



MINISTRY OF MINING, BLUE ECONOMY AND MARITIME AFFAIRS
STATE DEPARTMENT FOR THE BLUE ECONOMY AND FISHERIES

CALL FOR COMMENTS AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON THE PROPOSED
NATIONAL MANUAL STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE (MSOP) FOR FISH
WELFARE IN AQUACULTURE

The State Department for the Blue Economy and Fisheries invites the public to provide inputs on the Draft National Manual Standard Operating Procedure (MSOP) for Fish Welfare in Aquaculture.

The proposed Manual is pursuant to Regulation 8 of the Fisheries Management and Development (Aquaculture) Regulations, 2024 on the development of a national aquatic animal health and welfare monitoring plan.

The object of the draft manual is to establish a coherent, enforceable, and evidence-based framework for the protection and promotion of fish welfare within aquaculture systems. The manual is therefore designed to strengthen regulatory implementation, operational practice, institutional capacity and sectoral sustainability in a manner that is practical, measurable and context-appropriate.

The manual will be useful to policy makers, standard developers, fish inspectors, extension officers, researchers, Producers, transporters, processors, consumers, input suppliers, insurance providers, financial institutions and development partners in the aquaculture value chain.

The development of the manual is spearheaded by the State Department for the Blue Economy and Fisheries (SDBEF) in collaboration with the Kenya Fisheries Service (KeFS), Kenya Marine Fisheries Research Institute (KMFRI) with technical and financial support from One Health and Development Initiative (OHDI) through the Africa Fish and Aquaculture Welfare (AFIWEL) Program supported by Coefficient Giving.

All stakeholders including government and private sector players, development partners and members of the public are hereby invited to submit their views on the draft proposed Manual. The manual can be downloaded from our websites www.mibema.go.ke, www.kefs.go.ke and www.kmfri.go.ke.

Comments should be addressed to the Principal Secretary, State Department for the Blue Economy and Fisheries and submitted through email address ps@blueeconomy.go.ke and copy to fibes@blueeconomy.go.ke not later than 5:00 pm on 18th May, 2026

Use the template provided below for your submission.

	Part/section suggested for amendment	Suggested amendment	Justification/Comment
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This call for comments will last from **28th April, 2026** to **18th May, 2026**

NOTE: The State Department for the Blue Economy and Fisheries will convene a National Validation Workshop on **6th May, 2026** at **Acacia Premier Hotel, Kisumu**. However, comments will be received until **5:00 pm** on **18^h May, 2026**.

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