



ENHANCING ANIMAL PRODUCTION, HEALTH, VALUE CHAIN AND TRADE

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Overview of COMESA

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| 1. BURUNDI | 12. MADAGASCAR |
| 2. COMORROS | 13. MAURITIUS |
| 3. DJIBOUTI | 14. RWANDA |
| 4. DR CONGO | 15. TUNISIA |
| 5. EGYPT | 16. SUDAN |
| 6. ERITREA | 17. SEYCHELLES |
| 7. ESWATINI | 18. SOMALIA |
| 8. ETHIOPIA | 19. UGANDA |
| 9. KENYA | 20. ZAMBIA |
| 10. LIBYA | 21. ZIMBABWE |
| 11. MALAWI | |

- Established in 1994
- Member States: 21 Countries
- Population : 583 Million (2019)
- GDP : 805 Billion USD (2019)
- Area : 12 Million KM2
- 9 Costal Member States and 4 Ocean States



COMESA's Vision

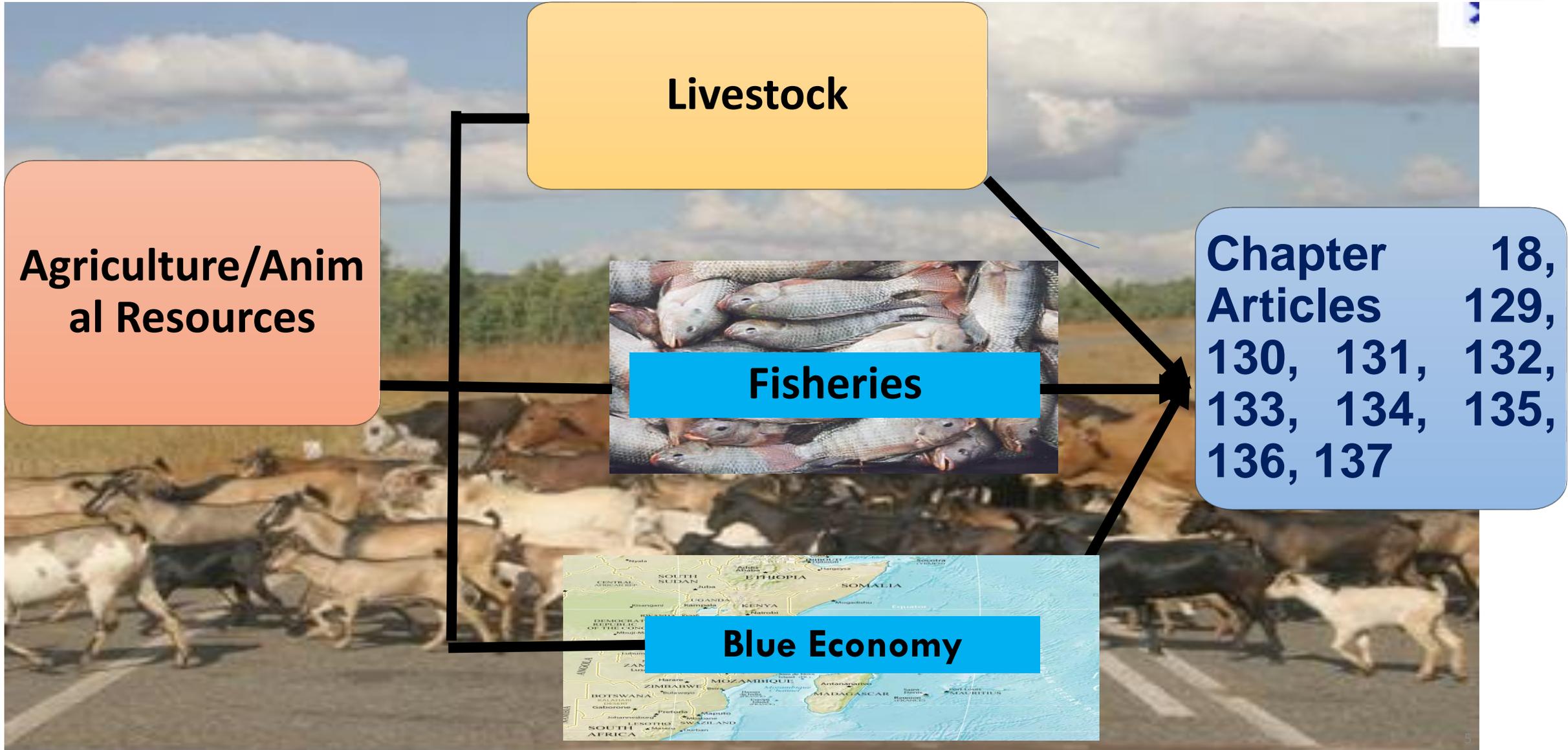
- The Vision of COMESA is, **“To have a fully integrated internationally competitive regional economic community** with high standards of living for its entire people, ready to merge into the African Economic Community”.

