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## Fishing in the Nachtigal Reservoir: promising results

## About half a ton of fish caught in Nachtigal

From the 18<sup>th</sup> of June to the 11<sup>th</sup> of July 2025, NHPC carried out an artisanal fishing campaign in the Nachtigal reservoir in partnership with the Ministry of Livestock, Fisheries and Animal Industries (MINEPIA) and local fishermen cooperatives in the project area.

The campaign, whose main objectives were to test the actual operating conditions of the reservoir and to collect technical and biological data essential for the future of the fishing industry, yielded promising results. Approximately half a tonne of fish from more than 15 species was caught, revealing a rich aquatic biodiversity.

The dominant species identified during this campaign will be monitored closely, with the aim of making them key resources for fishermen, ensuring sustainable exploitation and creating new economic opportunities for fishermen's cooperatives, local communities, and fishing sector stakeholders.

## New prospects for fishing in Nachtigal

The results of this campaign open new prospects for the fishing industry around the Nachtigal reservoir. NHPC plans to strengthen and develop the entire value chain by:

- Providing technical training for other related trades, such as fish trading, processing, descaling, and transport,
- Supporting commercial family fish farming within cooperatives and local communities
- Developing post-harvest activities through modern conservation and marketing techniques for fish products and derivatives.

This campaign builds on actions undertaken in Nachtigal since 2023, which have already led to the creation of a fishing zone, the construction of a landing stage, the structuring of cooperatives, and the training of more than 200 fishermen and fish traders.







A few of the fish species caught (Nile perch, tilapia, mormyrops sp., and kangas)