

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

POULTRY keepers have been called upon to weigh their products in weighing machines before sale to ensure profitable business.

The remarks were given by Mary Mwangoka, a senior livestock researcher from Tanzania Livestock Research Institute (TALIRI) based in Mpwapwa mid this week during a visit at the centre by journalists and researches organised by Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology (COSTECH).

Mwangoka said many poultry keepers have been selling their chicken by estimating the weight, the practice that deny them of higher profit,

## Poultry owners urged to sell their chickens more gainfully

She said it was now time for them to change and develop themselves economically.

"Selling chickens by estimating weight makes poultry business hard, if they want to enjoy the market they should adopt the practice of weighing them before sale," she said.

"You find many chickens sold at between 8,000/- and 10,000/- but you find the same chicken sold at 15,000/- at the markets, the money which the poultry keeper ought to get," she added.

She said in the research done involving 157 chickens discovered

that if a cock's length is measured by a tape measure, its weight can be correctly estimated, whereas for a hen, it is its width that can determine its correct weight.

Mwangoka added that poultry keepers are supposed to abide by these measurements that would ensure them to arrive at the correct weight of their livestock, instead of costly weighing scales.

"We appeal to the government to introduce the practice of selling chickens by their correct weight, and poultry owner should stop being swindled by unscrupulous middlemen," added Mwangoka.



# Gekul ataka vijana kufuga samaki \*

Na Mwandishi Maalumu

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# Vijana watakiwa kujihusisha na uvuvi

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"Serikali itawawezesha vijana kwa hali ya juu, kuwajengea mabwawa, kuwapatia mafunzo ya ufugaji bora wa samaki ili vijana wetu wajikwamue na suala la ukosefu wa ajira," alisema Gekul.

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Aidha, Gekul alisema kuwa anafahamu changamoto zinazokabili ufugaji wa samaki wa mabwawa ni pamoja na uhaba wa vifaranga vya samaki na ukosefu wa chakula cha kutosha na cha uhakika kwa ajili ya samaki, hivyo alitumia fursa hiyo kuiagiza Taasisi ya Utafiti wa Uvuvi (TAFIRI) kutafuta mwarobaini wa changamoto hizo ili kuwaondolea kero hiyo wafugaji.

Aliongeza kuwa ufugaji wa samaki katika mabwawa utasaidia kupunguza kilio cha uhaba wa malighafi unaokabili viwanda vingi nchini, huku akiongeza kuwa ufugaji huo pia utasaidia kupunguza uvuvi haramu kwa sababu watu watakuwa na chanzo mbadala cha kujipatia kipato.



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***ALPHAKRUST Limited staff show octopus fillets to Deputy Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Pauline Gekul (right) during her tour of Dar es Salaam yesterday. (Photo by Ministry)***



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# Minister advises young people to engage in pond fish farming

By **DAILY NEWS**  
Reporter

DEPUTY Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Pauline Gekul has encouraged the youth to engage in fish farming as a way of generating income and curb unemployment.

Ms Gekul made the call recently when she visited a fish farming company, Bigfish, in Kigamboni, Dar es Salaam.

According to her, the government is strengthening fish farming using ponds as ordinary fishing practice leads to a reduction in fish species.

She said among the remedies which would help the youth secure employment was through engaging them-

selves in fish farming.

She, however, noted that the government planned to devise guidelines and strategies related to fish farming to make it more sustainable and enable farmers to conduct their activities in accordance with procedures.

“The government intends to empower the youth by building ponds, provide training on better fish farming to curb unemployment facing the country.

Ms Gekul recounted pledges made by President John Magufuli to create eight million jobs some of which were expected to be obtained from the fisheries sector.

Besides creating jobs, the move is expected to empower the youth and people with dis-

abilities economically, stressing that the groups should utilise the opportunity.

The deputy minister also directed all councils country-wide to set aside 10 per cent of their revenue for the empowerment of the youth and people with disabilities.

“I am aware of the challenges facing fish farmers, including fish fingerling, lack of adequate and reliable fish food supply,” remarked the deputy minister.

She challenged the Tanzania Fisheries Research Institute (Tafiri) to address challenges.

Fish farming is expected to solve the illegal fishing problem because it will serve as an alternative source of income.

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# \* Wafugaji wahimizwa kuwaepushia watoto utapiamlo \*

Na Mariam Juma, Simanjiro

**W**ATU wa jamii za wafugaji wilayani Simanjiro katika Mkoa wa Manyara, wame-takiwa kuwapa watoto wao milo kamili inayotakiwa kwa siku ili kuwaepushia watoto hao utapiamlo unatokana na ukosefu wa vyakula bora.

Kata za Naberera na Naisinyai zilizopo katika Wilaya ya Simanjiro yenye kata 18, zinashika nafasi ya mwisho kwa watoto kupata lishe hivyo kuwepo na hofu ya kupata utapiamlo.

