

ANNEX I: INSIGHT INTO ' September 2023 Africa Marine Protected Area Upscaling Questionnaire

Project Title: Seascapes PESTLE Analysis for East Africa Region (under Ocean Countries Partnership Programme)

QUESTIONNAIRE

PURPOSE

We trust you are well and hope that you could please kindly provide an EOI asap as to whether you are willing to participate in providing information, interview, survey and/or other assistance to the following email by responding to this or forwarding it to the right point of contact asap

OBJECTIVES

Marine ecosystems are dynamic and are not bound by Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZ), which makes marine conservation particularly challenging. Transboundary efforts have been shown to deconflict governance, policy, and legal frameworks and facilitate the efficient use of resources by preventing duplication of effort and driving interventions with strong value for money. There is building evidence that that transboundary MPAs can yield greater benefits for species, habitats, and communities than individual/unconnected MPAs. The Seascapes Programme, which will be delivered under the UK's Blue Planet Fund, will test approaches to transboundary Marine Protected Area governance. The programme aims to strengthen the protection, management, and financing of marine environments that cross international borders through testing approaches that protect marine biodiversity through the effective management and enforcement Seascapes

Aside from the regional East/West Africa perspective, the main outcome of the analyses is to be able to support the decision as to whether the Seascapes Programme is feasible within 1.) East Africa and 2.) West Africa.

East Africa: Countries we are interested in are: Comoros, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique, Seychelles, Somalia, South Africa, Tanzania.

West Africa: Countries we are interested in are: Cape Verde, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Mauritania, Senegal, Sierra Leone

The overall objective of this consultancy is to identify potential POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, TECHNOLOGICAL, LEGAL AND ECOLOGICAL FACTORS, DEVELOPMENTS, INITIATIVES, RISKS, CONCERNS, REQUIREMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES along with potential interest, sources of possible collaboration, resources to mobilise and possible interest in accelerating the GREAT BLUE WALL INITIATIVE, various associated commitments towards

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accelerating marine/general conservation, protected areas, sustainable fisheries and marine ecosystems under the 30% BY 2030 INITIATIVE/various events.

Scope of Services

The consultancy aims to implement a high-quality institutional capacity assessment, including identifying the main gaps and opportunities to foster the enabling conditions including not just the UK but all stakeholders seeking to move towards this sustainable blue economy future, in alignment with related SDG targets, the UN Sustainable Blue Finance Principles, the UN Decade of Ocean Science and UN Decade of Ecosystem Restoration. Specific measures shall also be proposed to ensure that stakeholders may work towards greater collaboration and cooperation including mutual support to develop sustainable national/transboundary MPA/conservation efforts including the resources, instruments, knowledge, and capacities to mainstream the Blue Economy into policymaking.

Thus, to address the challenges and barriers facing the region; its coastal and marine ecosystems, the UK Blue Planet Fund are funding this review into national blue economy strategies, stakeholders, projects, policies, marine resources and priorities to alleviate poverty, respond to the COVID19 pandemic for a sustainable blue oceans economy/ecosystem recovery, protect biodiversity, and mitigate and adapt to climate change.

They have therefore appointed our representatives at NIRAS to undertake the pioneering blue economy study and any related issues, developments, policies, risks and opportunity. It gives me/our organisation great pleasure to introduce NLA appointed to conduct these reports, any related fieldwork, interviews and surveys. We anticipate the entire report will be completed as soon as possible by the end of January-February for the initial phase at the latest. In order to develop timely, reliable, quality and professional service and assistance to us, our funders, various governments, supporters, the people of the region/planet and any stakeholders that may be influenced by this pioneering study; it will be essential for the consultants and assistants to interact with relevant stakeholders and related representatives abroad or those with an interest and commitment to the region or blue economy. This will avoid the issues of just mere remote desktop studies, so as to benefit from the valuable insights, ideas, knowledge, thoughts and experience in the sector. You/your esteemed organisation or entity has been personally identified as vital to this assignment and its successful outcome and any assistance would be highly requested and appreciated as soon as possible, to aid our consortium and in undertaking this assignment. I look forward in anticipating that you will further aid the success our work, striving to aid this region towards a far more prosperous, climate-resilient, post-COVID and sustainable ocean/blue economy future.

