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ABSTRACT

Illegal fishing is a threat to the sustainability of fisheries in Lake Naivasha and this study assess the socio-economic effects on illegal fishing practices. The study was conducted in the four landing beaches of Lake Naivasha in the month of December 2020. The study aimed to assess the impact of illegal fishing on the sustainability of the fishery of Lake Naivasha. Results indicate that 12.1% of the respondents were female and while 87.9% were male, with a majority of respondents being of age groups (55%) were of the age group 18 - 35 years followed by 36 - 45 years at 27%. The study found that a large number of the respondents were mature individuals who had some level of family commitment with dependants of between 1 to 4 people at 61.1 % and 31% having dependents from 5 to 7 people. Eighty-seven percent of those interviewed were licensed fishermen while a paltry 13% operated without licenses, while 97% indicated recording their fish landings as 0.9% had not.

Most respondents adhered to the laid down fishing regulations while only 9.5% have been apprehended for various malpractices in Lake Naivasha. Most significantly is the violation of the regulation on us of wrong mesh sizes, fishing in breeding areas and having more than the stipulated number of fishing nets. Some of the effects of illegal fishing cited include; reduction in annual catches and income for fishers, destruction of habitat and increased competition among the fishers. The respondents were of the view that in order to curb illegal fishing by there was need for increased patrols and enforcement and enactment of serious penalties. The study recommended that the County government of Nakuru channel more resources to the Monitoring Control and Surveillance (MSC) activities and where possible establish a revolving funds that would utilize fine from prosecution penalties on fisheries related issues to strengthen the MCS system. There was also need to explore the possibilities of alternative livelihoods to create additional employment opportunities to reduce illegal activities in the Lake.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Fishing is an important source of food for humanity and a provider of employment and economic benefits for those involved in this activity, especially in developing countries (FAO, 1995). It has been observed that the importance of fish and fishery tends to increase with the undeveloped local economies (Arlinghaus et al. 2002). This situation is compounded by the nature of artisanal fisheries where the resource is viewed as an open access where there is no upper limit on the catch; and availability of various gears and methods which negates the FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible and sustainable fishery. Illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) is an enormous problem that costs the global economy up to \$23B a year (FAO, 2014). In the western Indian Ocean 18% of the catch qualifies as IUU. Inland fisheries are even more vulnerable to IUU due to the ease of access, increased unemployment and human population pressure. Illegal fishing comprises of all forms of unauthorized harvest of fish and fisheries resources. This practice is a matter of great concern especially in the inshore and coastal areas, where small-scale fisheries operate (Bene et al. 2007; Salas et al. 2007; FAO 2016).

Lake Naivasha is one Kenyan's inland fishery waters within a fragile ecosystem impacted by anthropogenic activities such as, horticultural farming, ranching, geothermal power generation among other economic activities (Waithaka et al. 2017; Morara et al. 2021). The fishery of the lake is based on introduced fish species whose history is provided by Njiru et al. 2017. Waithaka et al. 2018 noted that the fishery of the lake plays an important role in the local economy of Naivasha town, by providing food, employment opportunities and incomes. According to (Muchiri and Hickley 1991) the Lake Naivasha commercial fishery started in 1959 using gill nets for tilapias and rod and line for sport fishing to catch the largemouth bass, with the blue-spotted tilapia and largemouth bass being the most abundant fish species landed between the 1970s and the year 2000. However, poor fishing methods utilized by most of the fishers towards late 1990s resulted in the decline of the fish stocks to unsustainable levels leading to the near collapse of the fishery in the year 2000 (Hickley et al. 2015).

Despite the various management interventions that were laid down to enhance the stocks recovery including the control of fishing effort, the resource has continuously experienced high exploitation in recent years. The pressure is partly due to the increasing human population around the lake

(Onywere et al. 2012), causing increased demand for fish in Naivasha town and other neighbouring urban centres (Njiru et al. 2017).

Since 2013, Lake Naivasha's fisheries Management has increased the yearly number of fishing licences by nearly four-fold from 50 to 184 boats (Waithaka et al. 2019; Morara et al. 2021). This desperate measure was to control IUU fishing incidences by accommodating a segment of the fishermen who felt left out of the resource's benefits.

