

ABOUT SWIOTUNA

South West Indian Ocean Tuna Forum (SWIOTUNA) is a membership regional network of Civil Society and Private Sector Organisations from the Coastal Nations and Island States of Madagascar, Kenya, Tanzania, Mozambique, Comoros, South Africa, Mauritius, Seychelles, Reunion and Somalia. The Network was established in 2010.

SWIOTUNA is legally registered as an international Non-Governmental organization under section 10 of the Non-Governmental Organisations Coordination Act of Kenya as an international Non-Governmental organization (NGO). The Registration number is: OP.218/051/18-184/11297. It has a functional management and administrative secretariat hosted by Tuna Fisheries Alliance of Kenya (TUFAK) based in Mombasa, Kenya.

SWIOTUNA has a governing body of a seven member committee headed by the chair. The current chair is Community Action for Nature Conservation (CANCO). The other members are: Marine Stewardship Council (MSC)-South Africa, the Forum of Civil Society Organisations for Marine and Coastal Areas (FOSCAMC)-Mozambique, Blue Ventures-Madagascar, Nature Seychelles-Seychelles, World Wide Fund for Nature and Association Intervention Development Environment (AIDE)-Comoros.

SWIOTUNA has established sub committees to operationalize its work in the following thematic areas:

1. Fundraising, Communication and Resource Mobilization



2. Partnership
3. Resource Mobilization
4. Capacity building
5. Integrated Ocean Management and Marine Spatial Planning
6. Sustainable Blue Economy
7. Policy and Advocacy
8. Fisheries Partnership Arrangements

SWIOTUNA aims at ensuring active engagement of Non-State actors (Civil Society and Private Sector Organisations) within the South West Indian Ocean (SWIO) policy and practice regarding sustainable fisheries management and governance and fair trade on Tuna and Tuna-like species as well as other emerging issues such as Integrated Ocean Management, Marine Spatial Planning and Blue Economy among others. In addition, the forum provides a platform for members to share lessons learned best practices and experiential learning for purpose of enhancing their collective voice and action to bring about desirable change and benefits



Key Thematic Areas and Strategies

The forums key thematic areas and strategies include:

1. Policy and Advocacy
2. Capacity Building
3. Communication and Knowledge Management
4. Institutional Strengthening/network development
5. Resource Mobilization

SWIOTUNA partners

Since inception SWIOTUNA has been able to receive financial support from World Wide Fund for Nature –Mozambique and Madagascar.

SWIOTUNA VISION

An empowered and vibrant regional Non-State Actors (NSAs) forum contributing to Sustainable Development and management of Marine Fisheries resources for enhanced socio-economic benefits to the communities and respective countries in the South West Indian Ocean (SWIO).

SWIOTUNA MISSION

Creating critical mass of non-state actors (NSAs) and building their capacity to actively and collectively engage in influencing fisheries policy reforms and practices that promote stock sustainability, equitable benefit sharing and human rights-based approaches in the South West Indian Ocean (SWIO)

SWIOTUNA Achievements:

Members Annual Consultative Meetings.

1. Since inception, SWIOTUNA has held 8 consultative meetings including Annual General Meetings, workshops in different member countries. The last meeting was held in Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania between 26th to 29th August 2019.

Governance and Management

1. SWIOTUNA has a functional governing body and a functional secretariat that coordinates the activities of the network.
2. SWIOTUNA is a formal and legal entity

Participation and Representation in national and regional processes pertinent of Marine and fisheries

SWIOTUNA have participated and been represented in the following;

Sustainable Blue Economy Conference (SBEC)

1. SWIOTUNA Participated in the Global Sustainable Blue Economy Conference that was held in Kenya from 26th -28th November 2018 in the following ways;
 - We were part of the CSO group that organized the Civil society forum for the sustainable Blue Economy that was held on 27th November 2108. SWIOTUNA lobbied for one of its members

from SANSFA Madagascar, Dr. Paubert T. Mahatante, to be a speaker. He talked about Building partnerships and synergies with other stakeholders including the Private and Public sector in the Blue Economy.

- SWIOTUNA members through its Country Focal Point in Kenya, TUFAC organized a side event together with ;Swedish Society for Nature Conservation(SSNC), Coalition for Fair Fisheries Arrangements (CFFA), Confédération Africaine des Organisations de Pêche Artisanale (CAOPA) on ‘ **The blue economy vision and blue growth: Will this be compatible with securing Sustainable Small Scale Fisheries (SSF)?role of Small scale fisheries in the Blue Economy?’** on 26th November, 2018.
- SWIOTUNA members in Kenya held an exhibition through the entire conference showcasing the marine and fisheries related products from small scale fishers.
- 2. Development of marine governance strategy for West Indian Ocean (WIO) region which was held on 3rd -6th September 2019, in Mahe Seychelles.
- 3. Development of Africa’s Blue Economy Strategy, where SWIOTUNA was part of stakeholder consultations as part of the process to developing African Union sustainable Blue economy strategy in Nairobi, Kenya on 30-31st August 2019.
- 4. The Third Ordinary Session of the Specialized Technical Committee (STC) on Agriculture, Rural Development, Water and Environment which was organized by The Department of Agriculture and Rural Economy of the African Union Commission, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 21 to 25 October 2019.

Policy Advocacy and Influence

SWIOTUNA has participated in the following;

1. Development of Policy Framework and reform strategy for fisheries and Aquaculture in Africa (PFRSFA).
2. Development of the Confederation of Fishers in Africa being spearheaded by the African Union.
3. SWIOTUNA recommendations were adopted and integrated in the African Ministers of Fisheries and Aquaculture (CAMFA) Ministerial report held in

Banjul, Gambia in September 2010.

4. Development of the Blue Print of Africa’s Blue Economy spearheaded by the African Union through its Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment (DARBE)
5. Participation in development/review of the country’s fisheries related frameworks.

Capacity Building

SWIOTUNA members have been trained on:

1. Human Rights and wellness of the fisher folk within the context of ILO Work in Fishing Convention 2007 from the 22nd to 24th November 2017 in Mombasa, Kenya . This was in collaboration with the International Transport Federation (Kenya), Seafarers Union of Kenya and the Mission to Seamen
2. Fair fisheries access arrangements including regional Minimum Terms & Conditions for granting fisheries access arrangements (MTC) held from 27th to 28th August 2019, in Dar-es-Salaam Tanzania.

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