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The Western Indian Ocean Large Marine Ecosystems Strategic Action Programme Policy Harmonisation and Institutional Reforms (WIO LME SAPPHERE)

2020 Progress Update September 2020

Expected Outcome	Planned Activities	Progress	Remark
Component 1: Supporting Policy Harmonization and Management Reforms towards improved ocean governance	Outcome 1.1. Policy, legislative and institutional reforms and realignment in support of the SAP are implemented at national and regional level as appropriate, with emphasis given to strengthening and supporting existing processes and mechanisms including regional bodies (such as Conventions, Commissions, and Regional Scientific Bodies). Coordination and management mechanism are strengthened at both national and regional levels		
	1.1.1. Support organization of national level coordination and consultation meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participated on NICC meeting for Kenya, Madagascar and Seychelles - All participating countries organized NICC meetings 	
	1.1.2. Organize annual Project Steering Committee (PSC) meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Project Focal Points participated on two meeting organized by the Secretariat together with NCS Focal points to update on the - 12 August 2020 Project FPs met and reviewed project implementation progress 	Planned for November 20
	1.1.3. Support annual WIO Regional Science to policy forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preparation is ongoing to organize the Regional Science to Policy Forum early next year 	Joint initiative
	1.1.4. Support the countries in revising the national MEDAs and incorporating their	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MEDA update process is ongoing - Comoros, Kenya, Seychelles, Tanzania – good progress - Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique – slow progress 	

	findings into National Action Plans as appropriate	Somalia – not started South Africa – commenced late	
	1.1.5. Support the update of ASCLME Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis(TDA) and development of the next SAP for WIO region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The update and merger of the WIOSAP and ASCLME TDA and development of next generation one SAP for WIO region is in progress - WIOMSA will lead the process - National updated MEDA will be the main input to the TDA update process 	Joint initiative
	1.1.6. Demonstration Projects: on review national policy, legislative and institutional reforms and facilitate realignment in support of SAP implementation	<p>Comoros: Strengthen sectoral policy and co-management of natural resources for better conservation of marine and coastal ecosystems in the Union of the Comoros</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improve the legal framework for fishing by improving the legislative and regulatory mechanism - The project is launched in three islands and implementation of planned activities is in progress since August <p>Madagascar Strengthening ocean governance and marine ecosystem management to support sustainable development in Madagascar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implementation of planned activities is in progress - Inter-ministerial consultation - Policies review and consultation on national priorities <p>Mozambique Enhance National level Policy Harmonization and Institutional reform for Improved Ocean Governance in -Mozambique</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Slow respond from government in fulfilling the required documentation for SSFA 	
Outcome 1.2: Technical and institutional capacity developed to deliver Knowledge-Based Governance approaches by delivering scientific results to management and policy makers for adaptive management decision-making			
	1.2.1. Conduct assessment and develop regional Ecosystem Monitoring indicators and framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ecosystem monitoring framework development in progress in collaboration with WIOMSA and Rhodes University of South Africa 	Joint initiative

	1.2.2. Develop Regional Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) Strategy for WIO region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WIO Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) Strategy development is in progress - NMU is leading the process with active involvement of the regional MSP TWG 	Joint initiative
	1.2.3. Support pilot studies on ecosystem goods and services and deliver cost-benefit analyses at both national and regional level (including relevant financial mechanisms such as PES)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Economic valuation and potential investment opportunities for the Trans-Boundary Conservation Area (TBCA) between Kenya and Tanzania to be led by Prime Africa and key partners from both countries 	Joint initiative
Outcome 1.3. Collaborative and cooperative mechanisms agreed and strengthened between national, regional and global partners and stakeholders			
	1.3.1. Support countries to participate at different appropriate coordination meetings in the interests of SAP implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Due to travel restriction caused by COVID, Focal points have been encouraged/invited to participate in various virtual workshops and meetings 	
	1.3.2. Organize a consultation workshop with IGOs (RECs and AU and others) on ocean governance and blue economy to support the implementation of SAP in the WIO region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AU, RECs and key partners met on 16 September 2020 and launched the background document on the state of ocean governance in WIO region - SAPPHIRE will engage with RECs and support the development of WIO ocean governance strategy as well as RECs initiatives on blue economy, ocean governance and climate change adaptation, etc. 	
	1.3.3. Knowledge and communication products prepared and disseminated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Led by our communication team, various communication materials are prepared and shared, including quarterly newsletter, project update, media, etc. 	
Outcome 2.1. Integrating the Ecosystem-based Management approach into existing Local Economic Development Plans at selected communities Pilot level and stress reduction demonstrated and captured for replication			

