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EAF–NANSEN PROGRAMME

A PARTNERSHIP FOR SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES AND IMPROVED FOOD AND NUTRITION SECURITY (2024—2028)

With a focus on strengthening food and nutrition security in partner countries and ensuring the sustainable use of marine life, the EAF-Nansen Programme is driving global efforts to build resilient and sustainable fisheries. Through scientific research, improved fisheries management, and collaboration, the Programme supports a healthy ocean and the livelihoods of people who depend on it.

WHAT WE DO


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SCIENCE

Collaborating with research institutions in partner countries and regions to provide knowledge in support of sustainable fisheries management, taking climate change and pollution into consideration.


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FISHERIES MANAGEMENT

Supporting fisheries management institutions in partner countries and regions to improve fisheries policy and management in line with an ecosystem approach to fisheries (EAF).


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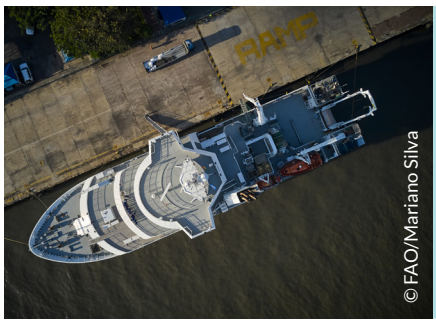
CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

Developing institutional and human capacity for fisheries research and management with strong emphasis on promoting gender equality and effective participation of women in all Programme activities.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RESEARCH VESSEL

The research vessel (R/V) *Dr. Fridtjof Nansen* is a cutting-edge research platform equipped with modern technology and laboratories to conducts surveys and gather crucial data and information on marine resources and ecosystems. It is the third in a series of vessels named after the Norwegian explorer, scientist and humanitarian Dr. Fridtjof Nansen that have served the Programme since 1975.


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Millions of people face the challenge of affording a healthy diet, as global food insecurity continues to rise. The ocean is an important source of food, and plays a key role in generating employment, facilitating trade, and enhancing socio-economic well-being. Yet, threats like pollution, climate change and overfishing are putting the future of the ocean and the people who depend on it at risk.

Sustainable fisheries management is crucial for healthy marine life and ensuring food and livelihoods security globally.

In collaboration with regional organizations and 32 countries across Africa and the Bay of Bengal, the EAF-Nansen Programme is implementing the EAF, a holistic and risk-based management approach that FAO considers one of the leading frameworks for achieving sustainable fisheries.

From 2024 to 2028, the Programme is committed to bridging science and management to improve ocean governance, while addressing challenges like pollution and climate change.

FACTS AND FIGURES

Dating back to 1975, the Nansen Programme is the longest-running fisheries development initiatives of FAO and Norway.

Throughout its different phases, the Programme has collaborated with 60 countries across Africa, Asia, Central and South America, assisting them in both fisheries research and management.

The R/V *Dr. Fridtjof Nansen* is the only vessel that flies the UN flag, serving as a platform for international cooperation between partner countries and organizations of the Programme.

IN COLLABORATION WITH

The EAF-Nansen Programme is a partnership between FAO and Norway, executed in close collaboration with the Norwegian Institute of Marine Research in (IMR).

It contributes to FAO's vision for Blue Transformation of aquatic food systems, and the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021–2030).

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