



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

**QUARTER II PROGRESS REPORT**

01 April 2021 – 30 June 2021

Expected Outcome	Planned Activities	Progress	Remarks
<b>Component 1: Supporting Policy Harmonization and Management Reforms towards improved ocean governance</b>	<b>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</b>		
	1.1.1. Support organization of national level coordination and consultation meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Due to travel restrictions caused by COVID -19, Focal points and other stakeholders have been encouraged to participate in or organize virtual consultation meetings</li> <li>- The Nairobi Convention in executing the projects on 'Implementing the Strategic Action Programme for the protection of the Western Indian Ocean from land-based sources and activities' (WIOSAP) and 'Western Indian Ocean large marine ecosystems Strategic Action Programme Policy Harmonisation and Institutional Reform' (SAPPHIRE), <a href="#">organized a virtual meeting of the focal points and project implementing partners</a> on 27 May 2021. The objectives of the meeting were to discuss: i). the progress on implementation of demonstration projects being executed by the convention, ii). the projects' extensions, and iii). the preparedness for the midterm review of both WIOSAP and SAPPHIRE projects. The meeting was expected to provide an understanding by the Focal Points on progress made so far in project</li> </ul>	No face to face meetings were held in QII

		<p>implementation, setting up next steps in implementation in light of the project extensions and understand Focal Points and IPs readiness to support the MTR process.</p> <p>-</p>	
	1.1.2. Organize annual Project Steering Committee (PSC) meeting	<p>- The Project Focal Points participated in an Ad-hoc <a href="#">Third SAPPHIRE Project Steering Committee</a> (PSC) meeting on 16 March 2021. The PSC reviewed the project progress from the fourth quarter of 2020, discussed and approved the workplan and budget for 2021, discussed the overall project timelines and the timing of the mid-term review.</p>	Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, the meeting was held virtually on Microsoft Teams
	1.1.3. Support annual WIO Regional Science to Policy forum	<p>- The SAPPHIRE project, in collaboration with other Nairobi Convention projects, organized the <a href="#">Regional Science to Policy Dialogue from 23 – 25 March 2021</a>. The theme of the meeting was ‘Transition to a Sustainable Western Indian Ocean Blue Economy: Addressing the challenges and seizing the opportunities’. The meeting discussed emerging scientific findings on topical issues with potential policy implications for the management of coastal and marine resources in the region and promoted engagement and networking among stakeholders engaged in the protection, management and development of marine and coastal resources in the WIO.</p> <p>- The information shared at the science-policy dialogue and outputs will be published in a proposed series ‘the WIO Science to Policy Platform Series’ to make them accessible to a larger audience other than the meeting attendees.</p>	This activity is a joint initiative by the countries, supported by several of the projects of the Nairobi Convention and Western Indian Ocean Marine Science Association (WIOMSA).
	1.1.4. Support the countries in revising the national MEDAs and incorporating their findings into National Action Plans as appropriate	<p>- The process of updating the Marine Ecosystems Diagnostic Analysis is ongoing in all project countries except Somalia, where a small-scale funding agreement is being formulated to support the process.</p> <p>- Several countries, including Kenya, Madagascar (French), Mauritius and Seychelles have submitted the first draft of the MEDA for review.</p> <p>- Other countries, including Comoros, South Africa and Tanzania have reported good progress, while the progress in Mozambique is quite slow.</p> <p>- The draft MEDA reports will be reviewed by regional experts under the Nairobi Convention’s Forum for Academic and Research Institutions (FARI), the Consortium for the Conservation of Coastal and Marine Ecosystems in the Western Indian Ocean (WIO-C, “the Consortium”) and other technical experts.</p> <p>- The Project Management Unit is working with WIOMSA to bring together regional experts to review the National MEDAs and ensure they are harmonized.</p>	MEDA updates are ongoing with most expected to be completed by the third quarter of 2021

