

ACP MEAs 3 Programme
 Enforcing Environmental Treaties in African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Countries:
Nairobi Convention: Progress Report for 1 July – 31 December 2022

PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT

PROJECT PROFILE

Benefitting Countries	79 countries in Africa, Caribbean, and the Pacific (ACP)
Nairobi Convention Contracting Parties	Comoros, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique, Seychelles, Somalia, South Africa, Tanzania, and France
Project Title	Capacity building related to Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEA) in African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Countries - Phase 111 - (ACP-MEAs 3)
Project Component	
Objective 2	Improved ACP countries capacities for the management of coasts and oceans in line with the related regional seas conventions
Result 2.1	Reinforcement of Regional Seas Conventions Governance Frameworks and associated protocols
Result 2.2	Development of regionally representative networks of Marine Protected Areas
Result 2.3	Reduction of the influx of waste (plastics and other forms of human and industrial liquid and solid waste) entering the marine environment
Result 2.4	Document best practices and lessons learnt in marine litter management at community level
Programme Partners	African Union Commission (AUC), the Caribbean community Secretariat (CARICOM), the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), the European Environmental Bureau (EEB), Abidjan Convention Secretariat, Nairobi Convention Secretariat, Cartagena Convention Secretariat, Noumea Convention Secretariat, Bamako Convention, BRS Convention Secretariat, Minamata Convention Secretariat, CBD Secretariat, CITES Secretariat and the Secretariat to CMS
Reporting Period	1 July – 31 December 2022

1. INTRODUCTION: OBJECTIVES, MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

The objective of the **ACP MEAs 3 Programme** is to contribute to improved international environment governance, thereby enhancing the delivery of the UN Agenda 2030 on Sustainable Development by contribution to halting of biodiversity loss, promotion of greener growth and circular economies, protection of human health and the environment from hazardous substances and increased transparency and efficient management of natural resource in the African, Caribbean and Pacific Countries.

The interventions of the programme amongst the contracting parties to the Nairobi Convention are to effectively support the better management of coastal areas and oceans, carry out measures for conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity, implement the associated Nairobi convention

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protocols and to develop appropriate programmes and measures to stop land-based and sea-based waste from entering into the marine environment. Specifically, the programme seeks to:

1. Reinforce the governance frameworks and associated protocols of the Nairobi Convention for the protection, management, and development of the coastal and marine environment of the Western Indian Ocean region.
2. Support development of a regionally representative networks of Marine Protected Areas.
3. Support efforts on reduction of the influx of waste entering the marine environment of the Western Indian Ocean region.
4. Raise awareness on the adverse effects of marine pollution.

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD JULY-DECEMBER 2022

Result 2.1: Reinforcement of Regional Seas Conventions Governance Frameworks and associated protocols (Activities 2.1.1 to 2.1.8)

- a. **Activity 2.1.1.** The first negotiation meeting for the amendment of the Protocol Concerning Protected Areas and Wild Fauna and Flora in the Eastern African Region was conducted in [November 2022](#) in Madagascar. The meeting provided a platform for the contracting parties to Nairobi Convention to discuss and negotiate key issues that could be incorporated into the original protocol of 1985. The ACP MEAs Programme is supporting a review of the Protocol Concerning Protected Areas and Wild Fauna and Flora of the Eastern African Region in response to the intensification of pressures resulting from both anthropogenic and natural factors in the WIO region. A review of the Protocol is needed to incorporate recent and ongoing global commitments and processes on biodiversity including adoption of an ecosystem-based approach (EBA) to the management of the coastal and marine environment. Following from the [first negotiations](#), the second negotiations meeting will be held in Q2 2023.
- b. **Activity 2.1.6** on policy dialogue indicators to marine environment and fisheries. [ACP MEAs 3 programme](#) partnered with the [Nairobi Convention-SWIOFC partnership project](#) and jointly funded and held a comprehensive marine fisheries-environment nexus meeting in [September 2022](#) in Mombasa Kenya. The meeting brought together fisheries and environment experts to identify priority issues of shared concern and recommend a further process to develop joint policy recommendations, knowledge and information sharing mechanisms, in a way that will link policy makers and key stakeholders in the fisheries and environment sectors. The meeting also discussed emerging environmental issues and tools in the region (**Activity 2.1.7**). Participants agreed to promote partnerships for cooperation, collaboration to address environment and fisheries issues and challenges, and to conduct joint assessments on ecosystems and species of concern. Experts from academic and research institutions in the Western Indian Ocean region agreed to develop regional status report on the environment-fisheries nexus in the region in 2023. The [report of the meeting and presentations](#) during the three days' workshop are linked.
- c. **Activity 2.1.6.** The status report on the Western Indian Ocean sharks and rays and roadmap for their conservation was completed in partnership with the Wildlife Conservation Society - [WCS](#). The Nairobi Convention participated in the launch of the report during the [12th WIOMSA Symposium](#) held 10-15 October 2022 in South Africa. The status report provided important

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scientific baselines and information during first negotiations for amendment of the Protocol Concerning Protected Areas and Wild Fauna and Flora in the Eastern African Region in [November 2022 \(Activity 2.1.1.\)](#). ACP-MEAs programme has initiated the printing and subsequent dissemination of the sharks and rays report (**Activity 2.1.5**).

