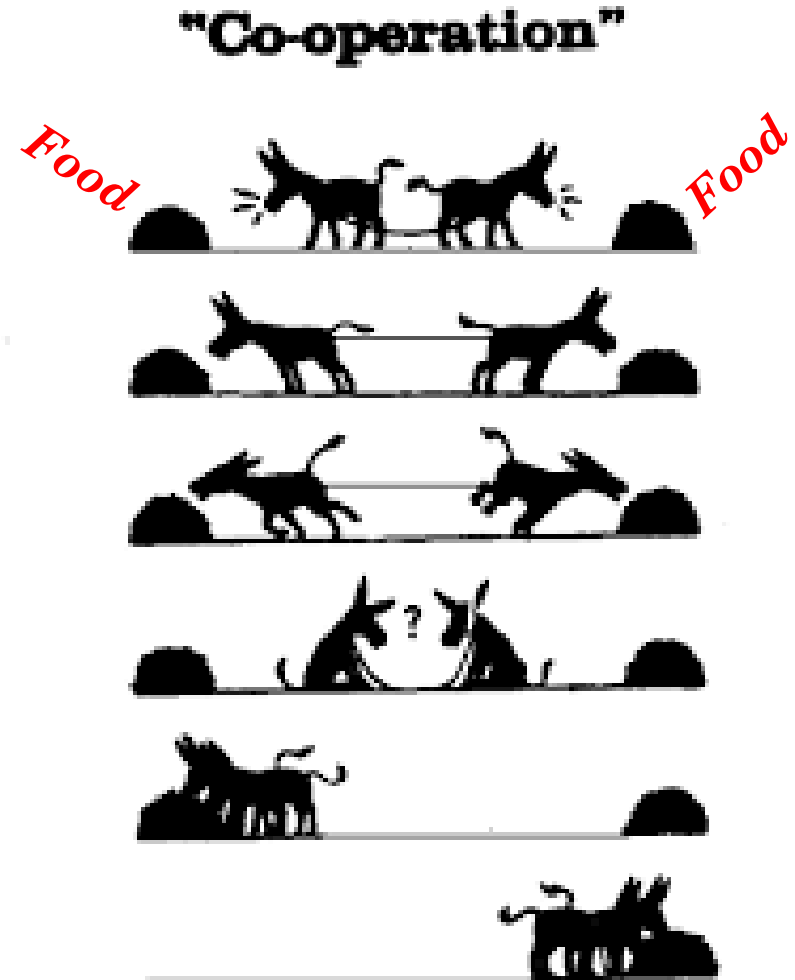


- Kenya: Cross-checking on the status of all vessels prior to licensing
- Vessels on the run (fugitives) that can't 'just' dock in WIO: FV Berkat Menjala No. 23, FV Samudera Pacific No. 8, and FV Kunlun



# FUTURE PROSPECTS

- Incorporate other countries into the taskforce e.g. Somalia, South Africa, French Reunion, Maldives
- Share VMS data
- Standardize our MCS procedures , including SOPs: licensing, inspections, observer, surveillance
- More and more cooperation





# THANKS TO:



1. Fish-i Task Force member countries
2. Pew Charitable Trusts
3. Fish-i Africa technical team (SIF)

*The war against IUU fishing must continue:  
“Aluta Continua”*