	<p>1.1.5. Support the update of ASCLME Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA) and development of the next SAP for WIO region</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The process of updating and merging the Strategic Action Programme for the protection of the Western Indian Ocean from land-based sources and activities and ASCLME/SWIOFP TDA and development of a single SAP for WIO region is in progress.</li> <li>- Discussions have been held with WIOMSA to lead the process of reviewing the MEDAs and to draw on these to inform the process of TDA and SAP development.</li> <li>- The Terms of Reference for the activity have been developed.</li> </ul>	<p>This activity is a joint initiative by the countries, supported by several of the projects of the Nairobi Convention.</p>
	<p>1.1.6. <b>Demonstration Projects:</b> on review of national policy, legislative and institutional reforms and facilitate realignment in support of SAP implementation</p>	<p><b>Comoros:</b> <i>Strengthening sectoral policy and co-management of natural resources for better conservation of marine and coastal ecosystems in within the Union of the Comoros.</i> The project was commissioned in August 2020. The project is funded through Components 1 and 2. The project has a total funding of USD 120,000. USD 60,000 has been disbursed to the Directorate General of Fisheries Resources – Comoros</p> <p>Component 1: Supports fisheries sector policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The partner has undertaken an evaluation of the national fishing strategy implemented since 2004 and consultation work is in progress towards developing a new sectoral fisheries policy, though the process has been hindered by restrictions imposed to control the spread of the COVID – 19 virus.</li> <li>- Support will be provided to the partner to translate the project deliverables from French to English to ensure they can benefit other countries in the WIO region and beyond.</li> </ul> <p><b>Madagascar:</b> <i>“National consultation for Madagascar priorities on ocean governance, sustainable development, and management for marine ecosystem” and “Updating the National Marine Ecosystem Diagnostic Analyses for Madagascar.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The partner has organized capacity building workshops and consultation meetings on national priorities for marine ecosystem management and ocean governance, at which gaps and policy priorities for harmonization were discussed.</li> <li>- Discussions on the agreed-upon priorities with key government officials have been delayed due to COVID – 19 restrictions.</li> <li>- The MEDA Update process, which is funded under this agreement, is well on-track and the first draft in French has been submitted.</li> <li>- The project has a total funding of USD 50,000. USD 30,000 has been disbursed to the partner.</li> </ul>	<p>This activity is shared between Component 1, 2 and 4.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Support will be provided to the partner to translate the project deliverables from French to English to ensure they can benefit other countries in the WIO region and beyond.</li> </ul> <p><b>South Africa:</b> The Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF) has developed and submitted a project entitled <i>Support for a coordinated ocean and coastal ecosystem management approach in South Africa</i>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The project was reviewed, and a project cooperation agreement (PCA) developed.</li> <li>- It has been agreed that the PCA will be managed by the Benguela Current Commission Secretariat on behalf of the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF), which is responsible for protecting, conserving and improving the South African environment and natural resources.</li> <li>- The approval and disbursement of funds for the PCA has been delayed due to late release of project funds.</li> <li>- The PCA will receive a funding of USD 380,000</li> </ul>	
<p><b>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</b></p>		
1.2.1. Conduct assessment and develop regional Ecosystem Monitoring indicators and framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The development of a Regional Ecosystem Monitoring Framework is in progress in collaboration with WIOMSA and Rhodes University of South Africa. The final draft of the regional ecosystem monitoring framework was submitted after addressing comments raised during the regional science – policy dialogue. A final round of regional inputs will be sought as part of the endorsement process.</li> </ul>	Joint initiative between several NC projects.
1.2.2. Develop Regional Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) Strategy for WIO region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Development of a Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) Strategy for the WIO region is in progress, led by Nelson Mandela University with the active involvement of the regional MSP Technical Working Group</li> <li>- The final draft MSP Strategy was submitted after addressing the comments and inputs from the science – policy dialogue. A final round of regional inputs will be sought as part of the endorsement process.</li> <li>- The partner is working on a policy brief to inform discussion on MSP at the Nairobi Convention Conference of Parties, due to be held in the fourth quarter of 2021.</li> </ul>	Joint initiative between several NC projects.

<p>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)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Projects executed by the Nairobi Convention Secretariat, including the SAPPHIRE project, are supporting an ‘Economic valuation and development of potential investment opportunities for the Trans-Boundary Conservation Area (TBCA) between Kenya and Tanzania’, to be led by Prime Africa Institute and Lloyd Capital Limited</li> <li>- The small-scale funding agreements to support the activity are being developed and are in the final stages of approval for funds disbursement</li> </ul>	<p>Joint initiative between several NC projects</p>
<p><b>Outcome 1.3. Collaborative and cooperative mechanisms agreed and strengthened between national, regional and global partners and stakeholders</b></p>		
<p>1.3.1. Support countries to participate at different appropriate coordination meetings in the interests of SAP implementation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Due to travel restrictions caused by COVID, Focal points have been encouraged/invited to participate in various virtual workshops and meetings</li> </ul>	<p>Several regional meetings are planned for 2021</p>
<p>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</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A <a href="#">meeting of the AU, RECs and key partners</a> was held on 26 April 2021 to further the discussion on developing a Regional Ocean Governance Strategy for the Western Indian Ocean (WIO).</li> <li>- The meeting took stock of activities undertaken to support the development of the Ocean Governance Strategy for the WIO region and agreed on a clear process and roles to further develop the strategy.</li> </ul>	<p>Further engagement of the RECS and countries of the region will occur during 2021 to prepare Ocean Governance Strategy by 2022.</p>
<p>1.3.3. Knowledge and communication products prepared and disseminated</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Led by our communication team, various communication materials were prepared and shared to promote the activities listed here, including newsletters and news bites on social media, including key takeaways, infographics, news articles, and social media messages to promote the “Framework for Private Sector Engagement”; stories on the demonstration projects listed above; news articles about meetings and publications, such as the RECs meeting, and more. In addition to being promoted on the Nairobi Convention’s platforms, these stories were also spread wider by GEF IWlearn, WIOMSA, and other partners.</li> </ul>	

