

## **Launching of BOMOSA project in Uganda by the Minister of State for Fisheries**

On the 24th October 2008, the Minister of State for Fisheries Hon. Fred Mukisa officially launched the BOMOSA cage fish farming project that has been on trial in Kasolwe, Ndolwa and Busoga High School dams since October 2006. The launch day that marked the climax of two weeks of popularization, engagement, surveys, documentary coverage, cookouts and other trials also marked the declaration of technological extension and dissemination of the BOMOSA cage fish farming systems to the rest of the country. This report gives details of the BOMOSA cage fish farming project and highlights of the day's events.

### **Events of the day:**

1. Inspection of Ndolwa, Kasolwe and Busoga High Dams where the BOMOSA cages are held.
2. Documentary coverage by Czech National Television (the national TV crew of the Czech republic national television).
3. Meetings with community members, students, teachers and political heads.
4. Music, Dance and Drama presentations at the launch event.
5. The launch function at Busoga High school – Kamuli.
6. Lunch to event guests.

### **Expected outcomes:**

1. Officially recognize BOMOSA project as one of the new aquaculture methods in the country.
2. BOMOSA technology information dissemination to the public.
3. To lobby the support and acceptance of major stakeholders in Kamuli district and country at large.
4. To invite the entire Department of Fisheries Uganda through the Minister to harness and support the BOMOSA cage fish farming technologies as one major advancement towards sustainable aquaculture in the country.
5. To add another production system to the Government's call under the Plan for Modernization of Agriculture.
6. To launch another way through which persistent hunger, malnutrition and poverty can be ended through the use of underutilized small and temporary water bodies.
7. To add meaning to the country's diverse water resources by implementing a cheap, socially acceptable and technically feasible fish production system.

**Event Pictorial:**



Four months BOMOSA fish in a cage at Kamuli High school



Guest of Honour: HON. Minister Fred Mukisa received by Ndolwa BOMOSA Chairperson



Hon. Minister and Fisheries Commissioner on a BOMOSA shuttle at Ndolwa & Busoga High respectively





Crowds from all over Kamuli watch the Minister and other guests on a shuttle while the Czech TV camera crew does her job.



The minister takes to the floor flanked by other leaders to celebrate the arrival and launch of BOMOSA cage fish farming project in Uganda. The faces tell the joy.



Czech Television and Enki leader talk to guests about their support to BOMOSA while Dr. Mwanja the Ugandan coordinator looks on



The Minister and other leaders guided by the Headmaster of Kamuli High School to the BOMOSA cages