Nonetheless, there is an influx of unlicensed fishing activities in Lake Naivasha using seine nets, monofilament nets and hooks and line. Beach seining by illegal fishers has the potential to affect the performance and sustainability of the fishery of any lake (Muchiri et al. 1991). Further, IUU fishing pose a serious threat to the fishery rendering futile the efforts by the State Department of Fisheries of controlling the fishing effort. Waithaka et al. (2017) recorded and postulated that the angling fishery as an emerging fishery in Lake Naivasha with a likely hood of the trend increasing. There is also use of gillnets of less than the recommended minimum size of 4 inches used to specifically target smaller sized fish. This trend of targeting juveniles and brooder fishes using prohibited nets increases the overall fishing effort beyond the permitted levels.

IUU fishing can lead to so many impacts including, but not limited to, economic, environmental, social, ecological health and nutritional impacts. The aim of this study however, was to assess the socioeconomic effects of illegal fishing practices on Lake Naivasha and provide recommendations for management

The specific objectives were:

- i. To identify the characteristics of the fisher folk community in Lake Naivasha
- ii. To determine fishers' knowledge and perception of illegal fishing activities
- iii. To determine the effects of illegal fishing on Lake Naivasha fishery
- iv. To highlight the fishers' recommendations for curbing illegal fishing in Lake Naivasha

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2.0 MATERIALS AND METHODS

2.1 Description of study area

Lake Naivasha is one of the shallow freshwater bodies in Kenya, although the second largest after the gulf part of L. Victoria. The lake lies on the eastern Rift Valley floor (0° 46'S, and 36° 20'E) at about 1890 m above sea level (Figure 1). Its surface area varies between 110 and 160 km² during the dry and wet spells, respectively. The primary inflow is from River Malewa, with a catchment area of about 1730 km² which discharges about 90 % of the lake's water. The rest of the recharge comes from River Gilgil, with a catchment area of 420 km² and other small ephemeral streams. The lake basin consists of three distinct water bodies – the Main Lake, Oloidien Lake and Crater Lake (Sonachi). The Main Lake is the largest and freshest of the three, with conductivity values being mostly below 400 μ Scm⁻¹. It hosts the highest aquatic biodiversity and various species of

introduced fish, forming the lake's bedrock. Oloidien Lake is connected to Main Lake through underground flows, but the occasional connection on the surface during high water levels is possible. Therefore, this study was conducted on the four landing of Lake Naivasha (Figure 1).



Figure 1 Map of Lake Naivasha showing the main landing sites along the lake

2.2 Research design

The study was conducted by staff from Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute at the four designated landing beaches - Central, Karagita, Kamere and Tarambete. Structured questionnaires were randomly administered to people found at the four landing sites for four consecutive days between 9.00 am and 4.00 pm to collect quantitative data on illegal fishing activities.

2.3 Data collection and analysis

Data on the demographic characteristics of the fisher community in the four beaches included age structure, education level, gender and occupation collected. In addition to this demographic characteristics, gear used, licensing status, boat ownership was also collected. Data on fishers' knowledge and perception on existing legislation, compliance, frequency of IUU occurrences and the penalties were recorded. Data on the impacts of illegal fishing and recommendations on how to curb illegal fishing in Lake Naivasha was also collected. This data was then pooled and analysed using Microsoft Office Excel and is presented.



Plate 1 KMFRI officers interviewing a respondent in Karagita beach

3.0 RESULTS

3.1 Demographic Characteristics of fisher community

The survey interviewed a total of 231 respondents with Kamere and Karagita beach having the highest number of respondents at 30% each while Central had 20% and Tarambete had 19 %. Of those interviewed 12.1% were female and 87.9% were male which is an indication of low involvement of women in the fisheries sector. Most of those interviewed were of the age group of 18 - 35 years (55%), followed by 36 - 45 years at 27% while those of 55 years and above constituted 4% of the respondents .(Table 1).