<b>Component 2 Stress Reduction through Community Engagement and Empowerment in Sustainable Resources Management</b>	<b>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</b>		
	<p>2.1.1. Communities sensitized about the values of LME goods and services</p> <p>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 <b>demonstration project</b> proposals that strengthen communities and artisanal fisheries engagement in ecosystem-based management (EBM) through sensitizing the communities about the values of ecosystem goods and services and enhancing their engagement in livelihood-improving initiatives.</p> <p><b>Comoros</b>  <b>Strengthen sectoral policy and co-management of natural resources for better conservation of marine and coastal ecosystems in the Union of the Comoros</b>  Component 2: Community engagement in conservation and protection of marine resources (fisheries) as well as alternative economic activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The partner has submitted the first set of progress reports (French versions) on activities towards improving sustainable fishing, and introduction of income generating activities.</li> <li>- The partner highlighted that the project has been delayed by restrictions imposed to control spread of the COVID – 19 virus.</li> <li>- Support will be provided to translate the project deliverables from French to English to ensure they can benefit other countries in the WIO region and beyond.</li> </ul> <p><b>Kenya</b>  <b>Kenya Wildlife Service: Climate-Smart Design for Diani-Chale Marine Ecosystem management and Improved Livelihoods of the Coastal Communities</b> – This project focuses on community engagement in the sustainable management of coastal and marine resources, innovative fisheries management plans, and co-management structures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The project proposal was presented to the project Focal Points during the third Project Steering Committee meeting and subsequently approved. The small-scale funding agreement to support the work has been developed and is in the final stages of approval</li> </ul> <p><b>Madagascar:</b>  The government requested technical support for the Ministry of Fisheries to develop a full demonstration project proposal. A consultant was thus hired and developed a project</p>	<p>The demonstration projects in Kenya and Madagascar have been delayed by the late disbursement of funds from UNDP. The administrative process leading to this delay has been assessed and mitigation plans put in place to ensure that this is not an ongoing issue negatively impacting on the implementation of the SAPPHERE Project.</p>

		<p>entitled '<i>Local governance of fishing resources in ten villages from the Sofia Region, Madagascar: The case of the mangrove crab, Scylla serrata</i>'.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The project proposal was presented to the project Focal Points during the third Project Steering Committee meeting and subsequently approved. The small-scale funding agreement to support the work has been developed and is in the final stages of approval.</li> </ul> <p><b>Mozambique:</b>  <b>Community Based Project for Mussel Aquaculture on Inhaca Island-Maputo Province to Promote Ecosystem Based Resources Management</b>  The Focal Point for Mozambique has been engaged to further develop the project concept and has submitted an updated version to the PMU for review.</p>	
<p><b>Outcome 2.2. Stress reduction through ecosystem-based practices among artisanal and subsistence fisheries</b></p>			
	<p>2.2.1. Support in piloting EBM in small-scale fishing communities  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><b>Comoros:</b> Develop legislation and regulations on fisheries and other marine resources management, capacity building on surveillance and implementation of the regulations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Implementation of the project is ongoing. The partner submitted the first set of deliverables, including a report titled '<i>Evaluation of the Implementation of the Strategy for the Development of Comorian Fisheries</i>' and a report on the introduction of alternative income-generating activities in fishing communities, among others.</li> </ul> <p><b>Kenya: Kenya Wildlife Service:</b> Climate-Smart Design for Diani-Chale Marine Ecosystem management and Improved Livelihoods of the Coastal Communities: This project focuses on community engagement in the sustainable management of coastal and marine resources, innovative fisheries management plans, and co-management structures.</p> <p><b>Madagascar:</b> The government requested technical support for the Ministry of Fisheries to develop a full demonstration project proposal. A consultant was thus hired and developed a project entitled '<i>Local governance of fishing resources in ten villages from the Sofia Region, Madagascar: The case of the mangrove crab, Scylla serrata</i>'.</p> <p><b>Tanzania</b>  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: The project was reviewed and approved</p>	<p>These activities are closely linked and contribute to Outcome 2.1 above</p>