- d. **Activity 2.1.8** to develop Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) Framework for the Western Indian Ocean region. The Nairobi Convention, with the support of the [ACP MEAs 3 Programme](#). The Nairobi Convention-SWIOFC Partnership project, the GEF funded [SAPPHIRE project](#) executed by the Nairobi Convention, the Western Indian Ocean Governance Initiative ([WIOGI](#)) project: and the Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management ([SwaM](#)) held a technical meeting on [28 November – 01 December 2022](#) to discuss key issues and information update on the process to enhance regional capacity on MSP and to promote adoption of the Regional MSP Framework in national processes during 2023 and beyond. The [ACP MEAs 3 Programme](#) was represented, at no cost, but will support the launch of the MSP framework during Q2/Q3 2023.

Participants, drawn from governments and non-state actors responsible for MSP and information management, appreciated MSP as a tool for addressing challenges and opportunities in the protection and management of the region's coastal and marine ecosystems. Participants capacity was built for an enhanced understanding of the process of developing Marine Spatial Plans including best practices and lessons on MSP and related area-based management tools. A 2023 roadmap and key activities were proposed to be conducted in collaboration between projects, partners stakeholders across the WIO region. The workshop promoted shared learning on MSP with the backdrop of supporting MSP implementation at national and local level. An [article](#) on the workshop proceedings and the [meeting report](#) are linked.

Result 2.2: Development of regionally representative networks of Marine Protected Areas (activity 2.2.1 to 2.2.6)

- e. **Activity 2.2.3** implemented under an SSFA with [CORDIO East Africa](#) (with joint funding by the ACP MEAs 3 Programme and the [UNEP's Regional Seas Programme](#) to implement concerted activities for strengthening management effectiveness and sustainably managing coral reef areas crucial to coastal livelihoods and ecosystems in Comoros. Preliminary assessment from the progress report of the SSFA in August 2022 highlighted capacity for Marine Protected Areas (MPA) managers and local community continued to be enhanced to improve governance and strengthen management of MPAs around compliance and effective enforcement in Comoros. Related issued focused on awareness campaigns on the conservation, restoration, protection in priority MPAs in Comoros, mapping benefits and opportunities for improved or alternative sustainable livelihoods for communities associated with the MPAs in Comoros, and enhancing capacity of MPA technical staff in Comoros in areal-based, precautionary, ecosystem-directed, and operational Monitoring, Control and Surveillance measures.

Comoros has dramatically expanded its network of protected areas (PAs) from one to six, including three new marine protected areas (MPAs). The idea is to replicate the co-management approach at Mohéli National Park, the country's first and currently only national park, created in 2001 as an MPA.

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- f. **Activity 2.2.4.** In support of building the capacity of Marine Protected Area (MPA) managers and stakeholders in the Western Indian Ocean the **ACP MEAs 3 programme** in collaboration with Partners ([WIOMSA](#), [SWaM](#)) and Nairobi Convention projects ([WIOSAP](#), [SAPPHIRE](#)) plans to continue with the series of seminars for design, implementation and adaptive management of regional networks of MPAs. National capacity building workshops will be organized in the process of operationalizing the Regional MSP Framework. The national training and capacity building workshops planned for 2023 have minimal cost to the activity, being provided virtually.

Result 2.3. Reduction of the influx of waste (plastics and other forms of human and industrial liquid and solid waste) entering the marine environment (activity 2.3.1 -2.3.3)

- g. **Activity 2.3.2.** Ongoing activity for development of a National marine litter management strategy and action plan and by improving the community and society's awareness on impacts of waste to the coastal and marine environment in [Comoros](#). A draft action plan and strategy has been developed and will be subjected for validation with stakeholders in Q3 2023.
- h. Seychelles Ministry of Agriculture, Climate Change and Environment (MACCE) has requested support for development a marine management strategy and litter action plan. An SSFA of US\$50,000 is being finalized.
- i. Tanzania mainland has also requested support of US\$ 110,000 to carry out an inventory on marine litter and plastics. An SSFA is being finalized.
- j. **Activity 2.3.3** on Establishing/implementing regional standards for marine water quality and associated environmental quality objectives and targets has been in the pipeline, with Zanzibar Fisheries and Marine Resources Research Institute (ZAFIRI) readying to implement a project entitled "Water Quality Assessment for Marine Coastal Waters" in Zanzibar Archipelago to provide baseline data for coastal water pollution monitoring in the archipelago. The SSFA is under development.
- k. Comoros has indicated interest in activity 2.3.3.

Result 2.4 to Document best practices and lessons learnt in marine litter management at community level (Activity 2.4.1-2.4.3) are interlinked in their execution with Result 2.3.

