

Fishnets misuse fuels illegal fishing

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MISUSE of fishnets is one of the reasons behind illegal fishing, stakeholders in the fishing industry have said during a meeting to discuss protection and participatory management of fishery resources in Lake Victoria.

The meeting, chaired by Minister for Livestock and Fisheries, Dr Mashimba Ndaki, brought together stakehold-

ers from the Lake Zone, with participants saying that every water body has its own fishnet sizes, but some dishonest traders have been doing the opposite, deliberately practising illegal fishing.

"My permit directs me to produce fishnets whose size fits only Lake Victoria... they cannot be used anywhere else. It is because every water body/source has its one net size," the director of the Mwanza-based Fanaka Fishnets Limited Mr Tatinen Rao said.

He stressed that every fishnet manufacturer has a permit that directs the size to be produced for a specific water body.

"Doing the opposite is to encourage misuse of fishnets that affects ecosystem in various water bodies," he said.

Mr Rao urged the government to set up mechanisms to make sure all fishing tools are thoroughly inspected before being used.

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Dr Ndaki urged all stakeholders in the sector to make good and profitable use of Lake Victoria, which serves over 4,000,000 people, who engage in fishing activities.

He further revealed that over 75 per cent of the fish available in the country comes from Lake Victoria.

"We all, therefore, should speak the same language against illegal fishing. Using unauthorised nets means all water products, regardless the size, are to be fished out, leaving the water without any fish," he said.

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Kahama. Wafanyabiashara wa nyama ya nguruwe wilayani Kahama, wameuomba uongozi wa Serikali Wilaya kutoa matangazo rasmi ya kuruhusiwa biashara hiyo kama ilivyofanyika wakati wa kupigwa marufuku ili kuwatoa hofu walaji.

Januari 16, Serikali ilitangaza marufuku ya biashara ya nyama ya nguruwe baada ya kutokea mlipuko wa homa ya nguruwe iliyodaiwa kuwa zaidi ya nguruwe 800 wilayani humo.

Marufuku hiyo iliyotangazwa na Mkuu wa Wilaya ya Kahama, Anamringi Macha ilihusu usafirishaji, uuzaji na ulaji wa nyama ya nguruwe baada ya kuibuka kwa hofu ya wilaya hiyo kukumbwa na ugonjwa wa homa ya nguruwe iliyowama mamia ya watyama hao.

Baada ya ugonjwa huo kudhibitiwa, Serikali imeruhusu biashara ya nguruwe, lakini bila kuutangazia umma kama ilivyofanyika wakati wa kupigwa marufuku. Hali hiyo imegeuka kaa la moto kwa wafugaji na wafanyabiashara wa kitimoto ambao wamejikuta biashara yao ikidorora kutokana na wateja kuendelea kuwa na hofu ya ugonjwa huo.

Wakizungumza na *Mwananchi* kwa nyakati tofauti jana, walisema kuziwa kwa biashara hiyo uliwaathiri kichumi, kwani baadhi yao walikuwa wamechukua mikopo benki kwa ajili ya kuendelea biashara hiyo.

"Wateja wameendelea kuwa na hofu kutokana na kutotolewa tangazo rasmi la kuondolewa kwa marufuku," alisema Frank Mushi. Alisema kabla ya marufuku alikuwa akingiza hadi Sh200,000 kwa siku, kiwango ambacho kimeshuka hadi kufikia Sh80,000.

Ofisa Mifugo na Uuvi Mamsipa ya Kahama, Damian Kilyenyi alisema Serikali imeondoa marufuku iliyowekwa awali baada ya ugonjwa kudhibitiwa na hali kuwa shwari.

"Wananchi waondoe hofu ya kula nyama ya nguruwe kwa sababu kila siku tunachunguza na kukagua kujiridhisha na ubora na usalama wake," alisema Kilyenyi.



