

SOUTH WEST INDIAN OCEAN TUNA FORUM -SWIOTUNA

WESTERN INDIAN OCEAN PARTNERS MEETING

30TH/31ST AUGUST 2021



South West Indian Ocean Tuna Forum

ABOUT US

- SWIOTUNA is a regional marine-related network legally registered in Kenya(in 2019) as an international Non Governmental Organization
- It's membership(40) consists of civil society organizations, community based organizations and the Private sector
- The members are from Madagascar, Seychelles, Comoros, Mozambique, South Africa, Tanzania, Mauritius and Kenya.

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- The network is an advocacy-focused and knowledge sharing network.
 - The aim being to influence, shape and lobby for effective fisheries and marine resources conservation and management policies and programs as well as transparent and accountable ocean governance processes in the SWIO region and to empower coastal communities and country-level latent networks through self-organizing, communicative and collective action.
 - This means, as a regional network, SWIOTUNA creates, supports and leverages country-level fisheries-related networks. It aims to reach out to the marginalized interests of fisher communities, create space to address fisheries and other marine ecosystems issues and create a platform for improved access to information, social learning, shared understanding and interests as well as for collective action.

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- Since its inception in 2010, SWIOTUNA has been meeting regularly to address the tuna fisheries and other marine issues by strengthening the coordination, collaboration, capacity building and collective voice of civil society and private sector in sustainable natural resource management and development, thereby benefitting local coastal communities in respective countries and the region as a whole
 - It plays multifaceted roles within marine fisheries, coastal and ocean governance by facilitating knowledge exchange and dissemination, and building the capacity of individuals and institutions to address problems and improve natural resources governance.
 - Governing Body -7 members and membership -40 institutions , 7 working committees and secretariat

VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

Vision:

An empowered and vibrant regional non-state actors (NSAs) forum contributing to sustainable development and management of marine fisheries resources for enhanced socio-economic benefits to the communities and respective countries in the South West Indian Ocean (SWIO) region.

Mission:

Creating critical mass of non-state actors (NSAs) and building their capacity to actively and collectively engage in influencing fisheries policy reforms and practices that promote stock sustainability, equitable benefit sharing and human rights based approaches in the SWIO region.

OUR WORK

- SWIOTUNA has played an active role in the formulation of the policy framework and Reform strategy for fisheries and aquaculture in Africa led by the African Union
- SWIOTUNA has further consolidated its position at the regional level on fisheries related aspects including having an active role in the development of the Policy Framework and reform strategy for fisheries and Aquaculture in Africa (PFRSF)

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- SWIOTUNA and its members has further consolidated its position at the regional level on fisheries related aspects, including having an active role in the development of the Confederation of Fishers in Africa being spearheaded by the African Union
 - Participation and representation during the sustainable blue economy conference
 - Has observer status - Indian Ocean Tuna Commission



IN TERMS OF COVID 19

- Liaise with respective country nodes to implement our work
- Changed our capacity building intervention style
- Leverage on technology to implement our work
- Interact through social media platforms
- Work in countries that have opened up for physical meetings
- Provision of PPE – Mask, sanitizer and facemask in case of physical meetings

OUR SUPPORT

- WWF –Madagascar
- WWF-Mozambique

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