COMESA's Mission

- The Mission of COMESA is, **“To endeavor to achieve sustainable economic and social progress in all Member States** through increased **co-operation and integration** in all fields of development particularly **in trade, customs and monetary affairs, transport, communication and information, technology, industry and energy, gender, agriculture, environment and natural resources”**.
- **The main objective of COMESA is to promote trade and investment among its Member States as well as with third countries.**

LIVESTOCK, FISHERIES AND BLUE ECONOMY

Mandate - COMESA Treaty



Strategic Focuses of MTSP (2021-2025) from the perspective of Animal Resources

1-Market integration

- Removing barriers to trade to consolidate the internal market/FTA
- Building **productive capacity** to enhance global competitiveness and build regional capacity

2- Productive Integration

- Agriculture and Animal Resources including fisheries
- Sanitary and Phytosanitary – enhancing the green pass
- Blue Economy Development – Strategy developed with the support of AU-IBAR, MS are being supported by AUC

3- Industrialization

- Industrial Development which include Agri-food systems, pharmaceuticals
- Dairy, Poultry, beef, aquaculture and swine industrial development
- Manufacturing and SPS capacity for Animal Resources



Implementation of Strategic Objectives

Strategic Objective 1: To enhance Livestock and Fisheries Production and Animal Health to increase productivity and resilience of production systems

- ❖ Regional Enterprise Competitiveness and Access to Markets Programme (RECAMP) – Support to Dairy, Meat, Poultry and Fisheries industries
- ❖ Small Scale Cross-Border Trade Initiative (SSCBTI): facilitate small scale cross-border traders at selected border posts – indirectly supporting production/health
- ❖ Supporting member states in the development and harmonization of policies, strategies and veterinary legislations in partner with AU-IBAR, WOA, FAO
- ❖ Developed Regional Emergency Preparedness and Contingency plan; Supporting the use of Pastoralist Indigenous Knowledge and best practices with AU-SAFGRAD
- ❖ ECOFISH Project: Sustainable Fisheries Development, support member states in enhancing production and conservation. 6 COMESA member states (Kenya, Sudan, Mauritius, Zambia, Madagascar) are being supported in enhancing small scale fisheries- We have developed Blue Economy Fisheries Satellite Account
- ❖ FISH-GOV II: Sustainable Fisheries, Aquaculture and Blue Economy development: implementation of AFRM , we are member of Africa Platform for Regional Institutions in Fisheries and Aquaculture and Aquatic Systems (APRIFAAS)- we have developed a number of policy instruments, reviewed international instruments
- ❖ FISH-GOV II: supported a number of experience sharing visits-aquaculture development is encouraging



Implementation of Strategic Objectives

Strategic Objective 2: To enhance access to markets, services and value addition

- ❖ Regional Enterprise Competitiveness and Access to Markets Programme (RECAMP) FED/2019/407-838- Agro-processing (Dairy, Meat, Poultry and Fisheries)
- ❖ Support member states in enhancing value chain, value addition and trade in animal and animal source foods; support MS in enhancing animal resources value chain
- ❖ Support Member States access to markets, services and value addition- working with CBC, USAID RDOAG
- ❖ Small Scale Cross-Border Trade Initiative (SSCBTI): facilitate small scale cross-border traders at selected border posts – the use of STR



