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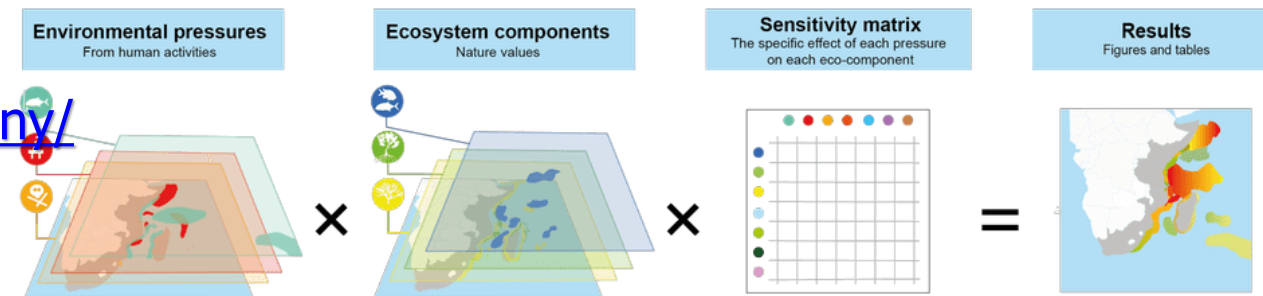
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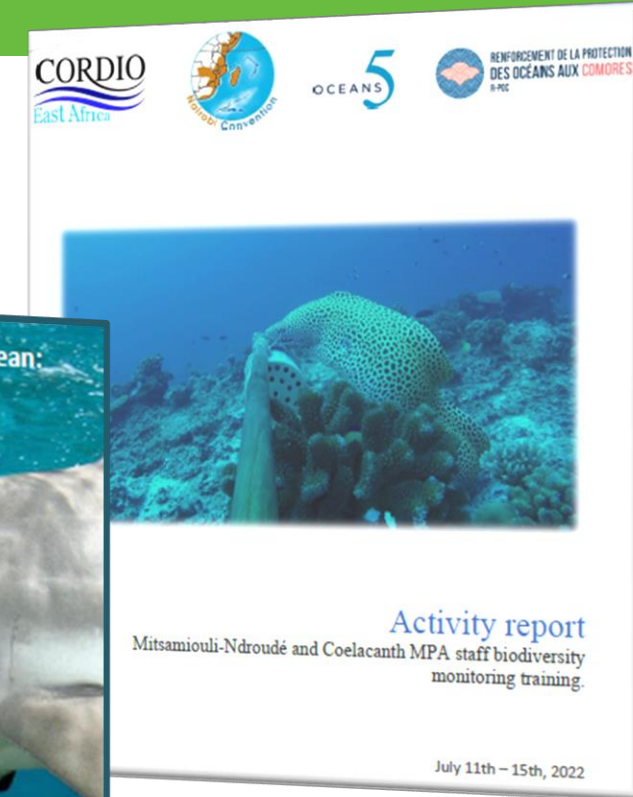
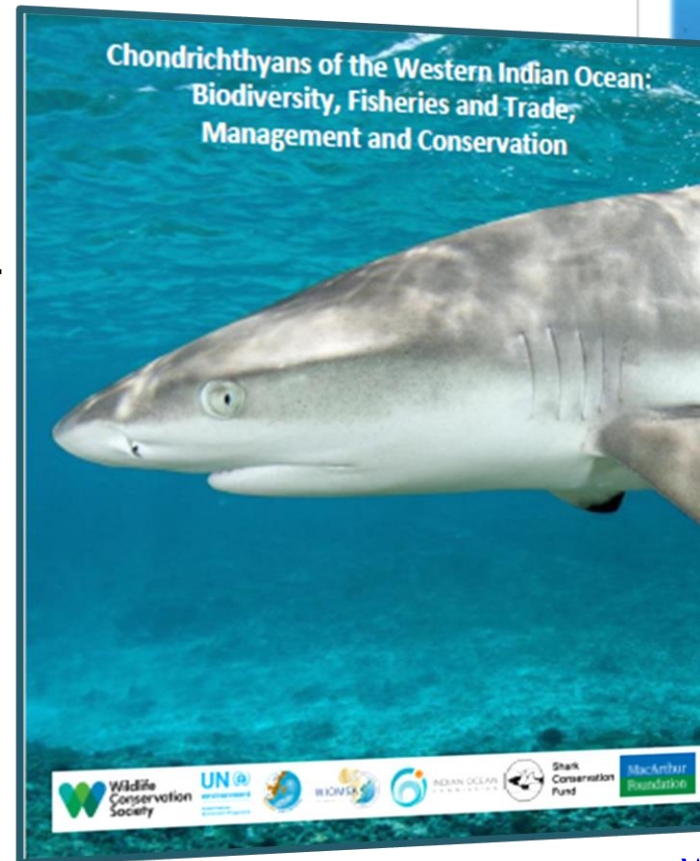
Key activities undertaken in 2022