The third [Project Steering Committee \(PSC\) meeting of ACP-MEAs](#) was held in October 2022 in Brussels Belgium. Nairobi Convention was represented. At the meeting, the implementation status of the programme was reviewed and strategic priorities and cross cutting issues of the programme were identified. These included strengthening the science policy interface, enhancing south-south exchange and alignment of actions among implementing partners using emerging opportunities.

PROGRESS MADE ON KEY OUTPUTS AND OUTCOMES

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Table A(i): Activities undertaken, countries reached out, links to baseline, links to targets and status of the activity (completed, underway, initiated etc.), and budget made available, budget spent and remaining budget.

Project Title: Enforcing Environmental Treaties Implementation in African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Countries-ACP-MEAs III-(Nairobi Convention)				
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Implementation period of the contract: 10/12/2019 - 09/05/2024				
Exchange rate EUR =USD 1.1106				

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UNEP Budget Categories	Description	Costs (in USD)	Costs (in USD)	Costs (in USD)	Costs (in USD)			
1	PERSONNEL COMPONENT							
1.1	Local UNV	15,504	62,000	(3,160)	12,344	UNV	personnel	27,848
1.1.2.9	UNEP Contribution		-	-	-			
1.1.2.9.1	Head of Nairobi Convention Secretariat (P5) 10%	20,300		50,751	71,051			
1.1.2.9.2	Chief Marine Ecosystem Unit (P5) 3%	3,383		8,458	11,842			
1.1.2.9.3	Senior Programme Management Officer (P5) 20%	1,725		4,313	6,039			
1.1.2.9.4	Associate Programme Management Officer (P2) 65%	3,324		8,310	11,634			
1.1.2.9.5	Senior Programme Management Officer (P5) 4%	292		729	1,021			

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1.1.2.9.6	Programme Management Assistant (G5) 3%	69		174	243				
Sub-total UNEP Contribution Staff time		29,094	-	72,735	101,829				
Total Human Resource		44,598	62,000	69,576	114,174				
2	Expected Results/Outputs		-	-	-				
Result 2.1	Expected output 2.1: Reinforcement of Regional Seas Conventions Governance Frameworks and associated protocols:								
Activity 2.1.1	In collaboration with partners, organize consultations and support the process of amending the Protocol Concerning Protected Areas and Wild Fauna and Flora in the Eastern African Region necessary to mitigate options to minimize the impact of developments on biodiversity and the natural environment		177,570	4,579	4,579	2nd negotiation meeting Q2 2023 back to back with ICZM Adoption Conference Q2 2023	Travel	140,000	
							Contractual services	34,500	
Activity 2.1.2	Working with regional economic communities (e.g. EAC, IGAD, SADC, COMESA, AU), regional fisheries management organizations (e.g. SWIOFC, IOTC) and partners (e.g. COI-IOC, WIO-C), facilitate the development of the Western Indian Ocean (WIO) region ocean governance strategy		78,989	78,989	78,989	Strategy development process workshop by Q2 2023	Travel	40,000	
							Contractual services	10,000	
Activity 2.1.3	Building on the partnership between the Nairobi Convention and SWIOFC, address priority marine and coastal issues linking policy makers and key stakeholders	24,000	130,426	124,006	148,006	Science- Policy forum Q3 2023	Travel	90,000	
							Contractual services	10,000	

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	(scientists, national-regional associations, Western Indian Ocean Consortium (WIO-C) of NGOs, practitioners, Regional Economic Communities - SADC, COMESA, IGAD, EAC, IOTC -and others) in the fisheries and environment sectors for sustainable ocean governance and fisheries management							
Activity 2.1.4	Advance a partnership between the Nairobi Convention and the Southern African Development Community (SADC), and facilitate the development of a Blue Economy Strategy for Nairobi Convention/SADC countries to ensure a harmonised approach in implementation of Blue Economy initiatives		57,233	57,233	57,233	Aligning Blue Economy strategies in the WIOQ3 2023	Travel Contractual services	47,000 10,000
Activity 2.1.5	Build partnerships with the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS)and within the Western Indian Ocean Consortium (e.g. WCS) on conservation of migratory species		28,617	28,617	28,617	Publish report sharks & rays (jointly with WCS) Q1 2023	General Ops Cost - printing	28,000
Activity 2.1.6	Through the Forum for Academic and Research Institutions (FARI) at national and regional level identify priority issues and define policy dialogue indicators relevant to fisheries- and marine environment-related interventions by the Nairobi Convention and the South West Indian Ocean Fisheries		206,332	110,554	110,554	Fisheries- Environment status reports Q2 2023	IP	160,000

