Revamp the fisheries sector

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The average Ghanaian loves fish and is said to consume 2.5 kilograms of fish per person above the global average of 18 kilograms per person per year. But we need to crank up those little boats, we need to way to monitor the quantity of palatable fish that have been the mainstay of our coastal fish industry.

Statistically, the fisheries sector is in a state which is very critical. The small-scale fisheries, which make up 90% of the Ghanaian fishing fleet, are facing serious challenges such as overfishing, habitat destruction, and lack of adequate funding and technological expertise. Despite these challenges, the sector remains a key source of income and employment for millions of people in Ghana and the region.

The National Dialogue: A Call for Action

The National Dialogue on the Marine and Fisheries Sector is a critical step in addressing the challenges facing the sector. It is a multi-stakeholder initiative that brings together government officials, fishing communities, and other actors to discuss and develop solutions to the challenges facing the sector.

We need to invest in our fisheries to ensure that they are sustainable and provide a stable source of income for the people who depend on them. We need to support small-scale fishing communities to adopt sustainable practices and to access markets for their products.

Political Interference

Political interference in the fisheries sector is a major challenge that needs to be addressed. It is important that the sector is managed in a transparent and accountable manner that is driven by the needs of fishing communities and the wider public interest.

Conclusion

The fisheries sector is a critical component of Ghana's economy and provides a source of livelihood for millions of people. However, the sector faces significant challenges that need to be addressed through a combination of sustainable practices, political will, and investment. We need to work together to ensure that our fisheries are healthy and provide a stable source of income for generations to come.