Promoting Environmentally and Socially Sustainable Cage Aquaculture (PESCA)



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Rationale



Cage culture has potential to increased fish production in the African Great Lakes Region (AGLR) **Contribute to sustainable fisheries and aquaculture management in the African Great Lakes Region (AGLR)**



But can degrade water quality

Can interfere with other lake uses

It needs to be practiced in a socially, economically. and environmentally sustainable way

Objectives / Outcomes

Demonstrate cross-basin collaboration and partnership in development and application of Best Management Practices (BMP) in cage aquaculture across AGL through the following outcomes:

- An African Great Lakes Cage Aquaculture Network (AGL-CAN) established;
- Information and data mobilized and harmonized BMP that can be applied across AGLR produced; and
- Awareness raising materials in BMP produced and shared

This is expected to contribute to:

- Sustainable fisheries and aquaculture development in the AGL region, and;
- SDGs 1 and 2 ending poverty and hunger, 3 healthy lives and well-being, 6 - clean water and sanitation, 14 - Life below water, and 17-partnerships;

AGL-CAN established

The study confirmes that cage aquaculture was spreading fast in Africa with highest concentration in the AGLR

AGL-CAN was established across:

- Five of the seven AGL basins (Malawi, Kivu, Victoria, Edward, Albert);
- Six of the eleven AGL countries (Mozambique, Malawi, Tanzania, Uganda, Kenya, Burundi); and
- Seven national institutions from six countries of the AGLR



Harmonized BMP for AGLR developed

BMP in cage aquaculture involve:



Seek guidance of technical staff

Select suitable and capable sites Zone site to separate from other lake uses Lay out the cages properly

Provide security

Manage farm wastes



Culture native species

Use nutritious feeds

Monitor fish health Monitor water quality at the cage site Identify market before harvesting Dispose cages properly at end of operation

Awareness raising materials in BMP produced

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•]	Siting
	Farm Planning
ĉ	Design and Installation
	Production

Marketing

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 \rightarrow Way Forward

FAOs

The BMPs were translated into outreach materials including mobile a application "NARO cage aquaculture" covering the main steps of BMP which be accessed can on **Play Store** Google on smart phones running android application.



The extent of cage aquaculture, adherence to best practices and reflections for sustainable aquaculture on African inland waters

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A paper on BMP was published in the *Journal* of Great Lakes Research

Impacts

- Establishment of cross basin collaboration in cage aquaculture;
- Availability of BMPs to guide policy and practice in cage aquaculture; and
- Increased contribution of cage aquaculture to fish production, employment, income and nutrition



