

Igunga forms 10 fish farming groups

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MORE than 10 fish farming groups have been formed in Igunga District, Tabora Region and introduced to new methods of using cages for improved productivity.

Speaking at the occasion organised by Heifer International Tanzania which introduced the new methods through Igunga eco-village project, project assistant in agriculture production Neema Bernard, said communities at Mwanzugi village where the beneficiary groups come from had already been sensitised on the importance of the project.

She said the project has initiated fish farming by cages technology to Mwanzugi communities so as to improve their livelihoods and hasten their efforts on environment protection.

She added that the technology is cheap and easy to make and the fingerlings can be harvested after 6 months once implanted to the flowing water, the cages will be immersed into Mwamapuli dam at Mwanzugi village.

Unlike any other fish farming techniques, Neema said fish farming by cages has intrinsic worth to villagers due to the fact that it can't be affected by aridity during the prolonged drought hence making more fish to die.

She briefed that the technology allows high amount of fish to be detained and grow at once, hence enabling communities to reap them easily after 6 months.

Neema clarified that the shared knowledge will guide them to meticulous

use of different interventions on climate change, smart agriculture, use of fuel-efficient stoves and local chicken husbandry projects.

"Igunga eco-village project will provide 50,000 fish fingerlings to all 10 groups in the village by December 2018, so as to instigate the technology to Mwanzugi communities," she said.

She called for the government through fisheries authorities to continue providing technical support to all communities who are engaged in the project so as to transform their lives.

Fish farmers group leader Zainabu Haruna, applauded the good initiatives of Heifer International Tanzania through Igunga eco village project and their mission to work with poor communities to fight poverty and in the district.

"We appreciate your efforts to improve the livelihoods of poor communities and your concerns to the environment in our district, may God the Almighty bless you," she said.

Heifer International Tanzania communication officer Mercy Nyanda advised Igunga communities to be conceited to the projects shared, take heed and make thorough use, as the project is closing down.

She briefed that Igunga eco village project is funded by European Union and implemented by Heifer International Tanzania in collaboration with Heifer Netherlands, Igunga District Council, Aqua for All and International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (ICIPE).

By Guardian Reporter

THE 20th ordinary meeting of the summit of the East African Community heads of state is set for Friday, this week.

According to a statement issued yesterday by EAC secretariat, the 20th ordinary meeting of the summit will be preceded by the 38th ordinary meeting of the EAC council of ministers, which began running from 25th to 28th November, 2018, also in Arusha, Tanzania.

Among the items on the Provisional Agenda of the 20th summit of the EAC heads of state are: the status of

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ratification of various protocols; the status of resolution of long outstanding non-tariff barriers, and the progress report on the adoption of political confederation as a transitional model to the East African political federation.

Other items on the agenda include: the roadmap for the accelerated integration of the Republic of South Sudan into the EAC, and the verification exercise for the admission of the Republic of Somalia into the Community.

The summit will also consider modalities for the promotion of motor vehicle assembly in East Africa aimed at reducing importation of motor vehicles into the Community, a review of the textile and leather sectors with a view to developing a competitive domestic sector that gives consumers better choice than imported textile and footwear.

At their 19th ordinary meeting held in Kampala, Uganda on 15-16 February, 2018, the summit d

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