

Fish Fund Project Grant Application Form – Category 1

Project Information	
1. Project Title	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide the title of the project.
WTO AGREEMENT ON FISHERIES SUBSIDIES SUPPORT PROJECT	
2. Project Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a brief description of the project. <p>Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing (IUUF) in Kenya's coastal and inland waters is an issue that threatens not only marine biodiversity but also the livelihoods of millions who depend on these vital resources. Home to some of the world's most diverse marine ecosystems, the East African coastline is under significant threat from unscrupulous fishing practices. Today, more than three million people rely on fisheries for their income, food security, and way of life—making the fight against IUUF more urgent than ever. There is an urgent need to ramp up enforcement of existing maritime laws and revisions to Kenya fisheries legislative framework to ensure compliance with the WTO Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies, which commits Kenya to curbing billions of dollars in annual spending on the most harmful subsidies that contribute to the depletion of marine fish stocks.</p> <p>The project aims to identify a number of gaps in the Kenya's fisheries legislative framework that need to be reviewed to make its compliance with the WTO Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies feasible. The project will assess the existing technical expertise required to implement the Agreement.</p>
3. Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clearly state what the project aims to accomplish. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify gaps in the Kenya's fisheries legislative framework that may make its compliance with the World Trade Organization Agreement not feasible. 2. Assess technical needs, resources, and expertise to implement WTO Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies.
4. Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a summary of the context of the project and how its specific objectives in relation to implementation of the discipline(s) of the AFS. <p>The project aims to identify gaps in Kenya's fisheries legislative framework that need to be filled to facilitate compliance with the WTO Agreement. This will streamline treaty domestication while ensuring constitutional compliance. The State Department for Blue Economy, the Competent Authority to implement the Agreement must assess the technical</p>

capacity required to monitor and enforce compliance. Additionally, identification of gaps in the systems for assessing fish stock levels, which is critical for determining overfished species will also be addressed by the project. This data will play a crucial role in enforcing subsidy bans on overfished stocks.

These preliminary activities will provide a clear roadmap for aligning Kenya's fisheries governance with global standards while promoting sustainability, economic resilience, and regional leadership in fisheries management.

5. Expected Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Clearly state the results envisioned once the project is completed.</i>
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1. Fisheries Regulatory, Institutional and Legislative framework reviewed and gaps that may hinder compliance with the World Trade Organization Agreement identified.
2. Proposed amendments in Kenya's fisheries legislative framework identified and documented.
3. Fish Stock Assessment Reports reviewed and gaps identified.
4. Development of Fish Fund Category II proposal.

Implementing entities

6. Implementing Entity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Name of the organization(s) responsible for implementing the project.</i>
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7. Contact Information

- *Provide the full name, email address, and contact information of the focal point responsible for the project.*

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8. Partnerships

- *Describe envisaged partnerships and collaborations with organizations supporting the implementation of this grant or broader programs encompassing the project, and how those will contribute to achieving the objectives of the project.*

Kenya Fisheries Service	The Competent Authority's implementing Agency.
Coastal County Governments	Help in project implementation by ensuring that initiatives are coordinated and mutually supportive within their jurisdictions.
Beach Management Units	Support local governance structures by facilitating community involvement and sustainable practices in fisheries management.
Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute	Provide crucial data and insights on fish populations and ecosystem health, guiding evidence-based decision-making.

Budget Information

9. Total Amount of the Project Grant

- *Indicate the total sum of the project grant being requested from the Fish Fund.*

USD 50,000

Key Elements of Implementation

10. Monitoring & Evaluation

- *Provide a description of the Monitoring & Evaluation arrangements for the project in line with the log frame and reporting provided by the Fish Fund.*

Objective	Indicator	Output	Outcome	Means of evaluation	Frequency
Identify gaps in the Kenya's fisheries legislative	Number of gaps identified	Key gaps in Kenya's fisheries legislative	Regulatory, Institutional and Legislative framework	Number of proposed amendments to the Kenya's	Monthly for 6 months

framework that may make its compliance with the World Trade Organization Agreement not feasible.		& institutional framework identified	reviewed and gaps identified and documented	fisheries Regulatory, Institutional and Legislative framework	
Assess technical needs, resources, and expertise to implement WTO Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies	Number of technical needs, resources and expertise identified	Technical needs, resources and expertise identified	Institutional capacity reports and data systems assessed.	Number of Institutional capacity reports reviewed and recommendation reports drafted.	End-of-project-6 months

11. Communication & Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Describe how your organization will communicate about the project and the support provided by the Fish Fund; describe how the results of the project will be made available and disseminated.</i>
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The State Department for the Blue Economy and Fisheries is committed to transparent and consistent communication regarding the project and the support provided by the Fish Fund. Communication will:

- Acknowledge Fish Fund support in all project materials, reports, and public communications e.g. logos on publications, banners, press releases, and social media posts.
- Branding and Visibility: All events, workshops, and outreach activities will visibly display the Fish Fund's contribution through printed materials, and digital branding.
- Press releases and media briefings will highlight the partnership with the Fish Fund and the project's objectives, ensuring broad public awareness.
- Regular updates will be shared with government agencies, local partners, civil society, and community leaders to maintain transparency and foster ownership.

Dissemination of results

Results will be disseminated in multiple formats to different audiences:

- Technical Reports: Quarterly, semi-annual, and final reports will be submitted to the Fish Fund and shared with relevant stakeholders.
- Policy Briefs & Knowledge Products: Simplified summaries highlighting key findings, lessons, and recommendations will be prepared for decision-makers and practitioners.
- Community-Friendly Materials: Brochures, posters, and radio spots will ensure results reach fisherfolk, grassroots groups, and local communities in accessible formats and local languages.
- Digital Platforms: Project updates, results, and success stories will be shared via State Department website, newsletters, and social media channels, with cross-linking to the Fish Fund's platforms where appropriate.