| Characteristics | | Ν | Proportion (%) |
|-----------------|----------------|-----|----------------|
| | Female | 28 | 12.1 |
| Gender | Male | 203 | 87.9 |
| | n | 231 | |
| | 18 to 35 | 128 | 55 |
| | 36 to 45 | 63 | 27 |
| Age | 46 to 55 | 30 | 13 |
| U | 55> | 10 | 4 |
| | n | 231 | 100 |
| | Primary | 90 | 39 |
| | Secondary | 111 | 48 |
| Education level | College | 27 | 12 |
| | Graduate | 3 | 1 |
| | n | 231 | 100 |
| | Fishermen/crew | 197 | 88 |
| | Trader | 17 | 8 |
| Occupation | Others | 9 | 4 |
| | n | 223 | 100 |

Table 1 Summary of demographic data from the respondents

Of those who participated in the survey 48% had attained secondary level of education, 39% had acquired primary level of education, 12% had attended tertiary college while 1% had a diploma/ certificate from the university. The fishing crew/ fishermen constituted at least 88% of those interviewed, followed by traders at 8%. While the rest (net repairers and transporters) totaled 4%.

The study found that most of the respondents were married at 68%, single 18% while polygamous were 6%. Majority of the respondents were those with dependants of between 1 to 4 people at 61.1 %, followed by dependents from 5 to 7 at 31%, while 7.5% of respondents had household number

of greater than 7 people. The least was at 0.4 % with no dependents. It implies that the respondents are people with commitments and conscious of the need to conserve the resource as their life line

3.2 Fishing activities

The study found that Beach Management Unit members comprised 92% of the respondents most of whom have been in the fishery for less than 5 years 49%, while 41% had been in fishery for 6 - 15 years and 10% for < 1 year (Table 2). Of those interviewed, only 26% were boat owners. It was also found that 87 % of the respondents had licenses with 13% operating without licenses. The study found that there was a small group of fishers that used hooks and line at (3%) while a majority use gillnet 97% (Table 2). It was noted that only 23% of the respondents had an alternative source of income as majority largely depended on fishing activities (Table 2).

| Fishing Activities | Response | Ν | Proportion (%) |
|---------------------------|------------|-----|----------------|
| | Yes | 213 | 92 |
| Member of BMU | No | 18 | 8 |
| | n | 231 | 100 |
| | <1 | 24 | 10 |
| | 1 to 5 | 113 | 49 |
| Years in fishing activity | 6 to 15 | 94 | 41 |
| | n | 231 | 100 |
| | Yes | 59 | 26 |
| Own a boat | No | 172 | 74 |
| | n | 231 | 100 |
| License Ownership | License | 148 | 87 |
| | No license | 23 | 13 |
| | n | 171 | 100 |
| | Hooks | 6 | 3 |
| Gear type used | Nets | 198 | 97 |
| | n | 204 | 100 |
| Last 1 year fishing | | | |
| primary source of | | | |
| income? | Yes | 179 | 88 |
| | No | 25 | 12 |
| | n | 204 | 100 |
| Alternative source of | | | |
| income | Yes | 47 | 23 |
| | No | 156 | 77 |
| | n | 203 | 100 |

Table 2 Information on fishing activities from the respondents

3.3 Knowledge of illegal unreported, unregulated, illegal fishing

The study found that 94% of the respondents had knowledge of what illegal fishing entails and 5% did not have an idea. It's worth noting that 97% knew the requirement of recording fish landings with the designated data officers. Majority of the respondents (55%) indicated that the landings were to be reported to fisheries department while the rest had different responses, with 0.9% indicating they did not know where they are supposed to report their landing (Figure 2).



Figure 2 showing knowledge of respondents on authorities responsible for recording landing

The most common fishing regulations that were violated by the fishers constituting IUU fishing were related to the undersize mesh size, fishing in breeding areas and allowable number of nets at 35%, 34% and 14% respectively (Figure 3).



Figure 3 Types of fishing restriction identified by the respondents

Most of the respondents (95%) reported they were aware of the penalties for violation of the fisheries regulations. The rest (5%) were not aware of any. It was also noted that 88% of the fishermen are knowledgeable of illegal fishing activities (Figure 4). Out of the 231 respondents 9.5% have been apprehended for various fisheries malpractices in Lake Naivasha. Use of undersize net was the recorded as the most violated regulation.



