



Stop Illegal Fishing Annual Report April – December 2013



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1. Letter from the SIF Secretariat:

2013 has been a year of new beginnings and tremendous growth for Stop Illegal Fishing. It is the year that SIF achieved its long-term plan of becoming an independent entity, establishing itself legally as a Society under the laws of Botswana. It is the year that SIF voted in its first Executive Committee, comprised of fisheries experts from around Africa. It is the year that SIF opened its first bank account and won recognition from the IMCS Network for its work in the fight against illegal fishing. It even is the year that SIF completed its first Annual Report, which you are viewing at this very moment.

As would be expected from a year full of “firsts,” the SIF Secretariat encountered challenges, learned many lessons from them, celebrated milestones and spent a significant amount of time brainstorming a way forward that would continue to build on SIF’s many successes and achievements. The SIF Secretariat believes that the SIF network, demonstrated most simply by its Executive Committee, is one of tremendous and limitless potential. This potential combined with the enthusiasm and dedication of everyone involved lays the foundation for innovation and creativity, two elements that are crucial to take the fight against illegal fishing to the next level. To the level where information is shared more readily and effectively, where cooperation is more pervasive and where personnel have the capacity to go above and beyond their professional call of duty. In this next year, the SIF Secretariat is excited to harness this potential and work with its expansive network to continue to achieve in all areas: from building an African Voice to engaging in evidence-based lesson learning. We hope that you are as excited to work with us in this next year as we are with you!



Figure 1: SIF Chairperson G. Nanyaro addressing attendees at the 4th GFETW in Costa Rica

2. SIF's purpose:

“To strengthen cooperation and coordination between governments and partners and to support the African Union’s and the NEPAD Planning and Coordination Agency’s agendas and other community, national, regional and international processes to stop IUU fishing in African waters.”

3. SIF Executive Committee:

- Chairperson: Mr Geoffrey Nanyaro
- Vice Chairperson: Mr Manuel Castiano
- Vice Chairperson: Mr Dedi Seraphin
- Secretary: Mr Per Erik Bergh
- Vice Secretary: Mr Markus Burgener
- Treasurer: Ms Sandy Davies
- Executive Member: Mr Marcel Kroese
- Executive Member: Mr Gerard Domingue



Figure 2: SIF members at the SIF Executive Committee meeting

4. Achievements:

4.1. Evidence-based advice to feed into policy reform and improved decision-making

- Two case studies produced and a further two researched:
 - “A regional policy that drove change” - June 2013
 - “Africa Unites and Illegal Fishing Industry Pays” - July 2013
 - Research done for “The FISH-i Africa Task Force”
 - Research done for “Illegally fished, illegally transhipped and legally consumed”



Figure 3: SIF Case Studies

- SIF attended the 1st Advisory Meeting for the African Fisheries Reform Mechanism held on the 25th – 26th April 2013 in Maputo, Mozambique.
- SIF representatives attended the Writers'-Shop on the development of Policy Briefs in support of the Pan-African Fisheries Policy Framework and Reform Strategy in July 2013 in Lusaka Zambia. While there, SIF wrote two policy briefs for Conference of African Ministers of Fisheries and Aquaculture (CAMFA).

4.2. Coordinate an African Voice to influence international fishery policy processes

- Strengthened the network of African fisheries ministers and decision makers through the work of SIF and FISH-I, particularly in Liberia, Mozambique, Seychelles and Sierra Leone.
 - Supported the Republic of Seychelles' Minister for Natural Resources, the Honourable Peter Sinon, as a speaker at an event designed to encourage the European Union (EU) Member States to take stronger action against illegal fishing.



Figure 3: The Honourable Minister Peter Sinon beside the EU Fisheries Commissioner Maria Damanaki

4.3. Facilitate communications and education to create awareness and advocacy

- SIF continuously updated the website with news and information – in addition they performed two website technical updates, which included the development of a web-based e- newsletter function.
- SIF produced and disseminated two newsletters, one in March and one in December 2013.
 - SIF further developed its social media presence, gaining over 2 000 'likes' on Facebook and over 500 'followers' on Twitter.
- The support of SIF facilitated FISH-i's production of:
 - An informational flyer;
 - A FISH-i map;
 - A calendar;

- and a FISH-i movie.
- The Republic of Seychelles' Minister for Natural Resources, the Honourable Peter Sinon, referenced SIF and FISH-i at a large event in Europe, gaining both exposure and press coverage.

4.4. Build, develop and assist with cooperation tools, mechanisms and processes

- SIF played a key role in the FISH-i initiative by:
 - Facilitating the network and task force;
 - Coordinating stakeholder meetings;
 - Researching case studies; and
 - Providing technical support.
- SIF collaborated with, and provided support to, Interpol's Project Scale, which is focused on illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing cases.
- SIF and members of the SIF network attended Interpol meetings on fisheries crime in:
 - Cape town – May 2013
 - Nairobi – November 2013

4.5. Provide capacity building

- SIF facilitated a workshop on Combating IUU Fishing held in Djibouti in October 2013.
- SIF developed plans for capacity building in Ghana for local sub-region.

4.6. Facilitate improved information and intelligence exchange

- The SIF website continued to be the go-to site for news relating to IUU fishing in Africa and globally. Importantly, the site contains:
 - A combined IUU fishing vessel list; and
 - SIF-researched, cutting-edge front page stories, which aim to highlight important issues in the fight against IUU fishing.
- SIF not only convened but played an active participation in FISH-i Africa, particularly Basecamp, contributing to the exchange of information between technical experts and fisheries professionals related to IUU incidents and cases.



4.7. Grow and support a network of professionals, experts and champions

- SIF fully supported the FISH-i initiative and its work to expand the network of fisheries professionals working to combat IUU fishing. SIF participates in FISH-i meetings, Basecamp and provides input to programmatic planning;
- The SIF newsletter reached over 1000 subscribers; and
- SIF entered the International MCS Network's Stop IUU Fishing Award contest in 2013 in order to bolster relationships with other MCS organizations and practitioners.

4.8. Development of SIF's organizational model

- SIF became a registered not-for-profit Society under the laws of Botswana – April 2013
- SIF established an independent bank account with First National Bank Botswana (FNB) – May 2013
- SIF developed a funding flyer – September 2013
- SIF established a Foreign Currency Account with FNB – October 2013

5. Financial Summary 2013:

Total revenue	EUR 0.00
Total expenditure	EUR 0.00
In-kind contributions	EUR 85,000
Break-down of in-kind contributions by NFDS Africa:	
Website hosting and maintenance	EUR 15,000
Marketing and publications	EUR 5,000
Staff time	EUR 50,000
Financial and administration	EUR 5,000
Funding preparation	EUR 10,000
Total	EUR 85,000

4.9. Funding application summary

Date	Organisation approached	Proposed project area	Response (if any)
June	Oak Foundation	Not specified	The Oak Foundation is unable to support SIF at this time.
August	Environmental Defence Fund	Not specified	No response from the international team regarding cooperation opportunities
August	Open Society Initiative for West Africa (OSIWA)	Not specified	No response
August	Southern African Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing evidence based advice • Coordinating an African Voice • Communications and awareness 	In review
December	1% of the planet – over 50 organisations approached	Not specified	Unfortunately, many of the organisations already had pledged their 1%, but SIF will apply again in 2014.
December	Norad	Five core areas based on SIF objectives	In review