<p>Component 2 Stress Reduction through Community Engagement and Empowerment in Sustainable Resources Management</p>	<p>2.1.1. Communities sensitized about the values of LME goods and Services 2.1.2. Support demonstration projects on community led Ecosystem Based Management integrated in local economic activities and coastal and marine resources management</p>	<p>Technical support has been provided to participating countries to develop a demonstration projects proposal that strengthen communities and artisanal fisheries engagement in ecosystem-based management(EBM) though sensitizing the communities about the values of ecosystem goods and services and enhance their engagement in livelihoods improving initiatives Comoros : Strengthen sectoral policy and co-management of natural resources for better conservation of marine and coastal ecosystems in the Union of the Comoros C-1. supports on fisheries sector policy and C-2 community engagement in conservation and protection of marine resources(fisheries) as well as alternative economic activities Kenya: 4 proposals Kenya Wildlife Service: Climate-Smart Design for Diani-Chale Marine Ecosystem management and Improved Livelihoods of the Coastal Communities - community engagement in sustainable management of coastal and marine resources, innovative fisheries management plans, co-management structure Madagascar: two proposals submitted by NGOs reviewed The government requested for technical support the help Ministry of Fisheries to develop proposal – consultant recruitment process is on progress Mozambique: two concept notes reviewed Community Based Project for Mussel Aquaculture on Inhaca Island-Maputo Province to Promote Ecosystem Based Resources Management Seychelles: two proposals reviewed and recommended for development to full proposal : Capacity building on local fisheries management and ecosystem conservation initiatives</p>	
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	Outcome 2.2. Stress reduction through ecosystem-based practices among artisanal and subsistence fisheries		
	<p>2.2.1. Support in piloting EBM in small-scale fishing communities</p> <p>2.2.2. Artisanal Fisheries Management Plans developed and adopted at four small-scale fishing community sites to demonstrate best practices in stress reduction in the small-scale fisheries sector</p>	<p>Comoros: develop legislation and regulations on fisheries and other marine resources management, capacity building on surveillance and implementation of the regulations</p> <p>Kenya: Kenya Wildlife Service: Climate-Smart Design for Diani-Chale Marine Ecosystem management and Improved Livelihoods of the Coastal Communities - community engagement in sustainable management of coastal and marine resources, innovative fisheries management plans, co-management structure</p> <p>Tanzania: a) Strengthening community-based EBM approaches in Subsistence and Small-Scale Artisanal Fisheries for Sustainable livelihoods and Management of Pemba Channel Conservation Area (PECCA), Zanzibar, Tanzania b) Strengthening community participation in management of the fisheries resources in coastal areas of Tanzania - mainland Tanzania Fisheries Department</p>	
Component 3 Stress Reduction through Private Sector/Industry Commitment to transformations in their operations and management practices	Outcome 3.1. Stress reduction within the LME through more effective and ‘hands-on’ Private Sector engagement and participation in SAP implementation and through risk reduction and contingency response mechanisms using public-private sector partnership agreements along with regional partners		
	3.1.1. Develop Private-Public Sector Partnerships strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WIO regional Private sector engagement strategic framework development process is on progress in collaboration with SAIIA - Stakeholders consultation workshop is planned for 23/30 Oct 	
	3.1.2. Support organization of workshop on public private partnership in Ecosystem Based Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public- Private Partnership workshop will be organized after the finalization of the strategic framework 	
	3.1.3. Address the potential impacts of the growing oil and gas development in the region through negotiate the identification and implementation of a Regional Response Centre, which can effectively and swiftly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SAPPHIRE in collaboration with IMO has prepared an assessment report Oil Spill Preparedness Regional Cooperation - In East Africa and the Western Indian Ocean 	