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	Commission (SWIOFC) and develop a regional marine environment status report on the Western Indian Ocean							
Activity 2.1.7	Through the Forum for Academic and Research Institutions (FARI) at national and regional level assess trends and impacts of ocean acidification in the Western Indian Ocean region		101,985	101,985	101,985	OA action plan 2023 (budget shifted to 2.1.1; 50,000)	IP	0
Activity 2.1.8	Develop marine spatial planning strategy for the Western Indian Ocean region		106,974	106,974	106,974	Adoption process Q3 2023	Contractual services	100,000
Sub-total activity 2.1		24,000	888,126	612,937	636,937			669,500
Result 2.2:	Development of regionally representative networks of Marine Protected Areas: The expected result of this component is to develop regional representative networks of Marine Protected Areas							
Activity 2.2.1	Implement recommendations from the Western Indian Ocean Marine Protected Areas (MPA) Outlook to strengthen management effectiveness at designated MPAs in the region		106,977	56,979	56,979	Q3 2023; Comoros MPA management (and critical habitats) ongoing under 2.2.3		
Activity 2.2.2	Working with partners, and contracting parties of the Nairobi Convention, support the national and regional process of developing a critical habitats outlook for the Western Indian Ocean region to address SDG14.2 to sustainably manage and protect marine and coastal ecosystems and take action for their restoration		44,574	44,574	44,574	Q3 2023; Launch CH Outlook		24,574

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Activity 2.2.3	Support the review, design and development of holistic MPA management plan in at least one country in the Western Indian Ocean region for the strengthening of MPA management reflecting common goals and approaches		90,154	90,154	90,154	Ongoing. Comoros coral reef protected area Q3 2023	IP	50,000
Activity 2.2.4	Develop capacity for managers and the local community for improved governance and strengthening management of MPAs in compliance and effective enforcement across the WIO region and engage private sector (e.g. shipping and tourism industries) in collaborative efforts to improve conservation and sustainable development of MPAs		160,465	160,465	160,465	Q3 2023; seminars and workshops for MPA managers	Travel	120,000
							Contractual services	30,000
Activity 2.2.5	Support the preparation of an Ecosystem Indicator Monitoring Programme to support adaptive, dynamic management and decision-making process (to include indicators of ecosystem variability, climate change, socioeconomic status, community livelihoods and welfare, etc.)	32,150	112,150	80,000	112,150	Activity linked to Activity 2.3.3. Zanzibar coastal water quality monitoring Q1 2023	IP	
Activity 2.2.6	Contribute and support participation in national and regional negotiations for biodiversity protection in areas beyond national jurisdiction		56,607	50,932	50,932	Funds supporting related biodiversity negotiation activities in 2.1.1		

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Sub-total activity 2.2		32,150	570,927	483,104	515,254			224,574	
Result 2.3:	Reduction of the influx of waste (plastics and other forms of human and industrial liquid and solid waste) entering the marine environment of the four regions:								
Activity 2.3.1	Support the implementation of the regional Action Plan on marine litter for the Western Indian Ocean region		72,413	72,413	72,413	implement the action plan in activity 2.3.2			
Activity 2.3.2	Develop national marine litter Action Plans in at least two countries of the Western Indian Ocean region		54,147	27,475	27,475	Comoros Marine litter action plan Q4 2022, Q3 2023	IP	80,000	
						☒Seychelles Marine litter action plan Q1 2023	IP	50,000	
						Tanzania Marine Litter Action Plan Q1 2023	IP	110,000	
Activity 2.3.3	Establish regional standards for marine water quality and associated environmental quality objectives and targets (EQO/T) in partnership with the appropriate mandated bodies (e.g. IGOs, Conventions, national counterparts)	20,000	26,138	26,138	46,138	Comoroscoastal water monitoring Q1 2023	IP	60,000	
						☒Zanzibar coastal water monitoring Q1 2023	IP	58,000	
Sub-total result 2.3		20,000	152,698	126,026	146,026			358,000	
Result 2.4:	Document best practices and lessons learnt in marine litter management at community level.								
Activity 2.4.1	Organise participatory workshops for identification and prioritization of issues of waste management and marine pollution in		59,804	33,140	33,140	☒Comoros, Seychelles, TanzaniaQ4 2023	IP	59,804	

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	the livelihoods of youth, women and men in related local fishing communities							
Activity 2.4.2	Organise local level awareness campaigns on challenges facing the Western Indian Ocean region in combating pollution of receiving waters from land based sources and activities		26,756	92	92	(linked to Activity 2.3.1, 2.3.2, 2.4.1) Q4 2023 (in SSFAs)	IP	
Activity 2.4.3	Working with the private sector and local communities, promote the 3 Rs (Reducing, Reusing, Recycling) to manage the generation and input of marine litter and plastic waste to the marine environment of the Western Indian Ocean		45,822	42,159	42,159	Comoros, Seychelles, Tanzania (linked to Activity 2.3.1, 2.3.2) and 2.4.2 Q4 2022, Q4 2023 (in SSFA)	IP	
Sub-total result 2.4		-	132,382	75,391	75,391			59,804
Component Total Expected Results / Output		76,150	1,744,133	1,297,458	1,373,608			1,311,878
3	Furniture ,Computer equipment			-	-			
3.1	Furniture, computer equipment		10,000	4,560	4,560			4,560
Component Total Furniture Computer Equipment		-	10,000	4,560	4,560			
4	Operating and Other Direct Costs		-	-	-			
4.1	Operations and Other direct costs		30,000	28,890	28,890			28,890
Component total Operating and Other Direct Costs		-	30,000	28,890	28,890			
4. Subtotal direct eligible costs of the Action Under EU Contribution (1-3)		120,748	1,846,133	1,400,484	1,521,232			
5. Administrative costs (maximum 7% of 10, total direct eligible costs of the Action)		6,416	129,229	93,613	100,029			