GUIDELINES

1. The questionnaire consists of several sections.
2. Fill in your name and other information in Section 1.
3. Please respond to the questions in the other section(s) that are relevant to you. You can use bullet points. Please feel free to contribute as much or as little as you wish.
4. All researchers and responses adhere to strict ethical processes, details of which can be provided on request. All responses will be kept confidential.
5. Persons to be contacted if you have any questions or need clarification
Dr Jack Dyer, Email: Jack.Dyer@utas.edu.au; Mobile +679 940 1440 /WhatsApp 27 (0) 76 973 2765
6. Return the completed questionnaires (**as a Word file**) to Dr Jack Dyer Email: Jack.Dyer@utas.edu.au with a copy to jadyer2020@gmail.com
7. Deadline: 30 November 2023

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8. Please contact Dr Jack Dyer if you would be interested in a more detailed interview by Skype, Zoom, Google Hangout, phone, WhatsApp or preferred method of contact to be scheduled before 30 December. Limited field interviews/surveys may be available as an alternative
9. For any further questions please feel free to contact myself, our consortium leader Callum Donaldson Murdoch CAMU@niras.com or UK DEFRA direct.

I and the various stakeholders would really appreciate, value and am counting on you to help determine the future fate of the oceans, marine/general protected areas and conservation trends, resources needed, perceptions, support, risks, issues and opportunities
THANK YOU FOR YOUR COLLABORATION

1. RESPONDENT

TITLE & NAME (Mr, Ms, Dr):	JOB TITLE:
INSTITUTION/PRIVATE:	ADDRESS:
AREA/COUNTRY/COUNTRIES OF EXPERTISE:	EMAIL:
SECTOR:	TELEPHONE/WhatsApp:
Website Links	

For all questions please feel to provide examples/and or any related information that might potentially support any area related to this initiative.

2: Please provide more information introducing you, your role and your institution/organisation below in relation to your potential interest, country/countries/region and area

3: What do you consider to be the major POLITICAL related existing, future or potential factors, developments, initiatives, trends, examples and resources that could either LIMIT/and SUPPORT the development of national/transboundary marine protected areas and related conservation/sustainable blue economy measures?

4: What do you consider the major ECONOMIC/FINANCE related existing, future or potential factors, developments, initiatives, trends, examples and resources that could either LIMIT/and SUPPORT the development of national/transboundary marine protected areas and related conservation/sustainable blue economy measures?

5: What do you consider the major SOCIAL related existing, future or potential factors, developments, initiatives, trends, examples and resources that could either limit or/and support the development of national/transboundary marine protected areas and related conservation/sustainable blue economy measures?

6: What do you consider the major TECHNOLOGICAL/TECHNICAL/INNOVATION related existing, developments, initiatives, trends, examples and resources that could either LIMIT/and SUPPORT the development of national/transboundary marine protected areas and related conservation/sustainable blue economy measures?

7: What do you consider the major LEGAL/POLICY related existing, future or potential factors, developments, initiatives that could either/and support the development of national/transboundary marine protected areas and related conservation/sustainable blue economy measures?

8: What do you consider the major CLIMATE/ENVIRONMENT/ECOLOGICAL/NATURE related existing, future or potential factors, developments, initiatives that could either/and support the development of national/transboundary marine protected areas and related conservation/sustainable blue economy measures?

9: Are there any other risks to sustainable growth, development and your business and local blue/ocean ecosystem and economy in your sector and why?

Examples may include but not be limited to economic, environmental, social, political, legal, local, international, psychological/human, natural, others

10: What do you consider the future opportunities for sustainable growth, development and the blue/ocean ecosystem for your organisation and within your sector?

11: Priorities and Recommendations Related to Funders/Providers of Resources/Information/Capacity/Education, Technology etc

With limited resources, which risks, opportunities, resources and areas do you think potential funders such as the UK Seascapes Initiative/Blue Planet Fund but also any others we engage should prioritise to develop your sector, national/regional conservation efforts, the overall ocean/blue economy and why?

12: Priorities and Recommendations for National Governments/Other Stakeholders

With limited resources, which resources, risks, opportunities and areas do you think ANY national/local governments and other stakeholders should prioritise to develop your sector, the overall ocean/blue economy, national/transboundary MPAS and why?

13: Collaboration:

Would you, your organisation and/or anyone else you can recommend be potentially interested in subsequent follow up engagement

If so please provide related contact details.

Please also feel free to specify/indicate any form of potential interest/ engagement including current/future initiatives, interest/consultation, spreading awareness, support for resources, implementation; monitoring, linking initiatives etc or just highlight in general.

