

## The State Department Hosts World Fisheries Day 2022 Celebrations in Kwale County



*The Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs Hon. Salim Mvurya (Centre), accompanied by Kwale Governor Madam Fatuma Achani(right) and Principal Secretary-State Department for Blue Economy and Fisheries, Dr. F.O Owino(left) at one of the exhibitions stands at the world fisheries day celebration.*



*Participants following proceedings during the world fisheries day celebration.*



*The Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs Hon. Salim Mvurya presenting certificates of completion to coxswain trainees drawn from coastal BMUs during the World Fisheries day celebration.*



*Kwale County Governor H.E Fatuma Achani (Second from right) at the mangrove seedlings planting event at Tsunza landing site as part of the world Fisheries day celebration.*

The World Fisheries day which was established in 1998 is celebrated globally every year on November 21 by the fisher folk communities. Fishing communities worldwide celebrate this day through rallies, workshops, public meetings, cultural programs, dramas, exhibition, music show, and demonstrations to highlight the importance of maintaining the world's fisheries.

This year (2022), the World Fisheries Day Celebration was hosted by the State Department for Blue Economy and Fisheries in partnership with the County Government of Kwale at Shimoni Fish Port in Kwale County. Hon. Salim Mvurya, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs was the Chief Guest.

Accompanying the Chief Guest were: Dr. F.O. Owino, Principal Secretary, State Department for Fisheries, Aquaculture and the Blue Economy; H.E. Fatuma Achani, the Governor Kwale County, Members of Parliament from Kwale County, and Kwale County political leaders. This year's World Fisheries day was themed: "Investing in social protection to secure equitable blue transformation in fisheries sector".

As part of the World Fisheries Day celebrations, a mangrove seedling planting activity was conducted at Tsunza landing site on 19th November, 2022 with a view to restoring mangrove ecosystems, increasing forest cover as well community sensitization in tree planting. The exercise was led by the Kwale County Governor, area Member of Parliament and officials from the State Department for Blue Economy and Fisheries among others.