Delay in survey completion may cost 15,000 jobs

According to *BDLive*, the Navy's SAS Africana has had to be towed back to harbour for repairs during a biomass survey of South Africa's small pelagic fishery - another sign, experts say, of mismanagement of the R5.5bn fishing industry.

There is concern that if the survey is not completed it could reduce the total allowable catch for the fishery - sardine, anchovy and pilchard - by 50% for at least six months and cost about 15,000 jobs.

Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) spokeswoman Palesa Mokomele said the department and the Navy were "working on finding a solution and ensuring that the Africana will go back to sea to complete the survey (on time) so that jobs are not compromised", reports *BDLive*.

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