- Increased global **visibility** of the Nairobi Convention at One Ocean Summit, Brest, Paris 9-11 Feb by Environment Minister of Madagascar
- Partnership: Technical dialogue on the **nexus** between the Western Indian Ocean marine environment and fisheries by experts from Academic and Research Institutions, and SWIOFC Scientific Committee (26-29 September).
- Partnership: SwAM (Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management) supporting **marine spatial planning** in the Western Indian Ocean. A tool for assessing Cumulative Impact Assessment at <https://www.nairobiconvention.org/wio-symphony/> (11 October)



Key activities undertaken in 2022

- Partnership: Strengthening management effectiveness and sustainably managing coral reef areas crucial to coastal livelihoods and ecosystems in **Comoros** (August, ongoing)
- Partnership: Launch of the status report on Western Indian Ocean **sharks and rays** (12 Oct). Printing of the report ongoing.
- **Comoros** marine litter action plan (ongoing). **Tanzania?**
- **Seychelles** marine litter action plan?
- **Zanzibar** coastal water quality assessment



Impact Created

1. Awareness of the Nairobi Convention as a key player in regional ocean governance, ecosystem-based management approaches and tools, and assessments,
2. Increasing demand for strategic partnerships for blue growth initiatives (SADC, IGAD, AU-IBAR), Marine Spatial Planning, ecosystem monitoring, fisheries assessments, capacity building e.g. for MPA
3. Increasing interests of Government on ocean health (Seychelles, Comoros, Tanzania, Zanzibar,
4. Readiness of Governments to roll out Marine Spatial Planning at local and national level.



TOWARDS THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MARINE SPATIAL PLANNING STRATEGY FOR THE WESTERN INDIAN OCEAN REGION: SITUATIONAL REPORT

This report constitutes a preliminary assessment of the context of MSP at a national and regional level in the Western Indian Ocean (WIO), with a situational report on key challenges in the WIO, the status and opportunities for MSP, latest updates towards MSP implementation and the identification of knowledge and data gaps and priorities.

