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WORKING TOWARDS A RESILIENT, SUSTAINABLE AND THRIVING GLOBAL FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE SECTOR

The global surge in demand for aquatic food presents challenges to the sustainability of fisheries and aquaculture sectors, impacting ecosystems and resources. Issues such as overfishing, weak regulations and environmental threats persist, particularly in the Global South. The rapid growth of aquaculture, while meeting food demand, brings concerns of habitat degradation, disease outbreaks and environmental impact, a situation further exacerbated by climate change. In response, the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries (MOF) of the Republic of Korea collaborated with FAO, initiating a project to enhance the sustainability of fisheries and aquaculture.



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WHAT DID THE PROJECT DO?

MOF entered into a number of collaborations with FAO to address the challenges faced by fisheries and aquaculture. Five Korean officers worked as secondees throughout present project. Typically, over a period of three years, they performed tasks and played a bridging role between MOF and FAO's Fisheries and Aquaculture Division. In particular, beginning in 2020, the Korea FAO Sustainable and Innovative Fisheries and Aquaculture Programme (KOFAP) was launched to provide an opportunity to systematically promote bilateral cooperation projects.

The project contributed to developing and supporting a range of other FAO-implemented fisheries and aquaculture projects in a range of countries, including the United Republic of Tanzania and Kiribati.

KEY FACTS

Latest Approved Budget

USD 3 594 687

Duration

January 2007–January 2024

Resource Partner

Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries of the Republic of Korea

Beneficiaries

National fisheries administrations, fishers from industrial, small-scale and indigenous/traditional communities, fisheries-related stakeholders, non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations

IMPACT

The longer-term development objective of the project was to contribute to responsible fisheries management and conservation, leading to sustainable fisheries and improved livelihoods for those who depend directly or indirectly upon the resources of the sea.



ACTIVITIES

- Secondees from MOF dispatched on a three-year cycle to FAO’s Fisheries and Aquaculture Division, serving as a bridge between the two organizations.
- Support promoted in a range of areas to support sustainable fisheries and aquaculture for fishers in developing countries, covering issues such as the mariculture sector in Zanzibar, national action plans for fishing capacity in developing countries and sustainable aquaculture guidelines.
- Initiatives and workshops organized for each area of the project, including events on the lobster value chain in Kiribati and smart aquaculture in Sri Lanka.



Project Title
Promotion of Responsible Fisheries Management

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