Figure 4 Fishers knowledge on the occurrence of illegal fishing in Lake Naivasha

3.4 Effects of IUU fishing on Lake Naivasha fishery

Illegal fishing in Lake Naivasha affects the fishery in various ways. In this study 76% of the respondents felt that illegal fishing activities reduces their annual catches while 78% felt it reduces their annual income (Table 4). Figure 5 shows the respondents perception on the impacts of illegal fishing on the fishery. Theft of catch and destruction of nets by illegal fishers were the cited effects (28.4% and 21.8% respectively). Apparently there was little or no conflict (0.4%) between the legal and illegal fishers.

| Response | Catch last 12 months (%) | Income last 12 months (%) |
|-------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Increased | 11 | 10 |
| Reduced | 76 | 78 |
| Not changed | 13 | 12 |

Table 3 Impact of illegal fishing on catch and income of Lake Naivasha fishers



Figure 5 impacts of illegal fishing on the fishery of Lake Naivasha.

Apart from the impacts on catches and income for the fishers 83% of the respondents indicated that other effects of illegal fishing were the disruption of ecosystem 4%, increased competition 12% and unrecorded catches 4% and increased corruption cases 1%. The unrecorded catch per day was estimated to range from 25 - 3000 kg with an average of 1061.5 kg per day. This had a range

of prices from Ksh. 50 to 600 with an average of Ksh.197.2. These results translate to unrecorded earnings to the fishermen of Ksh. 209,327 per day or about Ksh. 76M per year.

3.5 Suggested recommendations for curbing illegal fishing

The preferred actions to curb illegal fishing are patrols and enforcement with punitive penalties Table 5. This study found that 51% of the respondents opined the regular patrols currently being conducted by the department of fisheries were not effective. On the other hand, 61% of the respondents implied that the penalties against IUU fishing were not punitive enough to curb increasing illegal fishing trends (Table 5).

| Regular patrols | | | Penalties to illegal fishing | | |
|-----------------|-------------|-----|------------------------------|-------------|-----|
| effective | Respondents | % | - Punitive | Respondents | % |
| Yes | 100 | 49 | Yes | 80 | 39 |
| No | 104 | 51 | No | 123 | 61 |
| <u> </u> | 204 | 100 | n | 203 | 100 |

Table 4. Respondents' opinion on the actions to curb IUU fishing in Lake Naivasha

The main reasons cited for weak the penalties are the low fines charged on the perpetrators and corruption of the fisheries enforcement officers Table 6

| Table 5 Res | pondents' o | pinion on | the causes of | of weak | punitive | measures | against I | IUU fishin | g. |
|-------------|-------------|-----------|---------------|---------|----------|----------|-----------|------------|--------|
| | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | | | | \sim |

| Not punitive reasons | Respondents | % |
|----------------------|-------------|-----|
| Corruption | 42 | 45 |
| Court orders | 1 | 1 |
| Fine too low | 47 | 51 |
| No penalties | 3 | 3 |
| n | 93 | 100 |

The measure to effectively and successfully curb IUU fishing in Lake Naivasha are highlighted in Figure 7. Increasing the patrols and proactively licensing of the illegal fishers (56.7% and 12.1% respectively) were suggested as the most possible methods.



Figure 2 Distribution of the suggested actions to curb illegal fishing in Lake Naivasha

4.0 DISCUSSIONS

Despite being artificially enhanced, the fishery of Lake Naivasha is a hub of various forms of socio-economic and livelihood benefits for an estimated 4000 people who are both directly and indirectly engaged in fishing (Morara et al. 2021). A previous study (Waithaka et al. 2019) had reported the youth dominance, comprising about 67% of the fishing population in Lake Naivasha fishery. The same study observed that most of these fishers have limited formal education, thereby being unable to tap into alternative jobs and livelihood opportunities. Therefore, fishing becomes the easiest option for most of the unemployed people. As a result, illegal fishing has become a major challenge to the sustainable fishery management of Lake Naivasha (Morara et al 2021; Njiru et al. 2017; Waithaka et al 2017). In the present study, male and youth dominance among the respondents corroborates the above literature and points to increased influx of the male youth in the sector. However, it is important to point out there is low involvement of women in capture fisheries. The high number (87%) of respondents without tertiary education, most (68%) of whom are married with dependants of between 1 to 4 households is an indication of the high level of unemployment in the county as well as the pressure that the resource is subjected to. As a result, this could potentially pose a challenge to resource conservation if the fisher folks are not engaged and supported to access alternative livelihoods. Limited opportunities for obtaining income among the respondents implies high fishing pressure with its associated illegalities will continue to pose a management challenge and sustainable exploitation of the resource.