A REGIONAL MARINE SPATIAL PLANNING STRATEGY FOR THE WESTERN INDIAN OCEAN

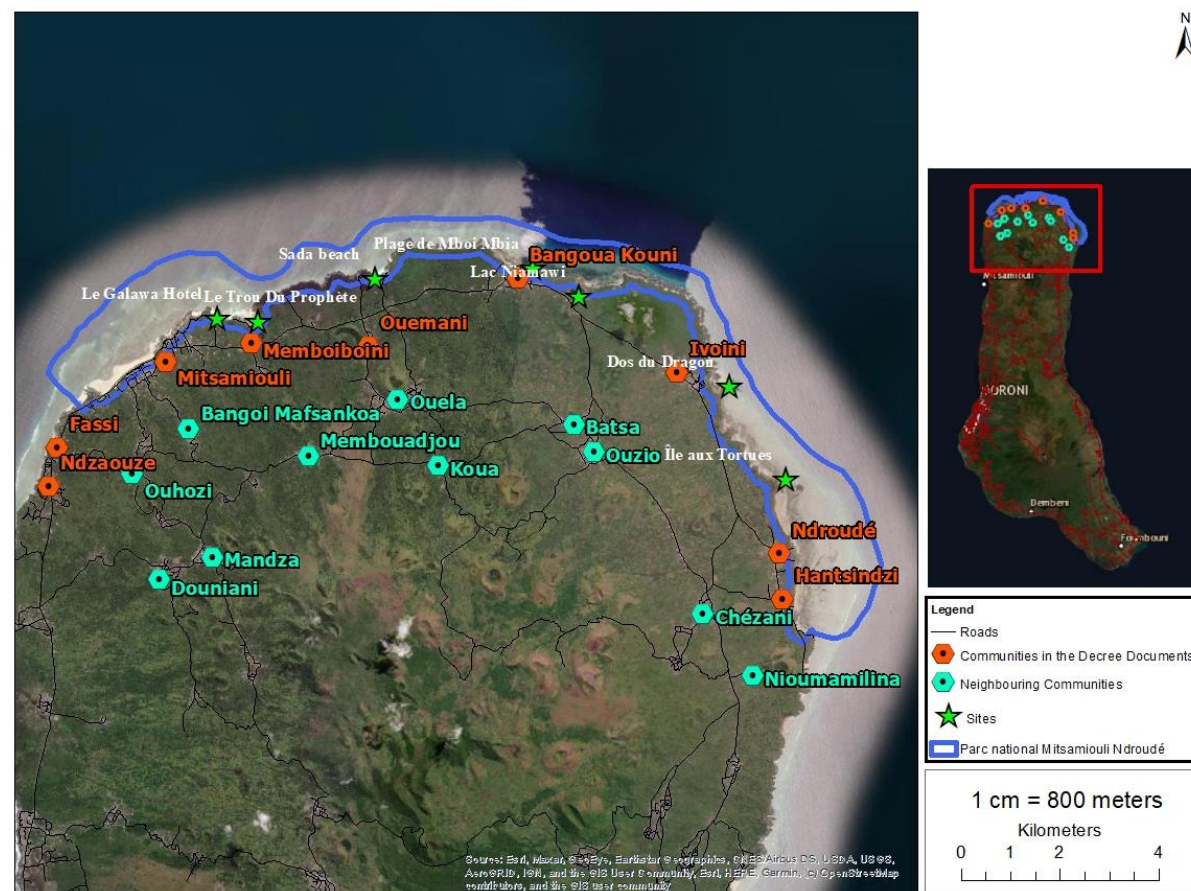


Gender Considerations and Impacts In Programme Activities

1. Women are increasingly being involved in **marine resource management** e.g. Comoros MPA management and development of marine litter action plan
2. **Women are active participants at the policy level** e.g. Seychelles, Tanzania
3. Regional representation at policy and technical level increasing:
 - **Negotiations on amending the Protected Areas Protocol (7-10 Nov) has nominations F=17 M=28**
 - **Environment-Fisheries nexus meeting (26-29 Sept) F=15 M=35**

Lessons Learnt

- Strategic partnerships increasing for addressing cross-cutting issues such as fisheries, pollution, ocean management and governance
- **Increasing awareness of oceans amongst stakeholders**
- Emerging interests of local stakeholders in co-management of marine space e.g. LMMA



Local communities in participatory mapping at Parc National Mitsamiouli Ndroude, Grande Comore

