

# Govt sets aside 11.5 billion/- to purchase modern fishing boats

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THE government has said it has allocated 11.5bn/- to develop the country's blue economy for the purchase of modern fishing boats and 20bn/- for the construction of fishing farming cages for tilapia in Lake Victoria.

This was revealed yesterday by Deputy Minister for Livestock and Fisheries, Abdallah Ulega during his official visit in Tanga region.

Ulega visited aquaculture development groups at Jifute, Mondura and Mchukuuni that deal in fishing and seaweed farming activities.

He said the government has also set aside 2.5bn/- for the development of seaweed and sea cucumbers farming and that already 447m/- has been provided to various groups countrywide.

He added that the government has vowed to develop the blue economy sector by allocating more funds to it while inviting various stakeholders to support the government in the aquaculture development.

He also called upon stakeholders in the fishing sector, in particular fishing groups, to grab the opportunities on which the government has provided funds to satisfy the country's local and foreign fish markets.

Meanwhile, Pangani District Commissioner, Zainabu Abdallah expressed her pleasure on how the Phase VI government places its efforts in assisting the youth by investing in the aquaculture development through the ministry of Livestock and Fisheries.

Reading the statement from the Mchukuchuni seaweed and sea cucumber farming group in Tanga

City, Abdallah Mtondo, the group's chairman, complained about the practice by some unfaithful people to steal sea cucumbers from their farms especially during the high tide.

In the circumstances the group appealed to the government to take legal steps against as they retard their fish farming efforts.

In response, Ulega called upon concerned authorities to intervene while stressing that all buyers of seaweed and sea cucumbers buy these products from recognised groups that are officially registered.

Earlier, before the start of his Tanga visit, Ulega met and held talks with Tanga Regional Commissioner Omary Mgumba on how the government, through the ministry, was making various efforts to open up opportunities in the fish farming sector.



Livestock and Fisheries deputy minister Abdallah Ulega (4th-L, gesturing) has a word earlier this week with officials of Tanga Region's Mchukuuni Cooperative Society, whose members are engaged mainly in seaweed farming and sea cucumber harvesting. The society is part of Tanga Yetu project, the thrust of whose activities is on employment creation and poverty reduction particularly for young people and women. Photo: Correspondent Boniface Gideon

# Mahakama yaamuru kutaifishwa ng'ombe

**Na Jaliwason Jasson,**  
**BABATI**

MAHAKAMA ya Wilaya ya Babati mkoani Manyara, imeamuru kutaifishwa ng'ombe 71 waliokamatwa ndani ya Hifadhi ya Taifa ya Tarangire kuwa mali ya umma.

Aidha, imewatia hatiani watu watano na kuwahukumu kutumikia kifungo cha miezi mitano jela kwa kosa la kuingiza mifugo hifadhini na kuharibu mazingira.

Akisoma hukumu ya kesi namba 13 ya mwaka 2023 jana, Hakimu Mkazi Mfawidhi wa Mahakama hiyo, Victor Kimario, alisema wameridhishwa na ushahidi uliotolewa.

Waliohukumiwa adhabu hiyo ni Manekei Hanoti (17), Gwayangwa Hanoti (21), Paulo Ngeresi (24), Shaban Kamaza (26) na Madei Ngahe (23), wote wakazi wa Mwilanja, wilayani hapa.

"Baada ya kusikiliza utetezi wa washtakiwa wote, ambapo mmoja ni mtoto wa miaka 17 pamoja na wenzake ambao hawakuweza kujieleza, mahakama hii imewatia hatiani washtakiwa watano.

"Upande wa mashtaka umefanikiwa kuijenga kesi yao kwa kuleta mashahidi wawili na vielelezo, ambavyo

ni ng'ombe 68 waliokamatwa na askari wanyamapori wa Hifadhi ya Taifa ya Tarangire.

"Kwa mamlaka niliyopewa, ng'ombe wote wametaifishwa na ni mali ya serikali. Mahakama hii inaagiza wapigwe mnada kupitia dalali wa mahakama, Kibaigwa Action Mat na fedha za mauzo zilipwe Benki ya NMB kwenye akaunti ya mapato," alisema.

Awali, ilidaiwa na Wakili wa Serikali, Peter Utafu, kwamba Januari 20, mwaka huu, washtakiwa waliingiza ng'ombe hao katika Hifadhi ya Taifa ya Tarangire katika upande wa kijiji cha Sanjaweda.

Wakili Utafu alidai kuwa jambo hilo ni kinyume cha Sheria za Hifadhi za Taifa, Sura 282, Toleo la Mwaka 2002 pamoja na kanuni zake, ikisomwa kwa pamoja na kifungu cha 351 (1) (a) (b) cha Sheria ya Mwenendo wa Makosa ya Jinai, Sura ya 20 iliyofanyiwa marejeo mwaka 2022.

Katika hati ya mashtaka, makosa ya washtakiwa ni kuingiza mifugo ya kufugwa nyumbani hifadhini, na kosa jingine ni mifugo kufanya uharibifu wa mazingira kiasi cha kuharibu ikolojia inayowezesha miti kuota upya.

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