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## MANAGING RIVER CONNECTIVITY AND FISH MIGRATIONS IN AFRICA FOR ALL TO BENEFIT!



The sustainable management of African river ecosystems is important for the people who use rivers, and the animals that live in them. We need to ensure that a balance between the use and protection of these ecosystems is achieved. In particular, the management of river connectivity for key ecosystem processes including the maintenance of fish migrations, is a critical component of water resource management.



The World Fish Migration Foundation recognises the importance of river connectivity management and fish migrations and has established to contribute towards the conservation of migratory fishes and their migratory requirements internationally.



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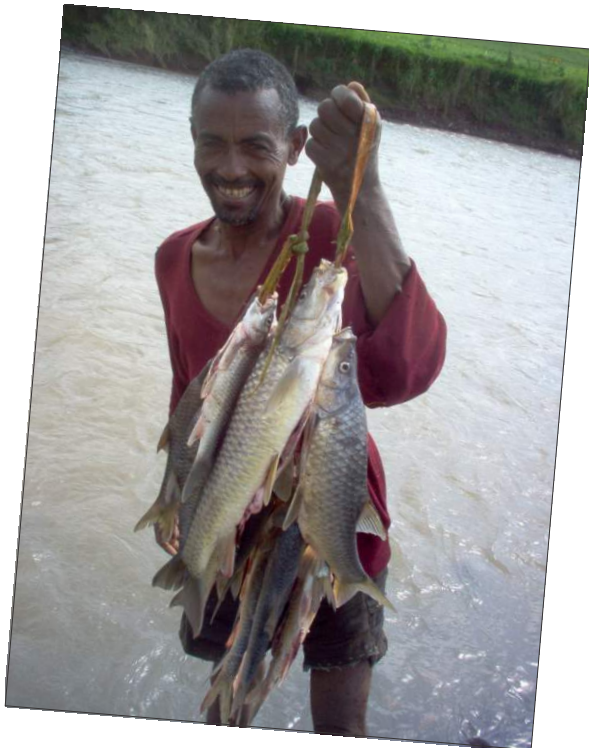
## AFRICAN RIVERS & BIODIVERSITY

Africa boasts an enormous abundance of productive river ecosystems and a high aquatic biodiversity. The WFMF and its partners recognise the importance of these natural resources, for Africans, and their natural heritage. Although abundant there is a need to protect and restore river connectivity and fish migrations for future generations!

### THE WFMF AFRICA VISION:

Learn from international experiences, share knowledge, promote awareness, stimulate involvement and commitment from all stakeholders to manage river connectivity and fish migrations together.

### CONNECTING FISH, RIVERS AND PEOPLE



## WHY RIVER CONNECTIVITY AND FISH MIGRATIONS?



- All Africans depend on the ecosystem services derived from rivers! *Including clean water, natural products, waste removal, recreational activities and spiritual needs.*
- River management is challenging due to their complexities! They contain many processes, plants and animals that respond to changes in ecosystem conditions.
- Migratory fishes are excellent indicators of ecosystem well-being. They play a crucial role in productive river systems. Migratory fishes are an important link in the food chain, providing food for people and animals. They use many habitat types across catchments. They respond to subtle changes in water quality and have specific flow requirements.
- By managing migratory fish we can protect the whole river ecosystem and the animals and people who depend on them.



## MIGRATORY FISHES IN AFRICA



There are more than 2000 known freshwater fishes from Africa. Some of these fishes including numerous Anguillid eels and the Allis shad for example, migrate between the sea and rivers. Many other fishes including mullet, barbs and tilapia carry out small, reach-scale migrations while some eels, tigerfish, yellowfish, mudfish and catfish carry out large scale migrations up to 1000s of kilometers.



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