Some of the suspects who were arrested over illegal fishing at Masese landing site in Walukuba division

Nine arrested over illegal fishing

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Nine people have been arrested at Masese landing site in Walukuba/ Masese division over using illegal fishing gear.

During the operation, 120 illegal monofilament nets and 600 hooks were impounded.

This is the third operation led by Capt. Joseph Ssubukera, the head of fisheries operations in eastern Uganda.

While at the landing site, he said their operations have helped increase on the fish stocks.

"This is the third operation we are carrying out in the area and it has helped increase on the fish mainly Nile perch in Lake Victoria," he said.

Ssubukera said they are working closely with AFALU, an NGO, beach management units and district leaders to curb illegal fishing on Lake Victoria.

He said the suspects have been handed over to court for prosecution. However, he decried the weak laws saying once people are arrested they come back to the lake thus interfering with their work.

J.B Lukwago who also works with the group said in some districts such as Namanyingo they have received resistance mainly from district leaders who have their own interests.

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