	coordinate regional responses to emergencies, with a focus on shipping (Search and Rescue) and response to oil and gas and other marine pollution incidents likely to show effects at transboundary scale. National plans support this regional activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organized a regional workshop on cooperation in preparedness and response to marine spills took place in Zanzibar, Tanzania from 03 - 05 March 2020 - Discussion is ongoing with IOI and IMO to collaborate on the implementation of the action plan agreed at the workshop - Template sent to participating countries to share contact person and address for future engagement 	
Component 4 Delivering best practices and lessons through innovative ocean governance demonstration	Outcome 4.1. Identifying innovative management options for High Seas areas within LMEs		
	4.1.1. Technical support countries in the realignment of the sectoral ocean management process to a coordinated sectoral ocean and coastal ecosystem management approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Comoros – Fisheries policy - Madagascar – marine resources management and ocean governance - Mozambique – Ocean policy - South Africa - demonstration project on <i>Coordinated sectoral Ocean and Coastal ecosystem management approach in South Africa</i> – on progress 	
	4.1.2. Strengthening the Science-Policy interface through support to the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services in developing an evidence based decision-making process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support scientific research and capacity building initiatives for improved ocean governance and adaptive management IMS, Tanzania and KMFRI, Kenya – oceanographic research is ongoing 	
	4.1.3. Organize workshop for key stakeholders on ABNJ and Contiguous Adjacent High Seas Areas (CAHSA) on management and governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Postponed to 2021 due to COVID 19 	
	Outcome 4.2. Demonstrating innovative management options within specific marine space within the WIO LME		
	4.2.1. Demonstrating Marine Spatial Planning within a Blue Economy framework in selected areas within participating countries for further replication and transfer of lessons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support Kenya Blue Economy sector study lead by University of Nairobi and develop National Blue Economy Policy - Tanzania - develop a stocktaking sectoral analysis and assessment on integrated OG/BE 	
	4.2.2. Assist in the development of knowledge products, adaptive management guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Comoros – fisheries sector policy - Madagascar – policies related to environment and ocean 	

	and policy briefings related to changes in ecosystem balance and climatic variability etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mozambique – ocean policy - Kenya and Tanzania – blue economy sector assessment 	
Component 5 Capacity Development to Realize improved ocean governance in the WIO region	Outcome 5.1. Capacity for improved Ocean Governance strengthened through training and support		
	5.1.1. Support leadership capacity building in ocean governance and sustainable resources management at national and regional level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Phase 2 Advanced Leadership Workshop for Senior Leaders, Officials and Policy Makers (Women) in Marine Policy and Ocean Governance will take place from 13 oct – 26 Nov 2020 for seven weeks. 	
	5.1.2. Capacity building support for update of MEDA/TDA and development of regional SAP including write shops, consultation and validation workshops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Center for Environment and Development for Arab Region and Europe (CEDARE) - Training National Data Managers on platform administration, management, developing country profiles, change detection and visualization - Virtual technical support provided 	Postponed due to COVID 19
	5.1.3. Support countries organize training on MSP for national experts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will be delivered as part of national capacity building after following the development of Regional MSP strategy and TWG establishment 	
	5.1.4. Expert to support countries in developing demonstration projects proposals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Technical support is offered to Madagascar and Mozambique to develop demonstration projects proposal under Component 2 on Community Based Integrated Ecosystem Based Management Approaches to Local Economic Activities for Sustainable Resources Management - Madagascar, Ministry of Fisheries – selection process completed and the contract in process 	
	5.1.5. Support for countries to attend the IOI Ocean Governance training course and Leadership renewal workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Postponed to 2021 due to COVID 19 	