Experience sharing visit Meat Expo Nairobi May 4th 2023



Consultative meeting Nairobi May 4th 2023





Implementation of Strategic Objectives

Strategic Objective 3: Improve animal health systems and reduce impact of animal diseases on livestock production, productivity and public health

- ❖ COMESA is working with AU-IBAR, World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH) on enhancing animal health system through sharing of information on TADs. We are also supporting MS on PVS
- ❖ COMESA is partnering with AU-IBAR and has supported the development of continental animal health strategy for Africa, we supported in updating veterinary legislations and animal health regulations, training on aquatic animal health
- ❖ COMESA is member of WOAHA CBPP standing group of experts; WOAHA supported Regional Training of Focal Points for Aquatic Animal Health, Aquatic animal diseases network
- ❖ To support Animal Resources Small Scale Cross Border Trade Initiative – there is a plan to work with WOAHA on SPS in southern Africa
- ❖ COMESA Support Towards Regional Pharmaceutical Sector Development, institutional support for the development of the **pharmaceutical industry** through strengthened capacities of the region's pharmaceutical **regulatory bodies, quality control and management** systems and **research**
- ❖ We partner on Antimicrobial Resistance and also one health initiatives of AU CDC and WOAHA
- ❖ Currently there is an ongoing activity to control and eradicate Peste des Petitis Ruminantis (PPR) and major respiratory diseases of small ruminants- though not directly involved whenever our professional inputs are required, we take part.