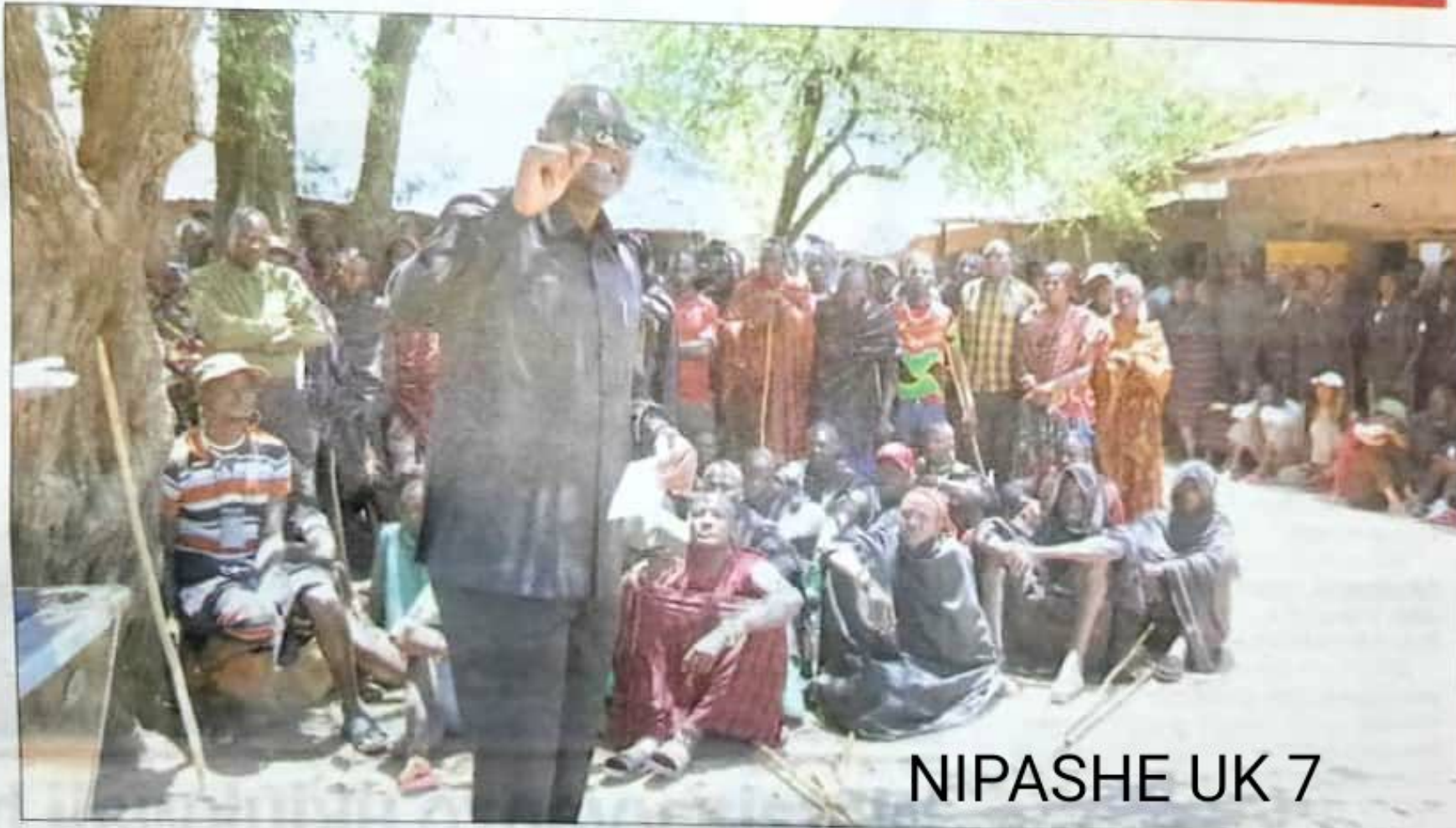
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Alisisitiza kuwa suala la kujumuishwa kwa wanawake wenye ulemavu katika uongozi ni la msingi, na kuyasihhi washirika wa maendeleo na wadau wa ulema-

mikopo ili kujinua kiuchumi. Alisema katika kuwajali na kuwathamini watu wenye ulemavu, serikali imetenga asilimia mbili ya fedha za halmashauri kuwapatia mikopo watu wenye ulemavu.

Zanzibar. Alisema katika mashirika hayo wanawake wote walioshinda walichaguliwa kidemokrasia kupitia mchakato wa uchaguzi wenye ushindani.

awa wa uwakilishi wa watu wenye ulemavu si kuiba nafasi za wanaume bali kuleta usawa wa wakilishi wa matatizo kwa kuwa kuna baadhi ya matatizo yanatofutiana kati ya mwanamke na mwanamume.



Mkuu wa Mkoa wa Tabora, Dk. Philemon Sengati, akiwahutubia wakazi wa kijiji cha Makomero, jana, alipokuwa akitafutia ufumbuzi wa kudumu mgogoro wa wafugaji na wakulima waliokuwa wakitumia Bonde la Serikali la Wembere wilayani Igunga. Picha: TIGANYA VINCENT

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