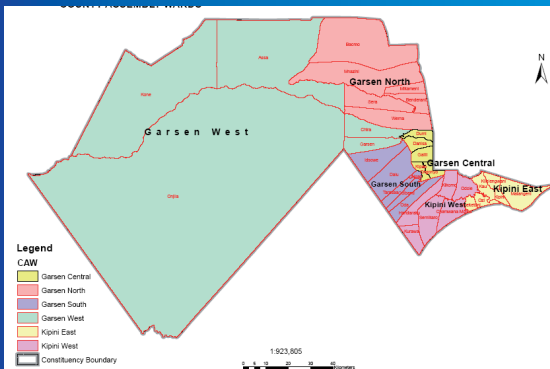




State Department for Blue Economy and Fisheries

Kenya Marine Fisheries and Socio-economic Development (KEMFSED)

TANA RIVER COUNTY PROFILE



The coastal county of Tana River covers 38,862.20 KM² and borders the Indian Ocean to the South. It has a coastal strip of 76KM. Its hinterland spans four agro-ecological zones where the main livelihoods include mixed farming.

Cassava does particularly well in some areas while livestock rearing is the dominant livelihood in the lower areas. The county has three sub-counties (Tana River, Tana North and Tana Delta), nine divisions and 15 wards.

Kenya Marine Fisheries and Socio-Economic Development (KEMFSED) project is implemented by the Government of Kenya, through the State Department for Blue Economy and Fisheries with support from the World Bank. The project aims at supporting the country in its efforts to leverage emerging opportunities in the Blue Economy. Tana River is one of the counties participating in the project alongside Kilifi, Mombasa, Kwale and Lamu.

Project Development Objective

To improve management of priority fisheries and mariculture and increase access to complementary livelihood activities in coastal communities.

Project Components

KEMFSED's Project Development Objective will be achieved through three components:

- Component 1: Strengthen Capacity in Governance and Management of Marine Fisheries
- Component 2: Coastal Community Empowerment and Livelihoods
- Component 3: Project Management

Beneficiaries

The primary target group are the fishers and poor fisheries-dependent households, and rural communities with direct or indirect links to fishing activities, including vulnerable and marginalized groups.

Coverage

In Tana River, KEMFSED Project covers six Wards in Garsen Sub-County: Kipini, Garsen South, Kipini West, Garsen Central, Garsen, West and Garsen North.

KEY ACTIVITIES IN TANA RIVER COUNTY

COMPONENT 1: KEMFSED supports the national and county governments to strengthen governance and management of renewable marine resources to ensure the long-term sustainability of fish stocks. Key activities under this component in Tana River include:

- Capacity development for three Beach Management Units (BMUs)
- Upgrading of county offices at Kipini
- Construction of a new fisheries office block at Minjila
- Building of fisheries infrastructure at landing sites in Kipini landing sites

COMPONENT 2: This component strengthens livelihoods in coastal communities through provision of technical and financial support. Under this component, the following has been achieved:

- **Communities trained** in participatory planning and developed Ward integrated community plans.
- **Sixty-one (61) sub-projects submitted** by Common Interest Groups (CIGs) have been screened and approved for funding in the first round. These include livelihood productive grants (targeting about one thousand 1,857 households across the three Wards over the project first round of disbursement, welfare grants to improve social facilities and environmental and natural capital grants to promote environmental management projects. The livelihood grants target 44,000 beneficiaries in the six Wards over the project period.
- **30 scholarships awarded** to students in secondary school, technical and vocational colleges and diploma colleges.
- **Internship scheme** started to build local capacities.

COMPONENT 3: The County Project Implementation Unit (CPIU) is well established. The CPIU is responsible for execution of specific project activities at the county level under the guidance of the National Project Coordination Unit (NPCU) and the County Project Steering Committees (CPSC).

Priority fisheries

- Snapper fisheries in the North Kenya Banks
- Small-scale purse seine (ringnet)
- Small-scale line-caught tuna
- Shallow water prawn
- Octopus
- In-shore basket trap

Weak governance has led to overfishing of these fisheries at the nearshore, reducing the catch per fisher and contributing to high poverty levels. The project aims to secure stocks at sustainable levels of harvesting.



Grievance Redress Mechanism

KEMFSED has set up a grievance redress mechanism (GRM) for handling complaints related to the COVID-19 Emergency Response Project. Community members, staff, stakeholders who would like any issue addressed are encouraged directly contact the county and national offices or Ward Committees.