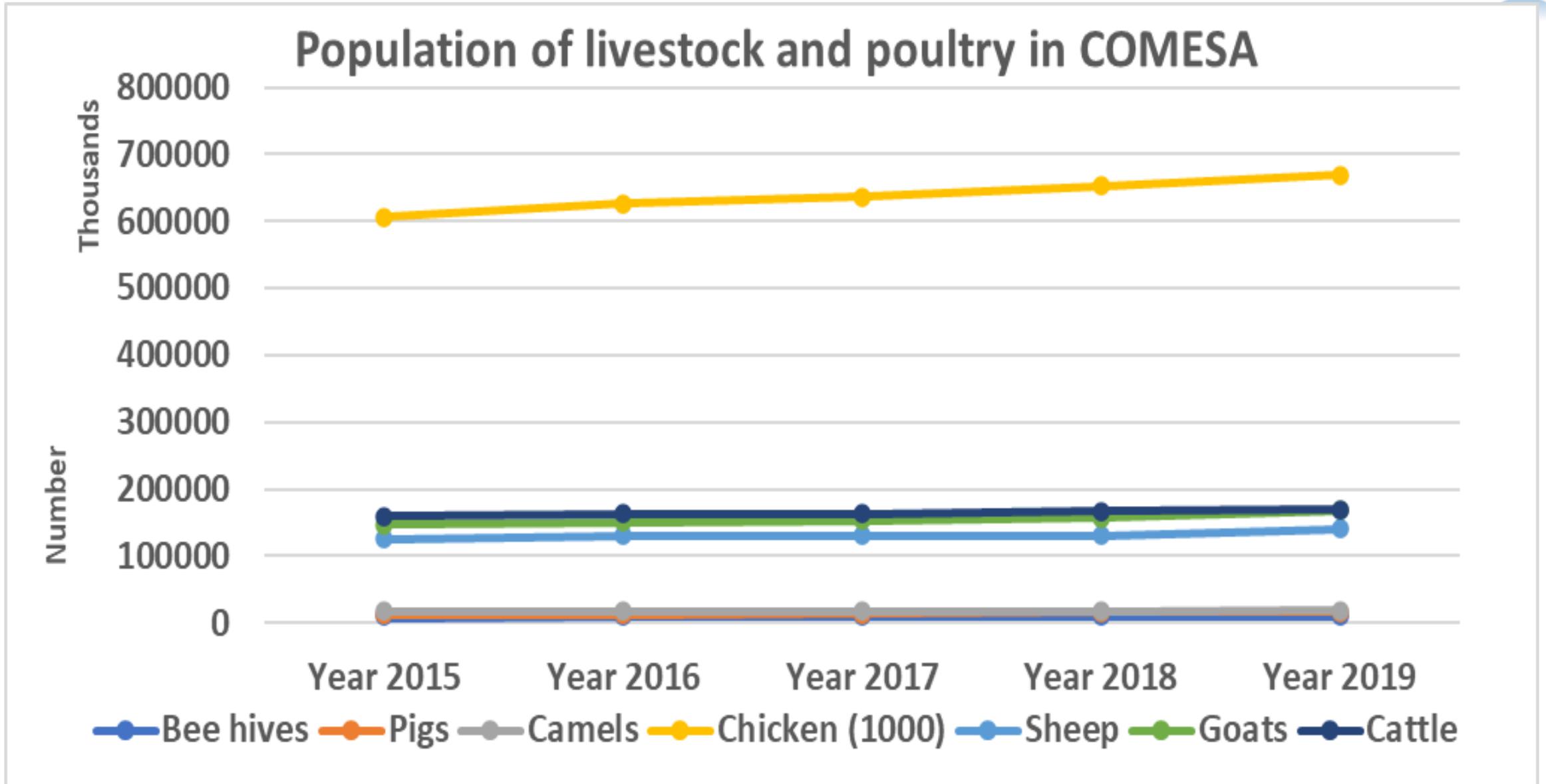
Implementation of Strategic Objectives

Strategic Objective 4: Enhance Blue Economy in COMESA for an inclusive and sustainable ecosystem management and for livelihood diversification

- ❖ Institutionalization of a functional Blue Economy at COMESA and its Member States
- ❖ Improve the health of marine and aquatic ecosystems and protect loss of biodiversity by promoting the mitigation measures
- ❖ Support research and promote innovative Blue Economy Enhancing technologies we are working with Ocean Hub Africa (OHA) –
- ❖ COMESA in partnership with AUC-AU-IBAR has been working on Blue Economy, conservation and better utilization of Natural Resources
 - ❖ COMESA Blue Economy Strategy (AU-IBAR)
 - ❖ Eswatini, Malawi, Zambia Blue Economy Strategy with support of AUC
- ❖ We work with OHA: -Ocean Innovation Africa is Africa's first and foremost Blue Economy summit, aiming to catalyse sustainable, equitable development of the African ocean economy



