

Namibia solidifies commitment to sustainable fisheries development

Unsustainable fishing, pollution, climate change and other human activities continue to exert enormous negative pressure on the world's oceans. These actions have led to pollution of water bodies, depletion of fish stocks, alteration of ecosystem structures and the overall, reduction of the ability of ecosystems to adapt to climate variability and change.



In a bid to mitigate this situation, the Government of the Republic of Namibia (GRN) and Norway together with FAO signed a cooperative programme agreement for the implementation of the [Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management \(EAF\) -Nansen Programme](#). The programme is aimed at addressing the multiple impacts of human activities, including overfishing and pollution, on fish stocks and the marine environment in general to preserve the productivity of the oceans for the benefit of future generations.

This initiative, which is informed by [FAO's Technical Guidelines for Responsible Fisheries](#), will contribute to the attainment of the [United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals](#) SDG 14, which aims to protect marine and coastal ecosystems from pollution, enhancing conservation and the sustainable use of ocean-based resources. *Read full story:* <http://www.fao.org/namibia/en/>