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SADC

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South African Development  
Community (SADC) Fisheries –  
Using regional instruments and  
opportunities to protect and  
promote small scale fisheries in  
Southern and Eastern Africa

- 1992 SADC Treaty came into being – ‘the community’ of member states signed a legally binding arrangement
- The SADC Protocol on Fisheries came into force on the 8<sup>th</sup> August 2003
- Objective of the Protocol is  
*“ to promote responsible use of the living aquatic resources to enhance food security and human health, safeguard the livelihood systems of fishing communities, generate economic opportunities for nationals in the region and to ensure that future generations benefit from these resources”* (SADC Protocol on Fisheries)

## The Protocol on Fisheries, Article 12 deals with Artisanal, Subsistence Fisheries and Small Scale Fisheries

It covers a range of issues aimed at promoting and protecting the rights of small scale fisheries including the protection of fishing rights, fishing tenure and fishing grounds as well as ensuring an equitable balance between social and economic objectives

The Protocol states that State Parties

*' shall facilitate broad based and equitable participatory process to involve artisanal and subsistence fishers in the control and management of their fishing and related activities'.*

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- 2001 Planned Restructuring of SADC
- Development of a Common Agenda with poverty alleviation as common objective
- A Regional Indicative Strategic Development Plan (RISDP) is in Draft form but is being used as a working document. This Plan will operationalise the Common Agenda and translate the Treaty Objectives into a coherent implementation framework

# Developing a SADC Fisheries Strategy and Plan...

- Following the adoption of a Protocol, member states are required to develop a strategy and plan of action to implement the Protocol
- " This strategy should be developed in an inclusive manner with as many stakeholders as is practically possible..." (S. Davies, Fisheries Advisor, 2005, 4)
- A Fisheries Technical Committee is in the process of being established and will oversee implementation of the Protocol on Fisheries

- SADC FANR has not been accessible to date – but website [www.sadcfisheries](http://www.sadcfisheries) is up and coming
- Strategy and implementation plan is currently being drafted and is an opportunity for civil society and government departments to request an opportunity to comment and participate
- Food and Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network [www.fanrpan.org](http://www.fanrpan.org) and Southern African Regional Poverty Network [www.sarpn.org](http://www.sarpn.org)

# NEPAD Abuja Declaration on Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture in Africa

## Declaration on Fisheries and Aquaculture

- In the Abuja Declaration on Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture in Africa (2005) the Heads of State and Government parties agreed to

“implement the provisions of the FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries, in particular through improved governance of fisheries, ensuring the environmental sustainability of fisheries....and ***ensuring an equitable balance of resource allocation between small scale and industrial fishers.***”

(NEPAD Abuja Declaration, 2005,p3).

- Further, parties agreed to

*“Empower fishing and fish farming communities, civil society and stake-holder organizations to effectively participate in policy-making, planning and implementation processes with particular reference to the equitable allocation of resources and the rights of the poor and disadvantaged (op cit.)”*

- How can we advocate for the implementation of key aspects of these regional instruments?
- See SADC Article 16 Human Resource Development
- SADC Article 18 Exchange of Information
- SADC Contact details – [www.sadc.int](http://www.sadc.int)  
Sandy Davies

- NEPAD Fish For All Conference Outputs include document on Small Scale Fisheries, Declaration and Plan of Action
- NEPAD Secretariat based in SA but moving to Abuja, Nigeria
- Advertised for a Senior Fisheries Advisor who will be responsible for civil society participation and liaison
- World Fish Centre – programme in Lake Regions