



Aquaculture and fisheries

The Netherlands in Kenya

“The Netherlands, often referred to as Holland, has had one of the world’s most open economies for centuries. The Dutch engage in all forms of business all around the globe.”

Kenya has a growing population and growing wealth, through this the demand for animal protein has risen. Fish is an important food source but the fish supply from Lake Victoria and the Indian Ocean is not keeping up with the demand. Expanding traditional business and expanding fish farming, or aquaculture, is necessary. The Netherlands Embassy has programmes on Aquaculture and is exploring options for marine fishing along Kenya’s coast.



Our vision | To achieve a healthy business climate in which Dutch and Kenyan companies enter into mutually beneficial partnerships.

Our approach | We provide sustainable trade and investment support to Dutch companies that are exploring economic opportunities in Kenya. We are involved in government to government dialogue to improve the business climate and encourage Dutch investment in Kenya.

Aquaculture

FoodTechAfrica is a Dutch public-private partnership that aims to significantly increase fishfarming for the local market. With their Blue Revolution they build a sustainable fish value chain in Kenya. Recently a fish feed production plant, with Dutch technology, has been opened to supply the growing aquaculture sector with good fish feed. A Dutch designed recirculation system in the fishponds has lead to an 50 to 100 fold increase in production, under good supervision and with extensive training of the farmers.

Jambofish is a company specialized in growing fingerlings of tilapia and catfish, as starting material for an aquaculture pond. Next to that they provide consults and training to those who want to start a fish farm in Kenya, and with growing success.



Marine Fishing

Fishing along the Kenyan coast supports no less that 1.1 million people, directly or indirectly. Very few commercial vessels and no national fleet fish the waters of the Kenyan Economic Exclusive Zone (EEZ). A scoping study and explorative missions to the coast of Kenya have taught us more about the opportunities and possibilities in marine fishing in Kenya and Tanzania, of which the conclusions can be found on our website.



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