A majority of the respondents indicated that they had BMU membership and were aware of existing fisheries regulations governing Lake Naivasha. However, within this group about 13% still operated without licenses using various methods. This could suggest complacency of the BMU officials and state department of fisheries in enforcing fisheries regulations and bringing culprits to book. It may also point to weaknesses in monitoring control and surveillance (MCS) (Kundu et al. 2010).

The nature of artisanal fishery world over including Lake Naivasha, is the open access mentality where fishers view the resource as free and open for all with disregard to any management measures. This comes with its own challenges when it comes to resource management and sustainability. According to this study, the open access mentality has resulted in increased fishing pressure resulting to IUU, leading to decline in catches and reduced incomes.

IUU translates to an unrecorded catch of about 387 tonnes and an income Ksh. 76M per annum according to the study findings. Most of the respondents recommended more stringent measures be enacted, including stiffer penalties to deter the perpetrators of the IUU, increased and more regular patrols, and a change in management and provision of licenses to all. While these suggestions could be addressed through the review of fisheries Act some of the proposals may not be sustainable in curbing illegal fishing.

This is because the resource is already overstretched due the continuous influx of human population in search of livelihoods or greener pastures. Onywere et al. 2012, noted that the area around Lake Naivasha was among the sub urbans regions with the fastest growing human population. Therefore, Increased patrols and change in management can only be seen to deter illegal fishing only for a given time/ season. Success in stamping out illegal fishing is through collaborations with local communities to participate and take responsibility for, the management of the resource.

5.0 CONCLUSION AND RECCOMMENDATIONS

The following conclusions were drawn from the study

- There is a reduction in catch and income for the fisher community which supports livelihoods of over 4000 people directly and indirectly for livelihood
- IUU fishing activities leads to loss of socio and economic opportunities which has negative effect on food security and resource conservation.
- > Illegal fishing has negative impact on the ecosystem through habitat destruction
- > IUU fishing undermines efforts to conserve and manage fish stock in capture fishery

Recommendations

- Create awareness and understanding of the nature of as well as the impact of illegal fishing among senior public servants and politicians to increase will to implement viable MCS
- There is need for the government and donors to explore the approach of having alternative livelihoods projects in attempt to diversify the economies of the local communities to ease pressure on the resource and reduce illegal fishing activities.
- Ensure adequate and robust legislation to support prosecutions with strict penalties and custodial sentences
- The County government of Nakuru consider establishing an MCS funds that will be supported from the fines paid by those prosecuted for any fishery offence to be plowed back for strengthening the MCS system.

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7.0 ANNEXES

Annex 1: Submission Letter to 6 Director Fresh Water Systems

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RE: SUBMISSION OF PERFORMANCE CONTRACTING REPORT FOR 2020-21 FY

KMFRI Freshwater Systems (FWS) successfully implemented the 2020-2021 PC target activities. Hence, herein attached please find the report on "Assessment of the socio economic effect of illegal fishing on Lake Naivasha fisheries and recommendations for management".

Thank you.

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Annex 2: Submission Letter to the Director General

Annex 3: Dissemination to Sub County Fisheries Officer

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The purpose of this letter is to share the findings on "Assessment of the socio economic effects of illegal fishing on Lake Naivasha fisheries and recommendations for management" as information for possible management and conservation measures of the aforementioned systems.

Attached herewith please find the technical reports and Fact sheet/brief for your perusal and further action.

