



NOCAMO Project – Partner Meeting - Technical discussion on Component 1

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

Ramada Resort, Dar Es Salam, Tanzania

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 situation and because regional coordinating support was not yet in place.

Background

The Northern Mozambique Channel (NMC) is the area located between Madagascar, Mozambique, Tanzania, Seychelles, and Comoros, covering approximately 700,000 km². It is among the world's richest regions for marine biodiversity. It serves as a biological reservoir for the entire Eastern African coast, in particular for coral reefs and associated ecosystems, and is an important breeding and foraging area for flagship marine and migratory species. The coastal population of the NMC is currently 10 million (expected to grow to 22-25 million in 2050) and is largely dependent on healthy and productive ecosystems through fishing, coastal agriculture, and tourism.

The annual economic output from living resources and ecosystem services of the WIO has been calculated at US \$ 20.8 billion annually. The region’s critical ecosystems are in decline from the combined impacts of local use and global threats, including growing pressures from coastal infrastructure development,

extractive industries (in particular, recently discovered natural gas and oil), population growth and climate change. In this context the project will address scenarios for development to maximize the opportunities for sustainable development in the NMC, based on preservation of the health of marine ecosystems as a foundation for future prosperity. 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 Oceans.

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 project has started, a first partner meeting and three follow-up meetings with the partners and donors have been conducted, respectively on February 15th 2023, April 5th 2023, May 11th 2023, and June 23th 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 areas of synergies have been determined with the other projects of the Nairobi Convention, in particular:

- **Marine Spatial Planning**, forms and element of 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

II. Format of the Partner meeting

The meeting will be held on **November 6th, 2023, from 2pm to 5pm (EAT)** in Dar Es Salam, Tanzania.

The Partner meeting will include the Nairobi Convention Secretariat (NCS), as Convener, the national focal points for Tanzania, Mozambique, Comoros and Madagascar, and representatives of the implementing partners WWF MDCO and CORDIO.

Implementing partners (IPs) and roles

IP	Activity/Role	Lead
WWF FR	Coordinator on components 2 and 3	Ms. Marie LIDDELL
WWF MDCO	Implementing activities on Component 1 and coordinating implementing partners for Components 2 and 3	Mr. Lovasoa DRESY
NCS	Coordinator of Component 1, liaison with the partners and FPs on the 3 Components, implementing activities on Component 1	Ms. Aurelia CARE
CI	Implementing 1 activity on Component 1	Withdrawal of IP
TNC	Implementing 1 activity on Component 1	Withdrawal of IP
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 Partner meeting

The partner meeting for the NOCAMO project is a technical meeting organized with the aim to:

- Establish a shared understanding of the NOCAMO project, the importance of the NMC and the case for collaboration.
- Establish a shared intention to co-develop a nationally aligned regional vision and roadmap for Marine Spatial Planning in the NMC.
- Agree on the next steps.

The expected outcome of this meeting is for the participating countries and partners to have a clearer understanding of the NOCAMO project, the roles of each partner, and to agree on next steps towards establishing a shared MSP vision and roadmap for the NMC region to enable successful delivery of the project.

IV. Provisional agenda for the Partner meeting

Timing	Agenda	Lead	Comment
02:00 – 02:15 pm	Opening and Welcoming	NCS - Dixon Waruinge	15 min
02:15 – 02:30 pm	Meeting objectives and Introductions	NCS - Dixon Waruinge	15 min
02:30 – 03:00 pm	Presentation of the NMC/NOCAMO project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Importance of the NMC (ecological) • Importance of the NMC (social and economic) • Threats to NMC • Introducing the NOCAMO project (all three components) • Introducing Component 1 in more detail • Draft vision • Draft roadmap framework 	WWF -Samantha Petersen	15 min presentation; 15min Q&A
03:00 – 3:30 pm	Presentation of the current MSP WIO framework	NCS - Bonface Mutisya	15 min presentation; 15 min Q&A
03:30 - 04:30pm	Discussion - nationally aligned regional vision and roadmap <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Who needs to be involved? o How do we get there? o NOCAMO at the upcoming Science to Policy meeting 	NCS - Dixon Waruinge	60 min
04:30 – 04:50 pm	Next steps	Samantha Petersen	20 min
04:50 - 5pm	Closing comments	Focal Points, NCS-Dixon Waruinge	10 min