Implementation plans for 2023

1. Reinforcement of Nairobi Convention Governance Frameworks and associated protocols

Activity	Description of activity	Expected Date of completion	Overall budget	Planned actions for 2023 (linked to 2022 actions)	Planned budget 2022/23
2.1.1	Amending 'Biodiversity' Protocol	Q2 2023	177,570	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st negotiation meeting Q4 2022 2nd negotiation meeting Q2 2023 Adoption Conference Q3 2023 	100,000 60,000
2.1.2	Developing region ocean governance strategy	Q2 2022	78,989	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Validation workshop by Q2 2023 	78,989
2.1.3	Address priority marine and coastal issues linking policy makers and key stakeholders	Q2 2024	154,426	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Together with Activity 2.1.6 on environment-fisheries nexus Q4 2022 Science- Policy forum Q3 2023 	100,000
2.1.4	Partnership for implementation of Blue Economy initiatives	Q3 2023	57,233	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNEP-SADC MoU 2021 & AU-IBAR Blue Economy Q2/Q3 2022 Validation of BE sectors in Kenya Q4 2022 	57,000

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2.1.5	Build partnerships for conservation of migratory species	Q2 2023	28,617	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Publish report sharks & rays (jointly with WCS) Q4 2022 	28,000
2.1.6	Policy dialogue indicators relevant to fisheries- and marine environment (FARI)	Q2 2023	206,332	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fisheries-Environment Dialogue Q3 2022 Fisheries-Environment status reports Q2 2023 	100,000 60,000
2.1.7	Trends and impacts of ocean acidification in the WIO region	Q1 2023	101,985	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OA action plan 2023? 	50,000
2.1.8	Develop marine spatial planning strategy for the WIO	Q3 2024	106,974	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adoption process Q3 2023 	100,000

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2. Development of regionally representative networks of Marine Protected Areas

Activity number	Description of activity	Expected Date of completion	Overall budget	Planned actions for 2023 (linked to 2022 actions)	Planned budget 2022/2023
2.2.1	Implement MPA Outlook recommendation		106,977	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comoros MPA management (Q4 2023) linked to 2.2.3, and 2.2.4 (ongoing) 	50,000
2.2.2	Critical habitats outlook	Q1 2022	44,574	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> launch CH Outlook (Q1 2023) 	30,000
2.2.3	MPA management plan in at least one country	Q2 2022	90,154	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comoros coral reef protected area (Q2 2022) 	
2.2.4	Capacity for MPAs management	Q3 2023	160,465	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> seminars and workshops for MPA managers organized (in partnership: SWaM, WIOMSA) (Q2 2023) 	80,000
2.2.5	Ecosystem Indicator Monitoring Programme	Q4 2023	112,150	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zanzibar coastal water quality monitoring (Q1 2023) 	45,000
2.2.6	BBNJ Negotiations	Q4 2020	56,607	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget shifted to activity 2.1.5 (\$30,000). Balance to implement activity 2.2.5 	

