

## Group discussion

### Mitigating fisheries impacts on vulnerable species and critical habitats

1. **Reduce pressure on fisheries and ecosystems**
  - Promote alternative livelihoods to reduce destruction of habitats and effects on species (around women and gleaning of sea cucumbers). Enhancing the value chain to reduce overfishing of invertebrates. Mariculture- Mostly targeting the women
  - Diversification of aquaculture products- high value species. Integrated farming- seaweeds and fish. Gives time for the wild stocks to re-generate
2. **Support the fishers with less destructive gears thinking of trade-offs-** collaboration to encourage choice of gear by the fishers and how to maintain the catches after gear exchange.
3. **IUCN Redlisting does not trickle down to the local communities-** awareness to fishers even on issues of overfishing
4. Monitoring of resources
5. Enforcement and compliance of existing regulations- gears
6. **Capacity building, awareness and research-** potential for collaboration

### Issue/gap: Low financing capacity by the fishermen to practice sustainable fishing

Gap	Collaboration	Examples of collaboration	Steps to enable the establishment	Specific knowledge	Tangible outputs
<b>Ocean financing</b> - Move the fishers from the inshore areas to offshore areas, semi-industrial -enabling them move to advanced fishing methods, gears and equipment	-Communities (fishers) -commercial sector (banks) - National Government -Training institutions	Zanzibar (collaboration between Cooperative and Rural Development Bank and the National Government) -revolving funds (have to pay back- the bank follows up on the loan)	-community consultation - capacity building and awareness for the communities -resource evaluation, research (pelagic species); ecological and socio-economic aspects - access to better market (market access)	- understand the community structure (bank and government) - traditional practices of the community	- improved fishing capacity -improved income -reduced pressure in inshore areas giving time for the critical habitats to recover

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