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## **PRESIDENT LUNGU PARTICIPATES IN FISH HARVESTING AT STATE HOUSE**

**LUSAKA, (Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2020)-----His Excellency, Dr Edgar Chagwa Lungu, President of the Republic of Zambia** Tuesday afternoon took some time to participate in a fish growing and fish pond management Open Day at State House.

The Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock were tasked to tutor the President and members of the Multi-purpose Cooperative, from Siavonga District in Southern Province, in fish growing and fish pond management.

After the tutorials conducted by the Ministry's Director of Fisheries Department, Mr Patrick Ngalande, the President participated in fish harvesting from the State House fish ponds.

The President also fed the fish.

At the end of the exercise the President said: "The exercise we have participated in today is good. I would like to encourage Zambians to seriously take up fish farming as this would contribute to the country's food security. However, in our quest to boost fish production, we should not overlook crop diversification. We should ensure that our staple food maize is sufficiently grown including, soya beans, among other crops."

The members of the Multi-purpose Cooperative from Siavonga District in Southern Province were invited to State House to undergo training in fish farming. The group expressed delight at the great lessons they learnt in fish farming that will help them manage their own fish ponds.

Others who participated in the training were Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources Minister Jean Kapata, State House Presidential Affairs Minister Freedom Sikazwe, Chilanga Member of Parliament Mary Langa and some State House Officials.

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