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6. Grand Total eligible costs EU Contribution (4+5)		127,164	1,975,362	1,494,096	1,621,260			

Table A (ii). Activities undertaken, countries reached out, links to baseline, links to targets and status of the activity (completed, underway, initiated etc.), and budget made available, budget spent, and planned activities for 2023.

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2.1	Reinforcement of Regional Seas Conventions Governance Frameworks and associated protocols								
2.1.1	Support the process of amending the Protocol Concerning Protected Areas and Wild Fauna and Flora in the Eastern African Region	ongoing	Q2 2023	1985 Protocol Concerning Protected Areas and Wild Fauna and Flora	Protocol reviewed and report shared with Countries. 1 negotiation workshop of the protocol Q4 2022. Protocol ready by 2022	WIO region	177,570	172,992	2 nd negotiation in Q2, 2023
2.1.2	Working with regional economic communities, regional fisheries management organizations and	Initiated	Q3 2021	2020 state of ocean governance of the Western Indian Ocean (WIO) - background document	2 validation workshops with Governments, RECs, Partners to review strategy.	WIO region	78,989	0	Strategy development, Q2, 2023

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	partners, facilitate the development of the Western Indian Ocean (WIO) region ocean governance strategy				1 regional ocean governance strategy adopted.				
2.1.3	Building on the partnership between the Nairobi Convention and SWIOFC, address priority marine and coastal issues linking policy makers and key stakeholders in the fisheries and environment sectors for sustainable ocean governance and fisheries management	Initiated,	Q2 2024	2019 MoU between UNEP/NC and FAO/SWIOFC	MoU concluded with each of COMESA, IGAD, EAC, IOTC. 1 Background paper on environment-fisheries governance written in support of ocean governance. Marine environment and fisheries dialogue Science-Policy dialogues	WIO region	154,426	6,420	Science- Policy forum Q3 2023
2.1.4	Advance a partnership between the Nairobi Convention and the Southern African Development Community (SADC), and facilitate the development of a	Initiated	Q3 2023	2021 MoU between UNEP and SADC for cooperation in the support of environment and natural resources management	1 BE strategy developed. 2 workshops organised with NC/SADC countries to validate the strategy.	WIO region	57,233	0	Aligning Blue Economy strategies in the WIOQ3 2023

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	Blue Economy Strategy for Nairobi Convention/SADC countries for a harmonised approach of Blue Economy initiatives								
2.1.5	Partnerships with the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) and within the Western Indian Ocean Consortium on conservation of migratory species	Ongoing	Q2 2023	Already existing Western Indian Ocean Consortium to which WCS is a member	1 regional status report on WIO sharks & rays published and launched. 1 Roadmap for conservation of migratory species (sharks & rays) developed. 1 national action plan for sharks developed.	WIO region	28,617	0	Publish report sharks & rays (jointly with WCS) Q1 2023
2.1.6	In partnership with Forum for Academic and Research Institutions (FARI) identify priority issues and define policy dialogue indicators relevant to fisheries- and marine environment-related interventions by the Nairobi Convention	Ongoing	Q2 2023	2019 MoU between UNEP/ NC and FAO/SWIOFC	2 S-P dialogue national and regional meetings organised. 1 regional marine environment status report. 1 regional report on assessment of attainment of SDG targets in NC countries. Partners meeting	WIO region	206,332	95,778	Fisheries- Environment status reports Q2 2023

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	and the SWIOFC and develop a regional marine environment status report on the Western Indian Ocean				Focal Points meeting COP10				
2.1.7	In partnership with Forum for Academic and Research Institutions (FARI) assess trends and impacts of ocean acidification in the Western Indian Ocean region	Planning underway	Q1 2023	0 regional OA action plan	1 regional OA action plan developed.	WIO region	101,985	0	OA action plan 2023 (budget shifted to 2.1.1; 50,000)
2.1.8	Develop marine spatial planning strategy for the Western Indian Ocean region	Underway	Q3 2024	Near finalised Regional MSP strategy	Regional MSP strategy presented and adopted at COP10 in Nov 2021. MSP strategy implemented in at least 2 local sites.	WIO region	106,974	0	Adoption process Q3 2023
2.2	Development of regionally representative networks of Marine Protected Areas: The expected result of this component is to develop regional representative networks of Marine Protected Areas								
2.2.1	Implement recommendations from the Western Indian Ocean Marine Protected Areas	Initiated	Q2 2023	2021 Western Indian Ocean Marine Protected Areas (MPA) Outlook	2 MPA management effectiveness action plans.	Regional with national focus (Comoros)	106,977	49,998	Q3 2023; Comoros MPA management (and critical habitats)

