



FairFishing and COVID-19

Direct response

FairFishing is closely monitoring the development of the COVID-19 outbreak and follow global and local advice and directions to mitigate spread. We are implementing appropriate measures in all regions of operation.

FairFishing takes responsibility for staff and beneficiaries, and therefore take necessary safety precautions to reduce the risk of spread COVID-19 in communities.

Management offices

- All employees in management offices (Berbera, Puntland, Copenhagen) are working from home and applying social distancing by online meetings.
- Employees follow governmental guidelines and restrictions regarding travel, public transportation and public gatherings.
- Planned training programs, international travel and other activities are cancelled/postponed in March and April, and until the situation is assessed to be without risk for employees and beneficiaries.

Local fish facilities managed by FairFishing on the Horn of Africa

- Fish facilities are currently open to supply fish and secure food security, however applying additional procedures and measures:
 - applying social distancing guidelines for staff, users and costumers.
 - Improved ad intensified cleaning procedures in the facilities
 - supplied with necessary sanitation and personal hygiene equipment such as cleaning supply, gloves etc.
- All staff and close partners are encouraged to follow all guidelines and recommendations from governments, local authorities and WHO.
- The fish facility in Saylac, western Somaliland bordering to Djibouti, is closed on order by government due to spread of COVID-19 in Djibouti.

Contingency plan

- Local fish facilities remain open with additional safety and sanitation precautions and measures as noted above until further restrictions are applied by local governments.
- FairFishing is working on how to adapt activities and incorporate information aspects that can support in the situation – both mitigating spread and ensure safe and healthy living in a crisis situation. *The message of Cool and Clean has never been more important, and Tasty fish might be an essential food resource if the situation worsens in the Horn of Africa.* Therefore, FairFishing working on how to make information and training videos to share on media, SoMe and YouTube as alternative to the classic Fresh Fish on the Dish trainings and Cool Clean Tasty awareness campaign.
- In the coming weeks, FairFishing also look at how we as an organisation and with our capacity can support the local communities and governmental institutions in the response on the COVID19.