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1. Letter from the SIF Secretariat

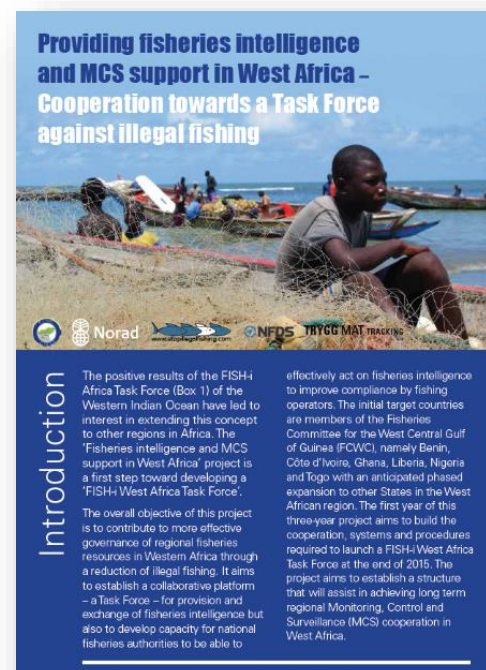
2014 was a year of growth for *Stop Illegal Fishing*. SIF remained actively involved in several meetings, workshops and initiatives, both continentally and globally that supported the fight against illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing.



As mentioned in the most recent letter to SIF members¹ from the SIF Secretariat, SIF ended 2014 on an extremely high note, receiving confirmation that at the Hundred and Fiftieth Session of the Council of the U.N. FAO has endorsed the nomination of SIF as recipient of the Margarita Lizárraga Medal Award² for the biennium 2014-2015. We expect to be physically given the award in Rome in mid-2015. Winning such a prestigious award highlights the international recognition given to the work done by SIF and its members in support of the FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries, work that we shall continue to build on this year.

SIF Secretariat is pleased to inform you that our continued efforts to ensure the organisation is self-sustainable have finally come to fruition and this past December our Chair, Geoffrey Nanyaro signed our first contract with TMT of Norway to participate in a MCS project in West Africa. Geoffrey travelled to Abidjan in December 2014 to take part in the project launch at the annual Ministers meeting of the FCWC, attended also by Dedi Seraphin, the Secretary General, FCWC and Vice Chairperson of SIF. The project is funded by Norway for a three year period and SIF is supporting the project in respect to; facilitation of the Task Force, establishing sustainable mechanisms for cooperation and communications and awareness.

The SIF Secretariat is also anticipating a new project in early 2015, in respect to coordinating and organising an African Think Tank meeting on fisheries crime to be



¹ SIF Coordinator letter to SIF members – 12 December 2014

² Margarita Lizárraga Medal Award <http://www.fao.org/fishery/code/margarita-lizarraga/en>

convened in Cape Town in September 2015 with again, Norwegian funding.

The Coordination Team grew last year with the addition of Ms Shannon Cosentino-Roush and Ms Elsa Patria, both of whom contributed greatly to our work.

The two year term of our current Executive Committee has come to an end, and at the upcoming Annual General Meeting (AGM) we shall elect (or re-elect) the Committee who will carry us forward. This looks set to be SIF's busiest year yet, we hope that the growth in the organisation translates to more successes in the fight against IUU fishing.

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 Gerard Domingue
- Executive Member: **Vacant**

On the 16th December 2014 Mr Marcel Kroese resigned from the SIF Executive Committee. The SIF Secretariat would like to thank him for his dedication, and we look forward to continuing working with him in the future.



Figure 01: Marcel Kroese

4. Achievements

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

- Two new SIF case studies were published in 2014:
 - “The FISH-i Africa Task Force” - February 2014
 - “Illegally fished, illegally transhipped and legally consumed” – March 2014



Figure 02: New SIF Case Studies

- SIF attended CAMFA II, where Mr Nanyaro gave the presentation “Evidence based policy reform to Stop IUU fishing”.
- SIF prepared an End of Project report for the Partnership for African Fisheries.
- Three SIF Executive Committee members were appointed as members of a Working Group (WG) of the African Fisheries Reform Mechanism (AFRM) established by the African Union (AU) through the African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR) and the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) Planning and Coordinating Agency (NPCA). Mr Nanyaro (who was elected to chair the WG), Mr Séraphin Dedi Nadjé and Ms Sandy Davies were appointed to the Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) WG of the AFRM. This three year membership enables SIF members to contribute to the development, adoption and implementation of reforms in fishery governance and management.

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

- SIF had meetings with representatives from the AU and the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Secretariat to discuss the future opportunities for collaboration between the organisations, specifically in relation to FISH-i Africa and the SADC MCS Coordination Centre planned for Maputo, Mozambique.



