



PROFISHBLUE: Strengthening the Blue Economy strategy and investment plan for Southern Africa

The PROFISHBLUE programme, focused on improving fisheries governance and blue economy trade corridors in the SADC region, held its inception meeting at Lake Kariba. The inland fisheries sector in Southern Africa plays a crucial role in food security and economic

development, yet it often lacks recognition. The meeting aimed to develop a regional Blue Economy strategy and investment plan for Lake Kariba, emphasizing sustainable management of fisheries to boost food security, create jobs, and enhance intra-regional trade.

Funded by the African Development Bank with nearly USD 10 million, PROFISHBLUE aligns with the SADC Fisheries Protocol and the FAO’s Blue Transformation strategy... source : AfricaBlueeconomy.com



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Blue Invest Africa- Kenya

BlueInvest Africa, initiated by the European Commission, takes place on 3-4 July in Kenya. The conference aims to connect African entrepreneurs with international investors to advance Africa's blue economy. The 2024 focus is on transformative

projects in maritime, coastal, and interior water sectors, emphasizing sustainable innovation, job creation, and marine ecosystem preservation. The event provides a platform for African companies and global investors to form strategic alliances, exchange

knowledge, and elevate the blue economy. BlueInvest Africa 2024 is a vital platform for learning, collaboration, and growth in the sustainable blue economy. source : European Union



Maritime security training underway in Ethiopia

Ethiopian maritime security officials are enhancing their skills in flag State control and compliance through an IMO workshop in Addis Ababa (1-5 July), part of the EU-funded Regional Programme for Maritime Security in the Red Sea Area. The workshop covers

obligations and duties of a flag State per UNCLOS and IMO instruments, promoting multi-agency collaboration. Twenty-five participants from various government departments receive training on implementing IMO instruments, monitoring Recognized Orga-

nizations, and regional regulations for non-SOLAS ships. The Red Sea Project aims to enhance maritime security and safety in the region, aligned with Africa's Integrated Maritime Strategy 2050. source : IMO



e-FishMed and RESUP engaged in the Blue Economy and the fight against IUU fishing

The EFCA hosted a training for fisheries monitoring centre (FMC) operators as part of the e-FishMed and RESUP Algeria projects, funded by the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund and the EU. Participants from Algeria, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, and Tunisia learned to use and analyze Vessel Monitoring Systems (VMS), Automatic Identification Systems (AIS), and satellite imagery. The training fostered experience-sharing and best practices. It aims to strengthen cooperation on fisheries control and combat illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing. The projects support updating national legislation, equipping vessels with AIS/VMS, and establishing monitoring centers to enhance sustainable blue economy efforts.

source : EFCA / AfricaBlueeconomy.com



WildAid unveils new patrol boat to combat illegal fishing in Gabon

On June 27, 2024, WildAid unveiled a new patrol boat, «Albacore,» in Libreville, Gabon. This 9.5-meter vessel, equipped with 2x100HP engines, was presented to Gabon's General Directorate of Fisheries and Aquaculture (DGPA) to combat illegal, unreported, and unregulated

(IUU) fishing. The Albacore will patrol Gabon's 200,000 square kilometer Exclusive Economic Zone, enhancing the capacity of Gabonese officers to protect marine resources. Trained by WildAid, these officers will use the boat to enforce regulations and safeguard

the region's rich marine biodiversity. WildAid's partnership with DGPA, initiated in 2022, will continue with new agreements to increase patrols and provide further support.

source : WildAid / AfricaBlueeconomy.com



Reducing marine plastic litter – global project extended through 2025

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gional partnerships, and supported legal reforms aligned with MARPOL Annex V. It also focuses on empowering women in maritime sectors. New proposals seek additional funding to continue these initiatives beyond 2025.

source : IMO

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