Yours Sincerely,

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Annex 4: Dissemination to Kamere Beach

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KMF/TECH/RPTS/20-21

To: Beach Management Unit (BMU) Chairman P.O. Box Tarambete Date: 26th May 2021

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Annex 7: Fact sheet on assessment of the socio-economic effects of illegal fishing on Lake Naivasha fisheries and recommendations for management







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May 2021

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INTRODUCTION

Lake Naivasha is one Kenyan's inland fishery waters within a fragile ecosystem impacted by anthropogenic activities. The fishery of the lake is based on introduced fish species and plays an important role in the local economy of Naivasha town, by providing food, employment opportunities and incomes. Naivasha commercial fishery started in 1959 using gill nets for tilapias and rod and line for sport fishing to catch the largemouth bass, with the blue-spotted tilapia and largemouth bass. However, poor fishing methods utilized by most of the fishers towards late 1990s resulted in the decline of the fish stocks to unsustainable levels leading to the near collapse of the fishery in the year 2000. Despite the various management interventions that were laid down to enhance the stocks recovery including the control of fishing effort, the resource has continuously experienced high exploitation in recent years. The pressure is partly due to the increasing human population around the lake, causing increased demand for fish in Naivasha town and other neighbouring urban centres. Since 2013, Lake Naivasha's fishery Management has increased the yearly number of fishing licences by nearly four-fold from 50 to 184 boats. This desperate measure was to control IUU fishing incidences by accommodating a segment of the fishermen who felt left out of the resource's benefits. Nonetheless, there is an influx of unlicensed fishing activities in Lake Naivasha using seine nets, monofilament nets and hooks and line. IUU fishing pose a serious threat to the fishery rendering futile the efforts by the State Department of Fisheries of controlling the fishing effort. IUU fishing can lead to so many impacts including, but not limited to, economic, environmental, social, ecological health and nutritional impacts.

Objectives

- v. To identify the characteristics of the fisher folk community in Lake Naivasha
- vi. To determine fishers' knowledge and perception of illegal fishing activities
- vii. To determine the effects of illegal fishing on Lake Naivasha fishery
- viii. To highlight the fishers' recommendations for curbing illegal fishing in Lake Naivasha



STUDY'S KEY FINDINGS

i.

Demographic Characteristics of fisher community

| Characteristics | | N | Proportion (%) |
|-----------------|----------------|-----|----------------|
| | Female | 28 | 12.1 |
| Gender | Male | 203 | 87.9 |
| | n | 231 | |
| | 18 to 35 | 128 | 55 |
| | 36 to 45 | 63 | 27 |
| Age | 46 to 55 | 30 | 13 |
| | 55> | 10 | 4 |
| | n | 231 | 100 |
| | Primary | 90 | 39 |
| | Secondary | 111 | 48 |
| Education level | College | 27 | 12 |
| | Graduate | 3 | 1 |
| | n | 231 | 100 |
| | Fishermen/crew | 197 | 88 |
| | Trader | 17 | 8 |
| Occupation | Others | 9 | 4 |
| - | n | 223 | 100 |

Table 2 Information on fishing activities from the respondents

| Fishing Activities | Response | Ν | Proportion (%) |
|------------------------------|------------|-----|----------------|
| | Yes | 213 | 92 |
| Member of BMU | No | 18 | 8 |
| | n | 231 | 100 |
| | <1 | 24 | 10 |
| | 1 to 5 | 113 | 49 |
| Years in fishing activity | 6 to 15 | 94 | 41 |
| | n | 231 | 100 |
| | Yes | 59 | 26 |
| Own a boat | No | 172 | 74 |
| | n | 231 | 100 |
| License Ownership | License | 148 | 87 |
| - | No license | 23 | 13 |
| | n | 171 | 100 |
| | Hooks | 6 | 3 |
| Gear type used | Nets | 198 | 97 |
| | n | 204 | 100 |
| Last 1 year fishing primary | | | |
| source of income? | Yes | 179 | 88 |
| | No | 25 | 12 |
| | n | 204 | 100 |
| Alternative source of income | Yes | 47 | 23 |
| | No | 156 | 77 |
| | n | 203 | 100 |



Out of the 231 respondents 9.5% have been apprehended for various fisheries malpractices in Lake Naivasha.



Figure 3 Types of fishing restriction identified by the respondents

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Table 4 Impact of illegal fishing on catch and income of Lake Naivasha fishers

| Response | Catch last 12 months (%) | Income last 12 months (%) |
|-------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Increased | 11 | 10 |
| Reduced | 76 | 78 |
| Not changed | 13 | 12 |



Figure 5 impacts of illegal fishing on the fishery of Lake Naivasha.

