Evaluation of the rich fishery resources in Democratic Republic of Congo and Contribution of Fisheries to the national economy.

Tusanga Mukanga*

*Agriculture, Fishery and Livestock Ministry

Abstract

Paper Title: Evaluation of the rich fishery resources in Democratic Republic of Congo and Contribution of Fisheries to the national economy. By: Sylvain TUSANGA Mukanga, National Expert Economist / PAF / NEPAD / COREP; Sylvaintusanga@yahoo.fr Abstract This study sponsored in July 2011 by the Regional Commission for Fisheries of the Gulf of Guinea (PRC) and NEPAD aims to analyze the contribution of fisheries to the national economy of the DRC and to assess the potential wealth associated with fisheries. The data for the study of the top ten species by weight and value have been collected from the fishing boat owners and the Agriculture Ministry officers for the period from 2005 to 2010. The results of the study indicate the average production of sea fishing craft of 4285 tons / year, a resource rent average $4,199,833 USD and a value of the potential rent of $ 52,497,910 associated with US / year due to a free and unregulated. Fishing generates so much wealth, hence the need for policy makers to improve the budget to be allocated to the fishery sector and fishing place among the priority areas for sustainable management of these resources. Fishing in DRC being essentially continental (96%), these figures represent only 4% of potential wealth value of fishing c resources. Keywords: contribution of fisheries to the creation of wealth, resource rents, sustainable management.