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Operation Phakisa Initiative 5

**REPORT FROM NELSON MANDELA UNIVERSITY FISHFORCE ACADEMY TO  
INITIATIVE 5 TECHNICAL WORKING COMMITTEE: OPERATION PHAKISA**

Since the last OP meeting, the activities listed below were undertaken:

**1. FishFORCE Project Management:**

From a FishFORCE Project Management aspect, product descriptions have been drafted for each indicator (there are 20 of them) as per the results framework. The purpose of the product descriptions are to define and operationalise the development of the appropriate data source for each indicator ensuring the performance of the FishFORCE project is in line with predetermined outputs, timelines and budget.

**2. Training & Multi-Agency Collaboration:**

The FishFORCE Academy as part of the FishFORCE Project Outcome 1 – Technical expertise built in developing countries, successfully trained 276 delegates in the Law Enforcement by Peace Officers (LEPO) Short Learning Programme to date. This training links to output 1.1 – Training and academic qualifications developed and delivered.

As per the projects monitoring results framework, the target for the number of “Ad Hoc” SLP training sessions delivered and the number of “Ad Hoc” SLP certificates issued for the 2017 academic year were eight (8) and sixty two (62) respectively. During this reporting period, the FishFORCE Academy managed to deliver a total number of fourteen (14) training sessions, which led to the issuing two hundred and fifty (250) certificates.

The above training also ensured that output 2.1 – multi-agency and cross-border training delivered was met. Four (4) different South African agencies namely, SARS, SANParks, City of Cape Town and the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) received training simultaneously thus doubling the target set of two

(2). Stimulating multi-agency co-operation and collaboration is a key component and project deliverable to the FishFORCE Project.

Also linked to outcome 1, the Diploma in Law Enforcement was approved by the Council of Higher Education (CHE) and will officially commence in 2019.

A draft-training schedule for 2018 is in the process of being finalised. The training will be inter-agency and cross-border in nature comprising prevention of corruption, the taking of statements as well as Species identification and Fisheries Technology. Law Enforcement by Peace Officers (LEPO) for Cape Nature has also been included in the draft schedule. It is worthy to note that the training materials for this course was recently updated and amended and that it is now focused on fisheries law enforcement.

An outcome for 2018 will also be international collaboration including joint training with both local and international agencies (involving Kenya). FF will involve experts from UNODC and/or Interpol to do presentations on their fields of expertise.

**3. Operational Helpdesk:**

The FishFORCE Academy also commenced with formalising the structure of the operational helpdesk linked to output 1.3 - Provision of post-training support. The establishment of an operational helpdesk aims to provide advice to people who formed part of the training and who require further assistance while at a crime scene or while doing an investigation. It will also provide advice on how to improve prosecutions. The helpdesk therefore provides an opportunity to obtain expert guidance and advice in “real-time”. Terms of reference has been drafted and the panel of experts have been selected.

**4. Post-graduate Research and FishFORCE Scholarship:**

The FishFORCE Academy has two (2) registered Doctoral (LLD) students conducting relevant fisheries crime related research, as well as two (2) registered Master’s (LLM) students. The above research links to output 3.3 – knowledge and lessons learned harnessed and disseminated.

The FishFORCE Scholarship application form has been finalised and this will be advertised in due course for postgraduate studies at an M-level to review legislation, which is an urgent need. Legislation relating to the Marine Living Resources Act and the integrated Coastal Management Act, especially where abalone is concerned, will be the focus of the research.

**5. University of Nairobi MOU:**

The University of Nairobi (UoN) sent confirmation that they couriered the signed MOU. This agreement will allow the UoN to offer courses registered at NMU in Kenya. The MOU still has not been received due to a backlog at the South African Post Office.

**6. The use of Drone Technology in fisheries Law Enforcement:**

This will also be included in the MOU with DAFF, but the use of Drone technology is currently being investigated.

### **Outstanding matters**

- The MOU between Nelson Mandela University and DAFF is still outstanding.
- Nominations for the Train the Trainer training are still awaited. An expression of interest to recruit facilitators has been drafted and will be distributed by Prof Hennie van As.

Yours sincerely;

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