Figure 03: The Honourable Minister Peter Sinon alongside SIF Members Ms Kristin Kistowski, Mr Roy Clarisse and Ms Sandy Davies

- SIF continued to strengthen the network of African fisheries ministers and decision makers through the work of SIF and FISH-i Africa, particularly in Western Indian Ocean.
 - Supported the Republic of Seychelles' Minister for Natural Resources, the Honourable Peter Sinon, as a speaker at the 31st Session of the UN Committee on Fisheries (COFI) in Rome, Italy, and the "Our Ocean" Conference in Washington, USA.³

³ Protecting The Blue Gold

http://www.stopillegalfishing.com/sifnews_article.php?ID=148#sthash.VSdxvnDZ.dpuf

4.3. Facilitate communications and education to create awareness and advocacy

- SIF continuously updated the website with news and information – in addition they carried out scoping research in anticipation of a new SIF website.
- SIF produced an Annual Report for an Extraordinary General Meeting held in March, and produced and disseminated one newsletter in September 2014.
- We further developed our social media presence, gaining over 3,000 ‘likes’ on Facebook and close to 700 Twitter ‘followers’.
- The support of SIF facilitated FISH-i’s production of:
 - A FISH-i Diary;
 - FISH-i caps and t-shirts;
 - and FISH-i notepads.



Figure 04: SIF Chairperson G. Nanyaro addressing attendees at the 2nd FISH-i Task Force Meeting in Madagascar in November

- SIF attended both of the FISH-i Africa’s Task force Meeting in Mozambique in July, and Antanarivo in November; as well as the FISH-i Africa coordination team meetings.

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

- SIF continued to play a key role in the FISH-i Africa initiative by:
 - Facilitating the network and task force;
 - Coordinating two Task Force Meetings - Maputo in July and Antananarivo in November;
 - Providing technical support; and
 - Researching case studies.
- SIF applied for funding to host an African Think-Thank to reduce Illegal fishing and fisheries crime in Africa, and are optimistic that preparations for this will commence early 2015.

4.5. Provide capacity building

- Members of the SIF team were in Lome, Togo from the 28th July to the 1st August 2014 to support the members of the Fisheries Committee for the West Central Gulf of Guinea (FCWC) in a capacity building workshop “*Sub-regional workshop for capacity building in the fight against IUU in the FCWC Region*”;⁴ an event whose concept note was developed by SIF.



Figure 05: Dedi Seraphin, Secretary General, FCWC and Vice Chairperson of SIF (L) and Togolese Minister of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries, Mr. Ouro Koura Agadzi (C)

⁴ SIF capacity building in the Gulf of Guinea http://www.stopillegalfishing.com/sifnews_article.php?ID=150

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. It continued to provide SIF-researched, cutting-edge front page stories, which aim to highlight important issues in the fight against IUU fishing.
- SIF continues participate in FISH-i Africa, contributing to the exchange of information between technical experts and fisheries professionals related to IUU incidents and cases.
- SIF has signed a contract to support the Norwegian Government funded project to develop a West African MCS Task Force, and attended the launch of this initiative in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire in December 2014.

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

- SIF fully supports 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 reaches over 1,000 subscribers; and
- SIF offered to co-convene the planned International Conference on Transnational Fisheries Crime to be held in Cape Town in September this year.

4.8. Development of SIF's organizational model

- SIF held an EGM in April and submitted its annual returns to the registrar of societies in May 2014.
- SIF has continued to apply for funding from various sources to support its activities; including the Norwegian Government and the Southern African Trust.
- SIF held an informal meeting in Madagascar in November, attended by four executive committee members and four voting members, to update the few SIF members who were there of the progress that had been made with the organisation thus far.
- *Stop Illegal Fishing*™ is now officially a registered Trademark!

5. Financial Summary 2014

In-kind contributions 2014 by NFDS and NFDS Africa	BWP 700,000.00
Total revenue 2014	BWP 0.00
Total expenditure 2014	BWP 20,465.83
Debt at end of 2014 to Secretariat	BWP 20,465.83
Break-down of payments made by Secretariat (2014):	
Financial and administration	BWP 1,800.00
Website hosting and maintenance	BWP 6,822.63
Work contracted	BWP 11,843.20
Total	BWP 20,465.83

Please note:

- *The in-kind contributions made by NFDS and NFDS Africa to Stop Illegal Fishing in 2014 were equivalent to BWP 700,000 in staff time. This is a contribution as part of the companies' corporate social responsibility programme.*
- *The payments made by the Secretariat in 2014 will be refunded by Stop Illegal Fishing as soon as the Society can comfortably afford the repayment.*