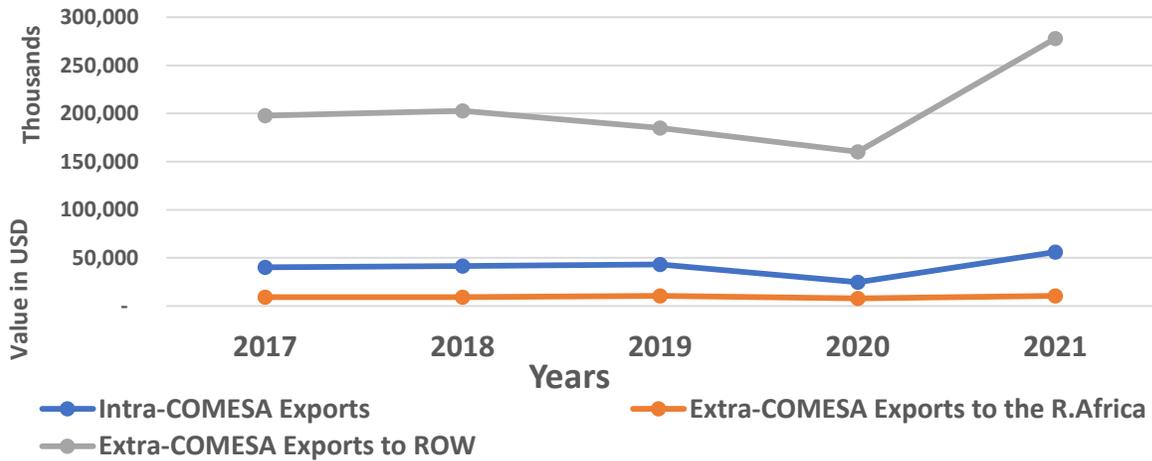
Impact: Production



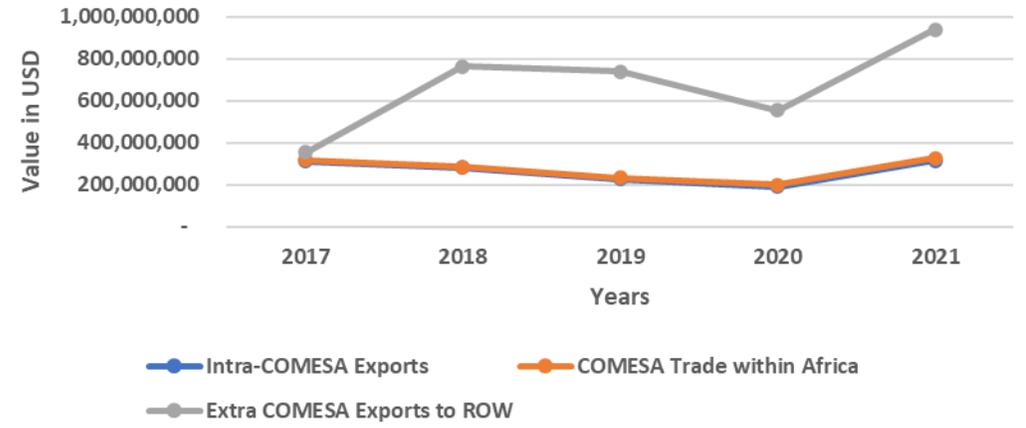
Impact: Trade



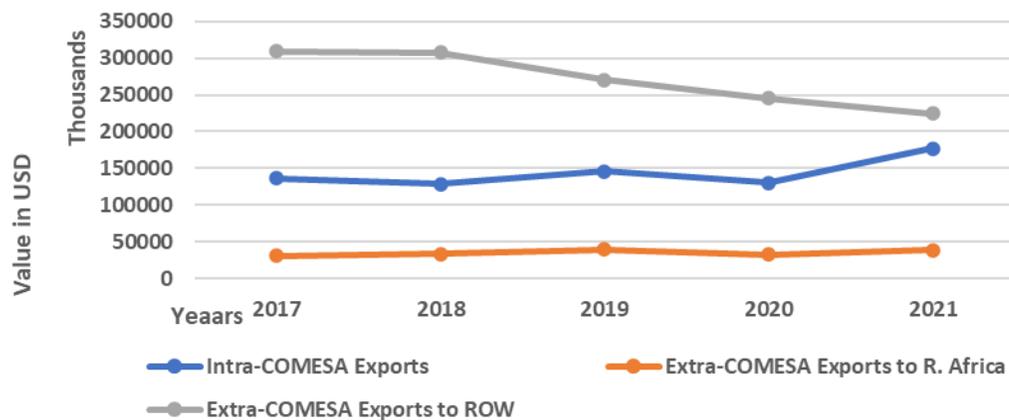
COMESA Exports of meat and edible meat offal within the region, to the rest of Africa and to the rest of the world



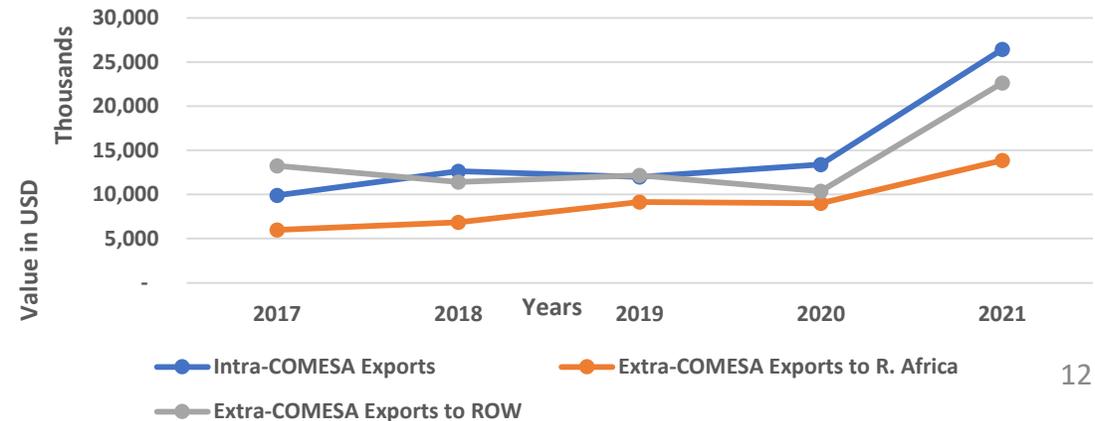
COMESA Exports of Live animals within the region, to the rest of Africa and to the rest of the world



