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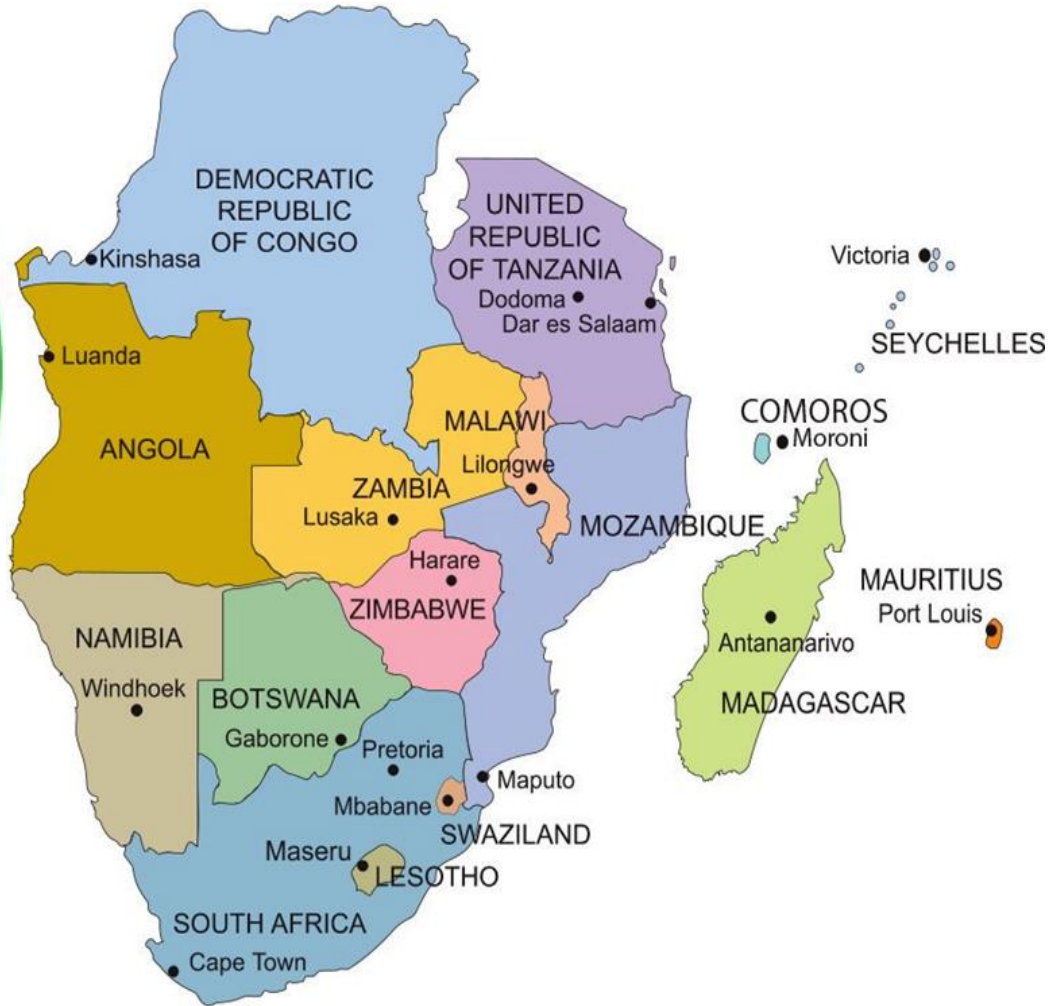
Strengthening coordination:

Information sharing on current status, ongoing/planned activities on domestication, ratification or implementation of global instruments related to aquatic biodiversity conservation and environmental management

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- 16 Members States ratified the SADC Treaty
- MS boast of two LMEs abound with rich transboundary natural resources (Benguela & Agulhas Current)
- 6 coastal mainland states
- 4 Island States

Vision: Common future, a future in a Regional Community that will ensure economic wellbeing, improvement of the standards of living & quality of life, freedom & social justice & peace & security for the peoples of Southern Africa



SADC Common Agenda

- Stipulated in Article 5 of the SADC Treaty



Implemented through	International Instruments
Regional Indicative Strategic Development Plan (RISDP) 2020-2030	UN SDGs AfDB High 5s
SADC Industrialisation Strategy & Roadmap to 2063	AU Agenda 2063 African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA)
Regional Agricultural Policy (RAP)	AU Agenda 2063
Protocol on Fisheries (2001)	SDGs/ Agreement on Port State Measures (PSMA)/Convention on Biological Diversity/FAO Code of Conduct on Responsible Fisheries/ FAO SSF Vountarily Guidelines
SADC Blue Economy Strategy and Action Plan (2023-2032)	SDGs, AU Agenda 2063, 2050 AIM Strategy;

Fisheries & Aquaculture Priorities (2020-2030)

Support to sustainable management of shared fisheries resources, SSF & prioritising inland fisheries

Support to regional aquaculture and fisheries value chains in line with the SADC Industrialisation Strategy

Promoting intra-regional fish trade through OSBP & investments in the BE sector

Building resilience and strengthening mitigation measures

Improving efforts to protect aquatic environments, including addressing issues of pollution, esp. plastic & micro-plastics pollution

Combating IUU fishing through strengthening of regional cooperation & strengthening of fisheries MCS

Mainstreaming fisheries & aquaculture into the BE

Addressing key sectoral cross-cutting BE issues (RD&I, capacity building, gender, etc.)





SADC Fisheries Biennium Programme

- Monitoring implementation of the SADC Protocol on Fisheries (**all Member States**)
- Effective fisheries monitoring control and surveillance (MCS), including operationalization of the SADC Fisheries Monitoring Control and Surveillance Coordination Centre (MCSCC) (**11 MS ratified**)
- Programme for Improving Fisheries Governance and Blue Economy Trade Corridors in SADC Region (PROFISHBLUE Project) (**7 ADF MS, regional impact**)
- Coordinated implementation of tools to tackle issues related to safety, labour and illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing in SADC region
- Implementation of the SADC Blue Economy Strategy and Action Plan (2023-2032) (**8 MS domesticating**)



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- Building Climate Resilience and Adaptive Capacities in Small-Scale Fisheries and Aquaculture in Southern Africa
- Promoting Regional Market Clusters and Competitive Fish Value Chains in SADC region
- Promoting Private Sector & SMEs Investment Support in the SADC Fisheries and Aquaculture Value Chains
- Support joint fisheries assessments and vessel frame surveys (riparian systems)
- Development of blue economy multi-sector investment plans in Lake Malawi/Niassa/Nyasa, Lake Tanganyika & Kariba)
- Development of Regional Genetic Improvement Programme Framework (4 dominant tilapia species)
- Analysis of fish trade in the SADC region
- Early warning and information tools





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Small-scale fisheries & Institutional strengthening:

- Support dialogue with fishers, women & fisheries community organisations
- Support cold-room storage networks and trade corridors for women & youth SMEs (training, hygiene facilities & refrigerated trucks)
- trade facilitation (harmonisation of standards, certification schemes & OSBP)
- Awareness and sensitisation of the certification bodies and producers of fish and fishery products
- Support to national GIP
- Piloting of MCS tolls in inland fisheries



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Facilitate & support implementation /domestication at national level:

- National Focal Points
- Project Implementing Partners
- Technical Committees
- Coordination meetings/governance structures
- SSF Networks
- resource mobilisation (dev. of regional programmes/projects)
- Peer-to-peer learning, regional exchanges and capacity building
- Stock taking/building up regional initiatives
- Strengthening regional efforts, collaboration and partnerships among stakeholders



SADC Partners in the Fisheries Biennium Programme



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