

New project to improve data on fisheries output

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Dar es Salaam. Tanzania Fisheries Research Institute (Tafiri) has launched a two-year project to improve data collection, analysis method and translation of fisheries output.

The project will help policy-makers to make clear decisions.

Doubled 'Improved data handling for sustainable fisheries and biodiversity conservation in East Africa (Fidea) from 2019 to 2021', the programme is funded by the German Federation Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and will be implementing in Tanzania, Zanzibar and

Mozambique.

"There are gaps on data collection, processing and translate the output for fisheries, information exists.

"We have launched this project in collaboration with German which has enormous expertise and experience in this area," said Dr Rushingisha George, project country coordinator during the launching of the project.



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DR RUSHINGISHA | PROJECT COORDINATOR

Dr George said although data on fisheries were available but there was a need to improve it by using modern technologies to assist policy-makers in making appropriate decision based on the data. He said the project was responding to goal 14 of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which obliged countries to speedup provision of data to the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

"So we want after two years to have improved data handling especially for decision makers so that they make correct decision for the benefit of the nation," he said.

Fidea Project Coordinator from German, Prof Mathias Wolff said: "We have been working in Tanzania and Zanzibar on fisheries sector for number of years and we are happy to be party of this project."

He said due to limitation of funds the project will be only implementing in three countries to improve data collection and analysis method.

Prof Wolff said the project will work to review the fish information that has been taken by the institution or ministry and analyse it and interpret the data.