

## DSFA Background

Deep Sea Fishing Authority is a Governmental Institution formed in 2010 under the Deep Sea Fishing Authority Act Cap. 388, Deep Sea Fishing Authority Act No. 17 of 2007 (Amendment) and Deep Sea Fishing Authority Regulations of 2009. The Authority was essentially established to ensure that deep sea fishing activities which include areas beyond the twelve (12) nautical miles of the Exclusive economic Zone of the United Republic of Tanzania are managed by single Government entity for both Tanzania mainland and Tanzania Zanzibar.

### Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) Map



### Vision

To promote responsible fisheries that provide economic opportunities while ensuring the conservation of marine living resources by ensuring sustainable use of marine living resources in the deep sea and preventing significant adverse impacts on vulnerable marine ecosystem.

### Mission

To adopt measures necessary to ensure the conservation of target and non target fish species including prevention of significant adverse impact on Vulnerable Marine Ecosystem (VMEs).

### DSFA Sections

1. Compliance Section
2. Licensing Section
3. Statistic and Research Section
4. Legal Section

#### 1. Compliance Section

The Compliance Section is comprised of two sub-units. These are: The Monitoring and Control Unit and the Enforcement Unit. The Compliance Section - is composed of the Fisheries Monitoring Centre (FMC)

The Fisheries Monitoring Centre (FMC) deals with the compliance of all fishing vessel's reporting requirements, Vessel Monitoring System (VMS), validation of statistical documents for Regional Fisheries Management Organization (RFMOs) such as ICCAT, IOTC, EU and Non-EU catch certificates. The Section carries out all inspectorate duties with regards to port state inspection, land inspection,

sea and air surveillance duties pertaining to national and regional requirements.

#### 2. Licensing Section

The Deep Sea Fishing Authority (DSFA) has a Licensing Section which is responsible for receiving license application from owners of fishing vessels intending to fish in the EEZ of Tanzania. Also, it handles application from Tanzanian flagged fishing vessels seeking for Authorization to fish Certificate in the international waters and EEZ of other countries.

#### 3. Statistic and Research Section

The Deep Sea Fishing Authority (DSFA) has a Statistics and Research Section which is responsible for receiving data and other relevant information regarding fishing activities and license application from owners of fishing vessels intending to fish in the EEZ of Tanzania. Also, it handles fishery statistics transmitted to the Fisheries Monitoring Center (FMC) of the Authority via the Vessels Monitoring System.



#### 4. Legal Section

The Deep Sea Fishing Authority (DSFA) has a Legal Section which the main responsibilities include but not limited to:

- Serves as legal counselor in all legal issues to DSFA Management and Ministries responsible for fisheries in Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar;
- Facilitate litigation services and legal advice on matters involving DSFA;
- Facilitate review of the DSFA legislation and proposed new areas for amendment;
- Provide interpretations of laws and rules regarding deep sea fishing and other related matters; and;
- Prepare legal document for DSFA.



Bigeye tuna



Yellowfin tuna



Skipjack tuna

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