COMESA Exports of Dairy Products within the region, to the rest of Africa and to the rest of the world



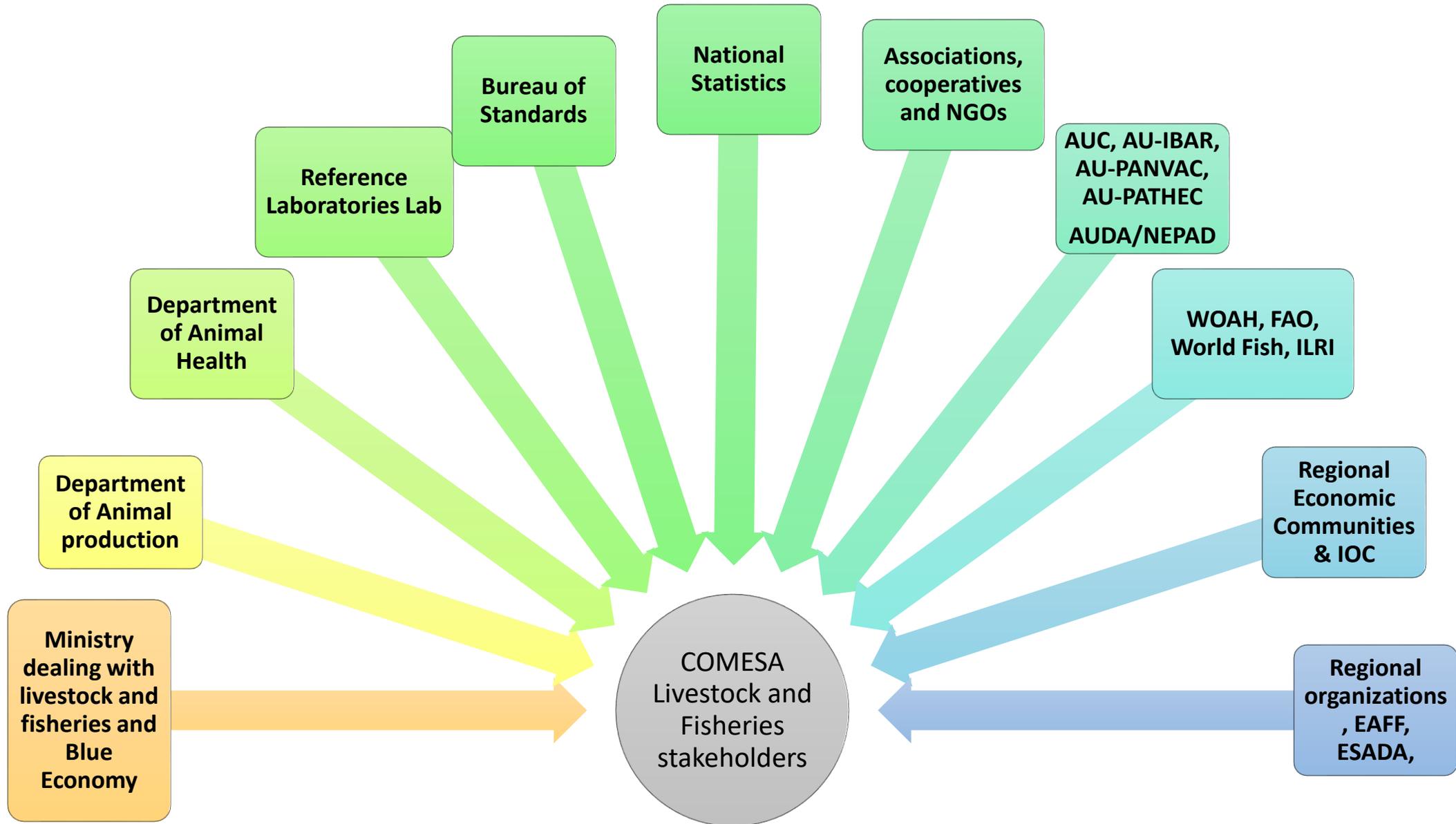
COMESA Exports of Poultry and Poultry product within the region, to the rest of Africa and to the ROW