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	(MPA) Outlook to strengthen management effectiveness at designated MPAs in the region								ongoing under 2.2.3
2.2.2	Working with partners, and contracting parties of the Nairobi Convention, support the national and regional process of developing a critical habitats outlook for the Western Indian Ocean region to address SDG14.2 to sustainably manage and protect marine and coastal ecosystems and take action for their restoration	Underway	Q1 2022	2017 SDG 14 voluntary commitments	1 regional critical habitat outlook developed.	Regional with national focus (Comoros)	44,574	0	Q3 2023; Launch CH Outlook
2.2.3	Support the review, design and development of holistic MPA management plan in at least one country	Planning underway	Q2 2022	Western Indian Ocean Marine Protected Areas (MPA) Outlook finalized and awaiting	MPA management plans initiated at 2 sites in 1 country-	Comoros	90,154	0	Ongoing. Comoros coral reef protected area Q3 2023

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	in the Western Indian Ocean region for the strengthening of MPA management reflecting common goals and approaches			implementation of it's recommendations					
2.2.4	Develop capacity for managers and the local community for improved governance and strengthening management of MPAs in compliance and effective enforcement across the WIO region and engage private sector (e.g. shipping and tourism industries) in collaborative efforts to improve conservation and sustainable development of MPAs	Initiated	Q3 2023	The launched 2021 WIO Marine Protected Area Network (WIOMPAN)/ Western Indian Ocean Marine Protected Areas (MPA) Outlook finalized and awaiting implementation of it's recommendations	1 training workshop organized on MPA governance & management. 1 regional framework for MPA capacity development SSFA with CORDIO	Comoros WIO region	160,465	0	Q3 2023; seminars and workshops for MPA managers
2.2.5	Support the preparation of an Ecosystem Indicator Monitoring Programme to	Initiated in partnership with SAPPHIRE project	Q1 2024	0 Regional Ecosystems Indicator Monitoring	1 regional Ecosystem Indicator Monitoring Programme established	WIO region with national implementation (Zanzibar, Comoros)	112,150	0	Activity linked to Activity 2.3.3. Zanzibar coastal water quality

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	support adaptive, dynamic management and decision-making process (to include indicators of ecosystem variability, climate change, socioeconomic status, community livelihoods and welfare, etc.)				Supporting modalities for national monitoring?				monitoring Q1 2023
2.2.6	Contribute and support participation in national and regional negotiations for biodiversity protection in areas beyond national jurisdiction	To be initiated	Q2 2022	0	2 countries supported to participate of in BBNJ/ABNJ negotiations	WIO region	56,607	5,675	Funds supporting related biodiversity negotiation activities in 2.1.1
2.3	Reduction of the influx of waste (plastics and other forms of human and industrial liquid and solid waste) entering the marine environment of the four regions								
2.3.1	Support the implementation of the regional Action Plan on marine litter for the Western Indian Ocean region	Initiated	Q3 2021	Regional Action Plan on marine litter for the WIO finalized/awaiting implementation and adoption at national level	2 demo sites with effective marine litter management in 3 countries Regional Action Plan on marine litter for the WIO published	Tanzania Comoros Seychelles	72,413	0	implement the action plan in activity 2.3.2

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					and adopted in at least 2 countries				
2.3.2	Develop national marine litter Action Plans in at least two countries of the Western Indian Ocean region	Initiated	Q2 2022	Regional Action Plan on marine litter for the WIO finalized/awaiting implementation and adoption at national level	3 national marine litter action plans/strategy developed & adopted	Comoros Tanzania Seychelles	54,147	26,676	Comoros Marine litter action plan Q4 2022, Q3 2023. Seychelles Marine litter action plan Q1 2023 Tanzania Marine Litter Action Plan Q1 2023
2.3.3	Establish regional standards for marine water quality and associated environmental quality objectives and targets (EQO/T) in partnership with the appropriate mandated bodies (e.g. IGOs, Conventions, national counterparts)	To be initiated	Q1 2024	Regional framework for marine water quality monitoring finalized/awaiting development and implementation of regional standard and quality objectives and targets for marine water quality	regional standards for marine water quality and associated environmental quality objectives and targets (EQO/T) implemented at 1 country	WIO region with national focus on implementation (Comoros, Zanzibar)	46,138	0	
2.4	Document best practices and lessons learnt in marine litter management at community level								
2.4.1	Organise participatory workshops for	Initiated	Q3 2023	2004-2010 (WIOLaB project)/	3 participatory workshops on waste management &	WIO region Tanzania	59,804	26,664	Comoros, Seychelles,