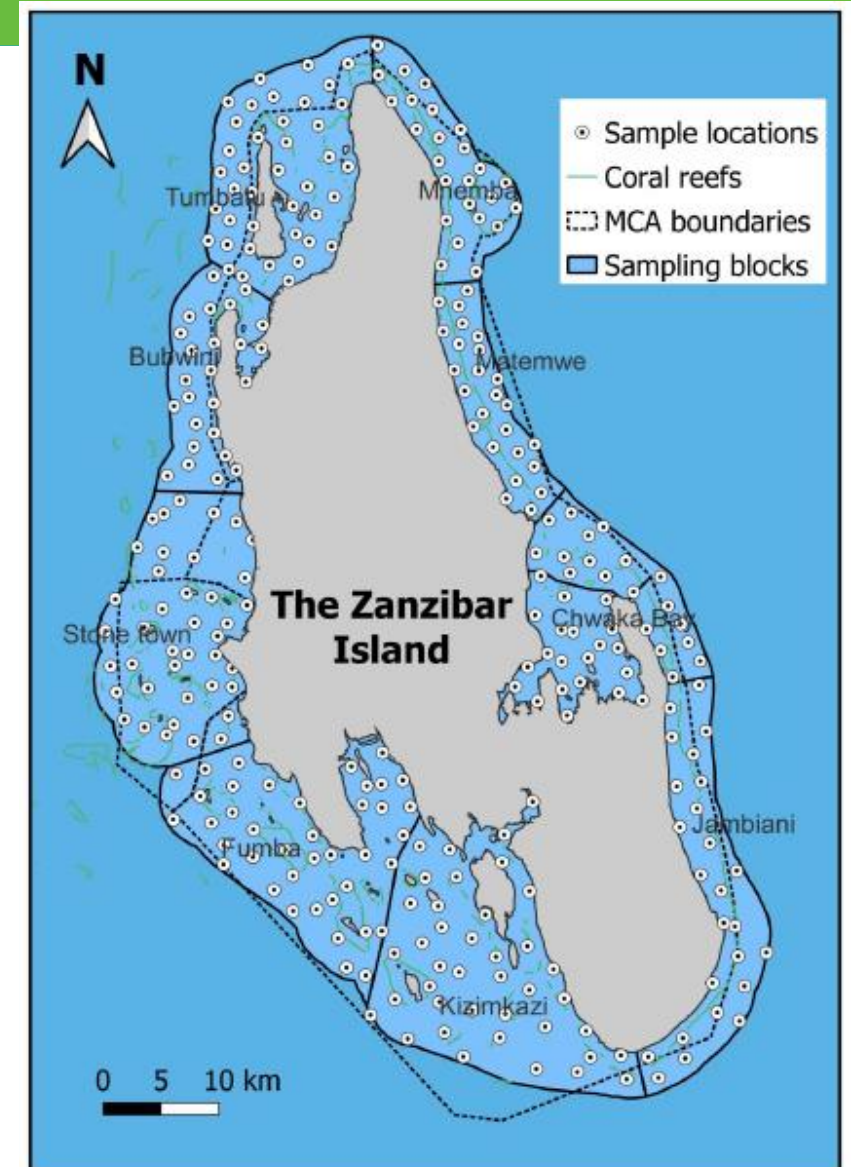
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3. Reduction of the influx of waste entering the marine environment

Activity number	Description of activity	Expected Date of completion	Overall budget	Planned actions for 2023 (linked to 2022 actions)	Planned budget 2022/23
2.3.1	Regional Action Plan on marine litter	Q3 2023	72,413	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funds to be used to implement Activity 2.3.2 	
2.3.2	Develop national marine litter Action Plans in at least two countries of the WIO	Q2 2022	54,147	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comoros Marine litter action plan Q4 2022, Q3 2023 Seychelles Marine litter action plan Q1 2023 Tanzania Marine Litter Action Plan Q4 2022 	54,147 40,000 60,000
2.3.3	Water quality standards	Q4 2023	46,138	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zanzibar coastal water monitoring Q1 2023 	46,138
2.4.1	Workshop: waste management for locals	Q4 2022	59,804	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comoros, Seychelles, Tanzania Q4 2022, Q4 2023 	59,804
2.4.2	Awareness campaigns on waste/marine litter	Q4 2022	26,756	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (linked to Activity 2.3.1, 2.3.2, 2.4.1) Q4 2023 	26,756
2.4.3	private sector campaigns	Q4 2021	45,822	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comoros, Seychelles, Tanzania (linked to Activity 2.3.1, 2.3.2) and 2.4.2 Q4 2022, Q4 2023 	45,822

Implementation plans for 2023-2024

Activities under SSFA required at least 18 months to finalize. Most will spill over to 2024
e.g. Water quality assessment in Zanzibar starting **Q4 2022**



Key Requests from PSC

1. *Emphasis on* exchange visits and twinning program for learning purposes and best practices including south-south cooperation for the duration of the program
2. Marine biodiversity conservation, protected areas, restoration of degraded habitats for nature-based solutions and resilience to climate change and marine pollution
3. Advancing ecosystem-based approaches to blue economic growth through assessment of GDP contribution of BE sectors at national level (e.g. *ecosystems indicator monitoring*)
4. Establish an online learning experience and capacity building from the diversity of outputs by the Programme.

THANK YOU



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