

Legal regional fish trade in the Horn of Africa: experience from a FAO-IGAD project

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Abstract

Legal regional fish trade in the Horn of Africa: Experience from the FAO-IGAD Regional Project Eshete Dejen¹, Helga Josupeit², Susan Minae¹ and Jorge Torrens³ ¹FAO SFE, Addis Ababa. Corresponding author: Eshete.Dejen@fao.org ²FAO HQs, Rome. ³FAO-Somalia, Nairobi. Abstract The contribution of fish and fisheries products in the economy of Horn of Africa countries is substantial to food security, livelihoods, employment and foreign currency earnings. However, production is mostly characterised by artisanal fishermen who rely on local and cross border trading conducted through informal and unofficial market channels and tends to be underestimated in terms of its contribution and importance to the local and regional economies. There is high potential for increasing incomes from fish and fish products if value chain operators capacity is developed. The FAO-Subregional Office for Eastern Africa (SFE) in partnership with the Intergovernmental Authority for Development (IGAD) is carrying out a project on capacity building to promote formal fish trade in the Horn of Africa. This paper provides an overview on the target beneficiaries, activities, outcomes/outputs and anticipated impact. Moreover, achievements to date and preliminary findings from Ethiopia and Uganda will be presented.