Ofisa Mtendaji wa Kijiji cha Naisinyai, Martin Hhamit, aliyasema hayo wakati akizungumzia katika kikao cha baadhi ya wazazi na walezi wa eneo hilo kuhusu madhara ya ukosefu wa milo kamili kwa watoto likiwamo suala la utapiamlo.

Alisema japokuwa jamii za Kata za Naberera na Naisinyai hazipo pembezoni na

zinaongoza wilayani Simanjiro kwa kuwa na mifugo wengi na mashamba makubwa, watoto wa maeneo hayo ndio wanaongoza kwa utapiamlo kwa kukosa vyakula bora vilivyoelezwa na madaktari.

"Kata ya Naberera na Naisinyai ndizo zenye mifugo wengi, unakuta mfugaji mmoja anamiliki ng'ombe 1,500 na mashamba makubwa; kuna mkulima mmoja anakuwa na ekari 3,000, lakini bado eti huko mdiko kuna utapiamlo zaidi," alisema Hhamit.

Alisema jamii za wafugaji katika kata hizo zinapaswa kubadilika na kuwapatia watoto wao lishe bora ili kuondokana na utapiamlo kuliko kuwapa maziwa pekee au uji.

"Tunapaswa kubadilika na kuachana na mtindo wa kuwaachia watoto wa chini ya mitano, maziwa kutwa nzima badala ya mlo kamili wanaotakiwa wale asubuhi, mchana na jioni, watapata magonjwa ny-

emelezi," alisema Hhamit.

Mkazi wa Kijiji cha Naisinyai, Penina Isaya, alisema wengi wao wanashindwa kuwapa watoto wao mlo kamili kutokana na changamoto mbalimbali zinazowakabili jamii ya eneo hilo.

Penina alisema baadhi ya wazee wa jamii ya wafugaji huoa hadi wanawake wane, lakini hawawapi huduma za vyakula hivyo wanawake ndio hutaabika kutafuta kuwalisha.

Alisema wapo wanawake walioolewa, lakini waume zao hawawatunzi na pia, wapo wanawake ambao ni wajane; hao waliofiwa waume zao na kuachiwa watoto ambao sasa wanashindwa kuwatunza.

"Kuna wanawake wanaoenda kuchekesha udongo ndani ya ukuta unaozunguka migodi ya tanzanite; wanawaacha watoto wao wakinywa maziwa pekee; kimsingi hapo kuna changamoto kubwa inayohitaji serikali kuingilia kati," alisema Penina.



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# Gekul urges youth to go for fish farming to raise income\*

By Guardian Reporter

LIVESTOCK and Fisheries deputy minister Pauline Gekul has challenged youth to massively engage in fish farming to generate income as well as meet the country's demand.

She said the government is determined to improve the fishing sub-sector through establishment of fish ponds. She said the demand for fish products keeps increasing while production has remained low in almost all the Rivers and Lakes.

Fishing is mostly carried out in the Indian Ocean, Lake Victoria, Lake Tanganyika and Lake Nyasa.

Gekul made the remarks on Wednesday during her tour at a fish farming company Bigfish in Kigamboni District.

Tanzania produces about 336,821 tonnes of fish per year, against a demand of 731,000 tonnes.

The country imports about 24,000 tonnes of fish per month worth Tsh56 billion (\$25 million),

mostly from China, Vietnam and other states around the Indian Ocean.

The deputy minister added that plans are underway to come up with regulations and guidelines for fish farming with the aim of protecting and empowering farmers. "We want to empower youth through construction of fish ponds and training on modern fishing methods," said Gekul adding that fish farming is likely to improve their welfare within a short period.

She said that when inaugurating his campaigns for the 2020 general election, President John Magufuli said the fifth phase government will create eight million jobs in the next five-years, pledging to build a modern, inclusive, competitive economy embracing needs of Tanzanians of all walks of life.

According to her, fishing is among the sectors expected to create a number of jobs. She said through groups youth can access loans at district councils through monies earmarked for special

groups—women, youth and the disabled.

She said the government is aware of the challenges facing fish farmers including lack of fingerlings and feeds.

The deputy minister directed the Tanzania Fisheries Research Institute (TAFIRI) to work on the challenges to enhance the sector's growth.

Gekul was concerned that fish farming through ponds would likely reduce illegal fishing as well as ensure availability of fish for processors.

Data from the ministry indicates that in 2019, the demand for fingerlings was 40 million, but the country's capacity was to produce 18 million fingerlings.

According to the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nation (FAO) the consumption of fish in Tanzania is approximately 8.2 kilogrammes per year while the UN food agency recommends every individual to eat 20.3 kilogrammes of fish annually.