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Strengthening Abandoned, Lost or Otherwise Discarded Fishing Gear (ALDFG) Management Project

About the project

The Strengthening Abandoned, Lost or Otherwise Discarded Fishing Gear (ALDFG) Management Project is a regional initiative aimed at reducing marine pollution caused by abandoned, lost and discarded fishing gear and mitigating ghost fishing.

Ghost fishing occurs when lost or abandoned fishing gear continues to catch fish and entangle marine life, even when it is no longer being used. This gear can damage coral reefs, seagrass beds and other important marine habitats, while also affecting fisheries, livelihoods and maritime safety.

Funded by the Government of Japan and implemented through the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the project covers four countries: Comoros, Madagascar, Mauritius and Seychelles.

In Seychelles, the project brings together government agencies, fishing industry representatives, private sector partners and other stakeholders to strengthen fishing gear waste management and develop sustainable collection, sorting, recycling and pre-treatment systems.

Project at a glance

Total Grant
US$ 1,000,000

Donor
Government of Japan

Project Start Date
September 2025

Project End Date
October 2026

Executing agency:

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

Geographic coverage:

Comoros, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius and Seychelles

Objective:

To reduce marine pollution from abandoned, lost and discarded fishing gear and mitigate ghost fishing in Comoros, Madagascar, Mauritius and Seychelles through the transformation of aquatic food systems.

The project also seeks to establish national and regional partnerships to improve the management of abandoned fishing gear and end-of-life fishing gear (EOLFG), creating sustainable systems for collection, sorting and pre-treatment.

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Project Outcome

National and international partnerships for a sound management of ALDFG and EOLFG are established

Project Outputs

Output 1:

The capacity of fishing communities and private operators to collect, sort and pre-process recovered ALDFG and end-of-life fishing gear (EOLFG) including associated gear components is strengthened.

Output 2:

Enhanced technological innovation in fishing operations to reduce environmental impacts and improve safety and profitability