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SOMALIA: REVIVING THE FISHING INDUSTRY

VIDEO

MAN CARRYING FISH

BOATS IN WATER

MOHAMMAD ON CAMERA

MEN WADING THROUGH WATER
CARRYING KINGFISH OVERHEAD

AUDIO

NARRATION:

It's early morning in Mogadishu, // and fisherman in the Somali capital are bringing their catch in from the harbor. (7)

Somalia's 3,300 kilometre coastline, the continent's longest - gives the country's fishermen access to over 400 different species of fish. Mohammad Muzee, a Somali fisherman: (13)

MOHAMMAD MUZEE: (In Somali) M

"The equipment we use, like the boats, was inherited from our fathers. You would not dare get into any of them, because they're very old and you would be scared for your life, but we use them because that's how we make our living." (26)

In spite of the risk, fishing had been a major source of livelihood for many. But unfortunately, the fishing industry - like most of the country's infrastructure and economy - was

STREET SCENES

devastated during the civil war that began in 1991. Pirates took charge of many stretches of Somalia's coastlines. (18)

FISH MARKET

In 2007 the African Union Mission was deployed, a regional peacekeeping mission operated with the approval of the United Nations in Somalia, providing support to the transitional government in driving out rebel forces. (13)

With increased security, the Hamarwayne market in Mogadishu is now experiencing a boom. // Its growing number of customers provides a lifeline for fishermen, traders and even porters who hand-carry the day's catch from the shore to eagerly waiting fishmongers like Ahmed Ekar. (17)

ON CAMERA/CUTAWAYS

AHMED MOUMIN EKAR: (In Somali) M
"Sometimes it's a lot, other times only a little. When the catch is small, we get 12 US dollars per kilogram for kingfish, but when we've got a lot, it's only 6 dollars. Today, the kingfish are few and it's in great demand." (13)

FISH MARKET ACTIVITY

CLEANING THE FISH

Despite the industry's vast potential to bring in much needed revenue and create jobs, it remains largely untapped, says Somalia's new Minister of Natural Resources, Abdirizak Omar Mohamed. (11.5)

MINISTER ON CAMERA/CUTAWAYS

ABDIRIZAK OMAR MOHAMED: (In English) M
"We don't have a coast guard to guard our sea,

so because of that there is a lot of illegal and unregulated fishing taking place in our sea. We have not the means nor the capacity to do anything at this time." (17.5)

FISH PROCESSING ACTIVITIES

At a small fish-processing factory in the heart of Mogadishu, The Somali National Fishing Company prepares and packs the fish for export. A private company which operates its own fleet and also buys from local fisherman, it hopes that improved security will now help improve the poor transportation and storage facilities that caused it to lose customers in the past. (22.5)

The Company's Marketing & International Relations Manager, Hassan Warsame Noor: (5)

HASSAN ON CAMERA/CUTAWAYS

HASSAN WARSAME NOOR: (In English) M
"We take the fish from Mogadishu to Nairobi, our product transits in Nairobi for sometimes hours and hours, after that we get a flight from Nairobi to Turkey. Every person can imagine how it's difficult to keep the fish for that time". (15)

FISH PROCESSING ACTIVITIES

The company's potential for growth is evidence that Somalia's fishing industry is yet another area where investors can focus their efforts as the country rebuilds its infrastructure, and economy. (12)

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