COMESA Trade Facilitation Instruments

- Removal of non-tariff barriers (NTBs), lowering of trading costs at borders, improving trade infrastructure and automation of customs and transit systems, which include:
- The Digital Free Trade Area - comprising e-commerce, e-regulations and e-logistics. regulations for the implementation of the COMESA electronic Certificate of Origin it is under piloting of the system. (8 countries are under pilot-Malawi, Zambia and Eswatini are in progress) Ethiopia, Djibouti, Kenya, Zimbabwe and Seychelles are also in good progress
- System of reporting of NTBs developed and is being used in a bid to facilitate trade and ease of doing business across borders
- Small-Scale Cross Border Trade: the use of Simplified Trade Regime (STR). The STR aims to reduce costs and increases the speed of crossing the border by use of a Simplified Customs Document (SCD) as well as simplified customs clearance procedures
- The Regional Customs Transit Guarantee Scheme (RCTG) developed and has Mobile Application which is accessible on Google Play Store and Apple Store to Clearing and Forwarding Agents
- Guidelines to facilitate movement of essential goods and services developed

Stakeholders Blue Economy, Fisheries and Livestock





Projects being implemented and in the pipeline at the division

Thanks to DP for their unwavering support

- **EU/EDF:** Regional Enterprise Competitiveness and Access to Markets Programme (RECAMP) FED/2019/407-838 – **10 Million Euro - Ongoing**
- **AfDB:** COMESA Support Towards Regional Pharmaceutical Sector Development (CSTRPSD) - (**USD 6,638,900**) – **Ongoing**
- **AfDB:** COMESA support towards enhancing Blue Economy in the member states for an inclusive and sustainable ecosystem management and for livelihood diversification – ADF **USD 6,639,000 (in the pipeline)**
- **WOAH EU** support, strengthening SPS to facilitate regional animal and animal product trade in Southern Africa – close to 1.6 million Euro (**in the pipeline**)
- **WorldFish**, Project proposal is in development stage
- **USAID:** Regional Development Objectives Grant Agreement (RDOAG), - Enhancing regional livestock trade (**phased out**)



Recommendation for better coordination in the implementation of projects

- **Set project plan together, share activities/result areas and resources**
- **Set clear roles and responsibilities**
- **Adhere to Budget, Timeframe, and Performance Criteria**
- **Put in place right tools to monitor and evaluate the progress**



Partners:- Thank you very much for your unwavering support

- Member States all relevant Ministries and departments, Associations and cooperatives, NGOs
- AUC, AU-IBAR , Africa CDC, PAN-VAC, AUDA/NEPAD and RECs and IOC
- WOAHA, FAO, ILRI, WTO, WHO
- AfDB, Pharmaceuticals and Blue Economy
- EU/EDF-AU-IBAR: FISHGOV II through AU-IBAR
- EU/EDF-IOC: ECOFISH
- EU/EDF: Small Scale Cross Border Trade Initiative (SSCBT)
- EU/EDF: Regional Enterprise Competitiveness and Access to Markets Programme (RECAMP) FED/2019/407-838
- WorldFish: We are working on the new project
- USAID: Enhancing livestock trade (RDOAG)-



Thank you

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