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NOCAMO Project – Steering Committee meeting

December 6th, 2023, 2pm to 5pm (EAT)

Maputo, Mozambique

Concept Note

I. Introduction

The Contracting Parties to the Nairobi Convention are implementing the FFEM / OFB funded project on “Integrated Management of the Marine and Coastal Resources of the Northern Mozambique Channel” (NOCAMO). The NOCAMO project is supporting various interventions across the region to address scenarios for development to maximize the opportunities for sustainable development in the Northern Mozambique Channel (NMC), based on preservation of the health of marine ecosystems as a foundation for future prosperity. In this regard, the project uses the holistic approach for Integrated Ocean Management and will assist the countries in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular Goal 14 on conservation and sustainable use of the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.

The project covers the Northern Mozambique Channel (NMC) and the beneficiaries of the project are Tanzania, Mozambique, Madagascar and Comoros.

A first Partner meeting was held on February 15th, 2023 after a long period of very low activity due to the COVID-19 pandemic and because of the fact that a regional coordinating support was still expected for the project.

Project goal

By 2030, the Northern Mozambique Channel’s high biodiversity value coral reef and associated ecosystems are maintained and enhanced through effective spatial management of marine uses, in particular the oil and gas sector, to secure a sustainable future for coastal communities and economies.

Since the first partner meeting held in February 2023, three follow-up meetings with the partners and donors have been conducted on April 5th 2023, May 11th 2023, and June 23rd 2023, respectively. During the Marine Region Forum, were also held a technical dialogue with the NCS national focal points, on 6th of November 2023, and a side event on the 9th of November 2023.

Specific objectives of the NOCAMO project

Component 1 • By 2026, the institutional and knowledge foundations are laid for the application of multi-stakeholder based Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) across the NMC region;

Component 2 • By 2026, effective planning is promoted and best practices in the Oil and Gas sector are adopted by Governments and private sector champions, leading to mitigation of impacts of the sector to the biodiversity and ecosystem services in the NMC;

Component 3 • By 2026, community livelihoods and well-being are incrementally secured through the sharing and replication of best practices in community-based marine resource management.

Some activities included under the three components have already been funded by co-financing, so work has been able to proceed despite the delayed official inception of the project.

Importantly, several synergies with other regional projects of the Nairobi Convention exist, with the NOCAMO Project contributing to the overall resources available and subsequent impact that can be achieved in the four beneficiary countries.

Some common themes shared with other projects include:

- **Marine Spatial Planning**, which is common to WIOSAP, ACP MEAs (Africa, Caribbean and Pacific multilateral Environmental Agreements), SWIOFC Partnership project (Southwest Indian Ocean Fisheries Commission) and SAPPHIRE
- **Data and Information Management**, common to WIOSAP, SWIOFC Partnership project and SAPPHIRE
- **Valuation of ecosystem services**, common to WIOSAP, SWIOFC Partnership project and SAPPHIRE
- **Science to Policy Interface**, common to WIOSAP, SWIOFC Partnership project, ACP MEAs and SAPPHIRE
- **Ocean Governance and Blue Economy**, common to WIOSAP, SWIOFC Partnership project, ACP MEAs and SAPPHIRE
- **Coordination**, common to WIOSAP, SWIOFC Partnership project, ACP MEAs and SAPPHIRE

Project Steering Committee responsibilities

In general, the Steering Committee for the NOCAMO project has the following responsibilities:

- Provide guidance, as well as overall strategic policy and management direction to the project;
- Annually review and assess the progress of the project
- Discuss and review draft strategies for improving sustainability of environmental benefits and replication drafted by the project unit;
- Monitoring and reviewing of co-financing delivered to the project in line with the donors' requirements;
- Annually review and approve revised work plan and budgets
- Advice on appropriate mechanisms for interaction with the private sector;
- Seek additional funding to support the outputs and activities of the NOCAMO project;

- Review the quality of deliverables produced

II. Format of the Steering Committee meeting

The meeting will be held on **December 6th, 2023, from 2pm to 5pm (EAT)** at the Afrin Prestige Hotel in Maputo, Mozambique.

The Steering Committee will include the Nairobi Convention Secretariat as Convener, representatives from the beneficiary countries of the NMC (focal points), the donors (FFEM and OFB), and implementing partners (WWF France, WWF MDCO and CORDIO).

Implementing partners and roles

IP	Activity/Role	Lead
NCS	Coordinator on component 1, liaison with the FPs on the 3 components, implementing activities on component 1	Ms. Aurelia CARE
WWF MDCO	Implementing activities on component 1 and coordinating implementing partners for components 2 and 3	Mr. Lovasoa DRESY
CI	Implementing 1 activity on component 1	Withdrawal of IP
TNC	Implementing 1 activity on component 1	Withdrawal of IP
WWF FR	Coordinator on components 2 and 3	Ms. Marie LIDDELL
WCS	Implementing activities for the whole component 2	Mr. Simon MAHOOD
CORDIO	Implementing activities for the whole component 3	Dr David OBURA

III. Objectives of the Steering Committee meeting

The overall objective will be to provide strategic guidance for effective implementation of the activities of the NOCAMO project based on the LOGFRAME.

The specific objectives will include:

1. Review and approval of the project progress to date
2. Review and approval of the project expenditure to date
3. Review and approval of Annual Work Plan 2024
4. Review and approval of Annual Budget for 2024

The **expected outcomes** of this meeting will be an approved workplan and budget for 2024, and a clear understanding on the modalities required for the successful delivery of the project.

IV. Provisional agenda for the Steering Committee meeting

6 th December 2023		
TIME	PROGRAMME	LEAD
SESSION I: Opening Session		
[2:00-2:05pm] 5 min	Welcome note, self-introductions and opening statement	NCS
[2:05-2:10pm] 5 min	Opening statement from Chair of Bureau	Government of Madagascar
[2:10-2:15pm] 5 min	Opening statement from host country	Government of Mozambique
[2:15-2:20pm] 5 min	Adoption of agenda	All parties
SESSION II: Presentation of Project Progress		
[2:20-2:55pm] 35 min	Review of Project Progress: C1, C2, C3	NCS, WWF MDCO
SESSION III: Presentation of Work Plan 2024		
[2:55pm-3:30pm] 35 min	Annual Work Plan 2024: C1, C2, C3	NCS, WWF MDCO
SESSION IV: Presentation of financial report		
[3:30pm-3:55pm] 25 min	Financial report 2023: C1, C2, C3	NCS, WWF MDCO
BREAK 15 min		
SESSION V: Presentation of revised Budget for 2024		

[4:10-4:40pm] 30 min	Project Budget for 2024: C1, C2, C3	NCS, WWF MDCO
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SESSION VI: Closing remarks

[4:40pm-4:45pm] 5 min	Closing remarks	NCS
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[4:45pm-4:50pm] 5 min	Closing remarks	Government of Madagascar - Chair of the Nairobi Convention Bureau
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END OF MEETING