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	identification and prioritization of issues of waste management and marine pollution in the livelihoods of youth, women and men in related local fishing communities				marine pollution organised	Comoros Seychelles			Tanzania Q4 2023
2.4.2	Organise local level awareness campaigns on challenges facing the Western Indian Ocean region in combating pollution of receiving waters from land-based sources and activities	Initiated	Q3 2023	2004-2010 (WIOLaB project)/ LBSA protocol WIOSAP	1 awareness campaigns on LBSA organised	Comoros Tanzania Seychelles	26,756	26,664	(linked to Activity 2.3.1, 2.3.2, 2.4.1) Q4 2023 (in SSFAs)
2.4.3	Working with the private sector and local communities, promote the 3 Rs (Reducing, Reusing, Recycling) to manage the generation and input of marine litter and plastic waste to the marine environment of the	Initiated	Q2 2022	2004-2010 (WIOLaB project)/ 2021 SAPPHIRE project Private Sector engagement strategy	2 awareness campaigns on 3Rs organised	Comoros Tanzania Seychelles	45,822	3,363	Comoros, Seychelles, Tanzania (linked to Activity 2.3.1, 2.3.2) and 2.4.2 Q4 2022, Q4 2023 (in SSFA)

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	Western Indian Ocean								

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Table B: An impact matrix on key lessons learnt, communication outreach, impact (on gender, participation, specific contributions of the actions for policy, implementation, influence)

Description of Activity (from above table)	Gender response	Policy link (ref to specific Contribution made. Eg. inputs To post 2020 CBD framework)	Impact (short description. Eg. the CBD SBI 3 meeting helped informed participation of focal points in CBD meeting)	Communication action (details of web updates, tweets, social media reach, publications made etc. PLEASE describe and quantify)	Links to overall institutional issue(s) and focus
2.1.6 Through the Forum for Academic and Research Institutions (FARI) at national and regional level identify priority issues and define policy dialogue indicators relevant to fisheries- and marine environment-related interventions by the Nairobi Convention and the South West Indian Ocean Fisheries Commission (SWIOFC) and develop a regional marine environment status report on the Western Indian Ocean	Partnership meeting held on 26 th -28 th September in 2022 that registered 49 participants (33 men and 16 women)	CP.10/5. On Ocean Governance Strategy – development of Ocean strategy with the support of partners. Decision CP.10/12. Projects and partnerships – establish partnerships and programmes on ocean action	Recommendations and actions put forward to develop a roadmap leading to a regional status report on the environment-fisheries nexus in the Western Indian Ocean	The report of the meeting and presentations during the three days’ workshop are provided.	
2.1.1 The first negotiation meeting	Negotiations meeting 15-18	In response to the intensification of pressures resulting from both	Negotiations		

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for the amendment of the Protocol Concerning Protected Areas and Wild Fauna and Flora in the Eastern African Region	November 2022 registered 49 participants (33 men and 16 women)	anthropogenic and natural factors in the WIO region. A review of the Protocol needed to incorporate recent and ongoing global commitments and processes on biodiversity including adoption of an ecosystem-based approach (EBA). The second negotiations meeting planned for Q2 2023	aligning to post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework		

C: PLANNING FOR FUTURE

Activities planned for the subsequent half year/year, plans/ideas for scaling up and follow up on outcomes, budget and activity adjustments for planned actions and budgets needed. Link up of completed actions to other processes in the country(ies), regions inter-regional cooperation, links to institutional actions and larger regional and global processes (like AMCEN, LAC Ministerial, COPs etc.)

Activity	Description of activity	Expected Date of completion	Overall budget (US\$)	Achievements FY 2022	Planned Actions for 2023	Budget (US\$)
2.1.1	Amending biodiversity protocol	Q2 2023	177, 570.00	First negotiation meeting on biodiversity protocol; Revised draft of the protocol developed;	Q2 2023; 2nd negotiation protocol during ICZM Adoption conference	174,500

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Activity	Description of activity	Expected Date of completion	Overall budget (US\$)	Achievements FY 2022	Planned Actions for 2023	Budget (US\$)
2.1.2	Developing regional ocean governance	Q2 2022	78,989.00	Ongoing jointly with regional ocean governance strategy (ROGS) task force and the information management strategy multistakeholder working group (IMS WG) (constituted by the Nairobi Convention and led by the SAPPHIRE project)	Q2 2023; Strategy development process workshop (for ROGS task force and IMS WG)	50,000
2.1.3	Address priority marine and coastal issues linking policy makers and key stakeholders	Q2 2024	154,426.00		Q3 2023; Science Policy dialogue (in partnership with Nairobi Convention projects)	100,000
2.1.4	Partnership for implementation of Blue Economy Initiatives	Q3 2023	57,233.00	Preparatory	Q3 2023; Aligning Blue Economy Strategy in the WIO (in partnership with NoCaMo)	57,000
2.1.5	Building Partnership for conservation of migratory species	Q3 2023	28,617.00	The status report on the Western Indian Ocean sharks and rays completed and launched	Q1 2023; Publish and disseminate report sharks and rays	28,000
2.1.6	Policy dialogue indicators relevant to fisheries and marine environment (FARI)	Q2 2023	206,332.00	Science dialogue conducted September 2022- Fisheries-environment nexus	Q2 2023; Developing Fisheries Environment nexus status in the countries of the WIO region and an online atlas	160,000
2.1.7	Trends and impacts of Ocean Acidification in the WIO region	Q1 2023	101,985.00	Partners already co-funding assessment in six countries. Delayed to avoid duplication	OA Action Plan; (budget shifted to 2.1.1; 50,000).	
2.1.8	Develop Marine Spatial Planning for the WIO region	Q3 2024	106,974.00	Training and capacity building on MSP conducted	Q3 2023; Adoption process	100,000