The unrecorded catch per day was estimated to range from 25 – 3,000 kg with an average of 1,061.5 kg per day. This had a range of prices from Ksh. 50 to 600 with an average of Ksh.197.2. These results translate to unrecorded earnings to the fishermen of Ksh. 209,327 per day or about Ksh. 76M per year.

STUDY'S KEY FINDINGS

. Currented accommon dations for analise illeral fishing

| | Regular patrols | | | Penalties to illegal fishing | | |
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| | effective | Respondents | % | - Punitive | Respondents | % |
| | Yes | 100 | 49 | Yes | 80 | 39 |
| | No | 104 | 51 | No | 123 | 61 |
| _ | n | 204 | 100 | n | 203 | 100 |

Table 5. Respondents' opinion on the actions to curb IUU fishing in Lake Naivasha

Table 6 Respondents' opinion on the causes of weak punitive measures against IUU fishing.

| Not punitive reasons | Respondents | % |
|----------------------|-------------|-----|
| Corruption | 42 | 45 |
| Court orders | 1 | 1 |
| Fine too low | 47 | 51 |
| No penalties | 3 | 3 |
| n | 93 | 100 |





CONCLUSIONS

Based on this study, illegal fishing activities has resulted in reduction of catches and income for the fisher community which supports livelihoods of over 4000 people directly and indirectly

RECOMMENDATIONS

- ✓ Create awareness and understanding of the nature of as well as the impact of illegal fishing among senior public servants and politicians to increase will to implement viable MCS
- ✓ There is need for the government and donors to explore the approach of having alternative livelihoods projects in attempt to diversify the economies of the local communities to ease pressure on the resource and reduce illegal fishing activities.
- Ensure adequate and robust legislation to support prosecutions with strict penalties and custodial sentences
- The County government of Nakuru to consider establishing an MCS fund that will be supported from the fines paid by those prosecuted for any fishery offence to be plowed back for strengthening the MCS system.



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- Transparency and accountability
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- Team work
- Equity and equality

Research meeting at the Naivasha station Library on 10/11/2020

Members present

- 1. Edna Waithaka
- 2. George Morara
- 3. Alice Mutie
- 4. Patrick Loki
- 5. Dickson Odongo
- 6. Tom Nyolo

Agenda

- 1. PC Targets 2020/2021
- 2. Monthly sampling

The meeting was opened by a word of prayer from George Morara at 10.00am. Summary of the discussion are shown below:

| PC Target | Activity | Date |
|---|-----------------------------|---|
| Assess the use of the hook and line on the | The team shall set | 12 th to 17 th Nov. |
| fishery of Lake Naivasha, and recommend | experiments and engage | 2020 |
| an allowable number and size for fisheries | fishermen who are currently | |
| sustainability and management by 20 th | using hooks to obtain the | |
| February, 2021 | necessary data | |
| | -Stock assessment: | 30th Nov. to 3 rd Dec |
| Investigate the fishery status of Lake Ol | Composition, maturity, | 2020 (L. Nakuru) |
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| Management by 29th May, 2021 | -Water quality | Bolossat) |
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| Assess the socio-economic effect of illegal | -A tool to be developed by | 7 th to 10 th Dec 2020 |
| fishing on the Lakes Victoria and Naivasha | 24 th Nov 2020 | |
| fisheries and make recommendations for | -The team will have focus | |
| management by 31 st May, 2021 | discussion group with key | |
| | informants in fisheries | |
| | sector to generate data | |

The monthly sampling activity was scheduled for $20^{\rm th}$ to $27^{\rm th}$ Nov 2020.

Being no any other business, the meeting ended at 1.00 pm

Chairperson Edna Waithaka Secretary Alice Mutie

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Annex 9: Memo for sampling



Thank you. Alice Mutie

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Annex 11: Evidence of the fieldwork activity.



Annex 12: Questionnaire used for the survey

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Assessing the socio-economic effect of illegal fishing on the Lake Naivasha fishery

A Survey Questionnaire

| Date | |
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Collector.....

This survey is being undertaken by Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute (KMFRI) to collect information on illegal fishing in Lake Naivasha.

You are kindly requested to participate in this exercise which will take about 30 minutes. Your responses will be highly appreciated and the information you give will be treated with utmost confidentiality.