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2.2.1	Implement MPA Outlook recommendations	Q2 2023	106,977.00	Q3 2023; Comoros MPA management (and critical habitats) ongoing under 2.2.3		
2.2.2	Critical Habitats Outlook	Q1 2022	44,574.00	In partnership with WIOSAP project co-funding. Chapters ready.	Q3 2023; Launch CH Outlook	24,574
2.2.3	MPA management Plan in at least one country	Q2 2022	90,154.00	(ongoing SSFA)	Q3 2023; Comoros coral reef area protected	50,000
2.2.4	Capacity for MPAs management	Q3 2023	160,465.00	organized 2021/2022 (in partnership: SWaM, WIOMSA, WIOMPAN, WIOSAP)	Q3 2023; seminars and workshops for MPA managers	150,000
2.2.5	Ecosystem Indicators Monitoring Program	Q1 2024	112,150.00	Framework developed by Nairobi Convention (SAPPHIRE project). Activity linked to Activity 2.3.3		
2.2.6	Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction Negotiations	Q2 2022	56,607.00	Activity overtaken by funding from other sources. Funds supporting related biodiversity activities in 2.1.1		
2.3.1	Regional Action Plan on Marine Litter	Q3 2023	72,413.00	Regional Action Plan on Marine Litter by Nairobi Convention (WIOSAP project) Funds used to implement the action plan in activity 2.3.2		
2.3.2	Develop National Marine Litter Action Plans for at least two countries in WIO	Q2 2022	54,147.00	A draft action plan and strategy for Comoros developed (ongoing)	Q2 2022; Comoros, Marine Litter inventory and Action plans	80,000
					Q2 2023 Tanzania Marine Litter inventory and Action plans	110,000

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					Q2 2023 Seychelles Marine Litter inventory and Action plans	50,000
2.3.3	Establish Regional Water Quality Standards	Q1 2024	46,138.00	Regional Water Quality Standards developed by the Nairobi Convention (WIOSAP project). Framework implementation in two sites	Q1 2023; Zanzibar water quality assessments	58,000
					Q2 2023; Comoros water quality assessments	60,000
2.4.1	Workshop: waste management for locals	Q3 2023	59,804.00	Funds committed under SSFA (Act: 2.3.1, 2.3.2, 2.3.3)	Q4 2023; Organize participatory workshop for Comoros, Seychelles, and Tanzania (in SSFAs)	59,804
2.4.2	Awareness campaigns on wastewater/marine litter	Q3 2023	26,756.00	Funds committed under SSFA (Act: 2.3.1, 2.3.2, 2.3.3)	Q4 2023; linked to activity 2.3.1; 2.3.2 (in SSFAs)	
2.4.3	Private Sector and local community campaigns on waste management	Q2 2022	45,822.00	Funds committed under SSFA (Act: 2.3.1, 2.3.2, 2.3.3)	Q4 2023; Comoros, Seychelles, Tanzania (linked to Activity 2.3.1, 2.3.2) and 2.4.2 (in SSFA)	
						1,311,878

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A) LESSONS LEARNT

Issues and challenges faced during the period of reporting, steps taken to overcome the challenges and a synopsis of lessons learnt for the future. Leveraging additional funds, partnerships, visibility and the related.

Implementation of Small-Scale Funding Agreements (SSFAs) require at least 18 months to finalize. Most of them will spill over to 2024 for successful completion to be realised. Communications

Implementation of communication plans visibility secured (including through social media) and impacts of the communication, specific web-links, publications and other material developed and means of reach out, including through the institutional channels).

The project's visibility has been through regular updates and articles disseminated in the weekly news roundup of the Nairobi Convention and [website](#).

Below are links to articles/events of work supported by the programme during the reporting period of July – December 2022

- [Enhancing partnership and environmental protection through ACP MEAs III programme](#)
- [Amendment of the Nairobi Convention Protocol Concerning Protected Areas and Wild Flora and Fauna in the Eastern African Region](#)
- [Workshop on the Environment-Fisheries Nexus](#)