Socio-demographic characteristics

| 1. What is your gender? 🗌 Male 🔅 🗌 Female | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------|--------------|----------|--------------|-------------|--|--|
| 2. Age (years) 🗌 18- | 35 36-45 | 5 46-55 | >55 | | | | |
| 3. Marital status Single/Never married Married (Monogamous) | | | | | | | |
| | Polygamo | ous marriage | Separa | ted/Divorced | Widowed | | |
| 4.Educational Level | Primary | Seco | ondary | College – | Certificate | | |
| | College – | | Graduate | | | | |
| 5.Household Size | 1-4 | 5-7 □>7 | | | | | |
| 6.Occupation | | | | | | | |

General information and fishing activities

| 7. Are you a BMU member 🗌 Yes 👘 No |
|---|
| 8. How long have you been in fishing activity $\Box < 1$ year $\Box 1-5$ years $\Box 6-15$ yrs |
| 9. Do you own a boat 🛛 Yes 🗌 No |
| 10. Are you licensed to fish? 🗆 Yes 👘 No |
| 11. Which gear type do you use? Nets Hooks |
| 12. What is your position on the boat |
| 13.Was fishing a primary or secondary source of income for your household during the last 12 months? □ Primary □ Secondary |
| 14. Do you have an alternative source of income? \Box Yes \Box No |
| Unreported, unregulated, Illegal, fisheries |
| 15. Do you know what is illegal fishing? |
| □ Yes □ No □ I don't know |

□ Yes □ No □ I don't know

16. Are you required to report landings from your fishing trips to any authorities?

🗆 Yes 🛛 No 🖓 I don't know

If yes who? -----

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| 17.Are there limits on | the number of license | s allowed? | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 🗆 Yes 🗌 No 🗌 I | don't know | | | |
| 18. Is fishing restricted | l in any way? 🗆 Yes | \Box No \Box I | don't know | |
| If yes, what are the typ | es of restrictions? | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| Are there penalties | for violating the rule | s? | | |
| □ Yes □ No □ I | don't know | | | |
| 20. Do you usually see | illegal fishers in you | r fishing area? | 🗆 Yes 🗆 🗅 🗎 | No 🗆 I don't know |
| If yes, how free | juent? | | | |
| □All the time | □Frequently □Some | e of the time | Rarely | never |
| 21. Had you ever had | your boat of fish taker | a or confiscated | l for any reaso | n? |
| 🗆 Yes 🗌 No | | | | |
| If yes, Why? | | | | |
| | | | | |
| Impacts | | | | |
| 22. Does illegal fishing | g impact your catch? | Yes | 🗌 No | I don't know |
| How? | | | | |
| 23. Over the past 12 m | onths your fish catch | has | | |
| Increased | not changed | 1 | reduced | |
| Why? | | | | |
| | | | | |
| 24 Over past 12 mont | hs your income has | | | |
| | | 4 | Gradward | |
| | inot changed | 1 | Ieduced | |
| wny? | | | | |
| | | | | |
| 25. What is your avera | ge catch per day? | | | |
| □0-10 kg | 11-50kgs | 51-100kgs | Ov | er 100kgs |
| 26. What is the averag | e price per kg of fish? | | | |

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| 27. In <u>:</u> | your view how much do you think we lose | per day as unrecorded | catch (kgs)? |
|-----------------|--|-------------------------|--------------|
| 28. Do | es illegal fishing impact your livelihood? | □ Yes | 🗆 No |
| Explai | n: | | |
| | | | |
| 29. Do | es illegal fishing impact the Lake's ecosyst | tem | |
| 🗌 Yes | 🗆 No | I don't k | now |
| If yes, | how? | | |
| | | | |
| 30. Wo | ould you say illegal fishing has an effect on | the fishery of lake Na | ivasha? |
| 🗌 Yes | 🗌 No | I don't ki | now |
| How?. | | | |
| | | | |
| 31. Wł | nat can you say about the state of peace and | l order in your beaches | ? |
| Incre | eased Decreased | Reduced | |
| Recom | mendations | | |
| 32. | Are the regular patrols effective \Box Yes | □ N | ío |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| 33. | Is the penalty on illegal fishing punitive en If no explain | nough 🗌 Yes | □No |
| | | | |

34. What do you think can be done to better curb illegal fishing in Lake Naivasha?