		<p>by the PMU and PSC, giving it a green light to proceed to the small-scale funding agreement development stage. The small-scale funding agreement has been developed and submitted for approval.</p> <p>b) Strengthening community participation in management of the fisheries resources in coastal areas of Tanzania - mainland Tanzania Fisheries Department. The partner will submit the proposal to the PMU for review.</p>	
<b>Component 3 Stress Reduction through Private Sector/Industry Commitment to transformations in their operations and management practices</b>	<b>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</b>		
	3.1.1. Develop Private-Public Sector Partnerships strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The draft Framework for Private Sector Engagement was submitted to the PMU and presented at the Science – Policy Dialogue for further input and comments. It was then formatted, published, and promoted on the website, newsletter, and social media accounts, with news articles on the publication appearing on partner platforms like WIOMSA. Key takeaways and infographics were disseminated via social media and the website to further promote the document.</li> </ul>	
	3.1.2. Support organization of workshop on public private partnership in Ecosystem Based Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The SAPPHIRE PMU is working with partners and in particular the Western Indian Ocean Governance Initiative (WIOGI) Project (a partnership between GIZ and the Nairobi Convention Secretariat) to hold a series of workshops to further the aims of a multi-stakeholder initiative and potentially facilitate the development of a Blue Economy Platform as recommended in the Private Sector Engagement Framework. This initiative will be an important contributor to private sector engagement as well as the process of developing an Ocean Governance Strategy for the WIO region</li> <li>- The SAPPHIRE PMU participated in the <a href="#">first</a>, <a href="#">second</a> and <a href="#">third</a> virtual workshops in April, May and June, respectively, organized for the development of the Multi-Stakeholder Initiative (MSI). The workshops were organized under the theme “Catalysing a Common Blue Future in the WIO: Envisioning a Transformational Multi-Stakeholder Initiative to Catalyse Ambition, Enhance Socio-ecological Resilience and Unlock the Development of a Blue Economy in the Western Indian Ocean”.</li> <li>- The workshops brought together actors to engage in participatory dialogue to develop a common understanding of their aspirations for a blue and climate-resilient future in the WIO and commitment to collaborating to develop a MSI.</li> </ul>	These activities will be prioritized for 2021
	3.1.3. Address the potential impacts of the growing oil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The SAPPHIRE PMU participated in a Consultative meeting on marine pollution preparedness and prevention in the Western Indian Ocean under the Regional</li> </ul>	This is a key priority for 2021,



	<p>and gas development in the region through negotiation, identification and implementation of a Regional Response Centre, which can effectively and swiftly 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</p>	<p>Programme for the Promotion of Maritime Security (MASE) agreements convened by the IOC on 5 May 2021. The meeting was aimed at discussing the way forward in the implementation of the recommendations of MARPOL exercise held in Diego-Suarez in October 2019 and the March 2020 workshop in Zanzibar on cooperation and preparedness in the event of a marine pollution incident, as part of the operationalization of the marine pollution component of the Western Indian Ocean Maritime Security Architecture. The PMU has agreed to be part of a regional working group to take the recommendations of prior discussions forward and the SAPPHERE Project will support a consultant and meetings to take the process forward during 2021 and beyond.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The SAPPHERE PMU is working with the participating countries to develop a database of the contact people responsible for oil spill preparedness under the Nairobi Convention Clearing House Mechanism.</li> </ul> <p><b>Mauritius:</b> The SAPPHERE project will support the Government of Mauritius in either updating its sensitivity maps for improved oil spill response, as a follow up to the MV Wakashio incident, or the consultative process around adoption of an updated national Oil Spill Contingency Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discussions with the project Focal Point were held on 21 June 2021. It was agreed that the Focal Point would submit a costed proposal to enable the PMU to develop a small-scale funding agreement for the activity.</li> <li>- The proposed budget for the activity is USD 100,000</li> </ul>	<p>as it has been held back significantly by the Covid-19 pandemic.</p>
<p><b>Component 4 Delivering best practices and lessons through innovative ocean governance demonstration</b></p>	<p><b>Outcome 4.1. Identifying innovative management options for High Seas areas within LMEs</b></p> <p>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</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Comoros</b> –The Directorate General of Fisheries Resources in Comoros is implementing a demonstration project titled “strengthening sectoral policy and co-management of natural resources for better conservation of marine and coastal ecosystems within the Union of the Comoros”. The project is aimed at improving management of the Comorian fisheries sector through improved conservation of the marine ecosystem.</li> <li>- <b>Madagascar</b> – The Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development in Madagascar is implementing a demonstration project entitled “National consultation for Madagascar priorities on ocean governance, sustainable development and management for marine ecosystem” and “Updating the National Marine Ecosystem</li> </ul>	<p>Some of these activities are shared between C1 and C4</p>

		<p>Diagnostic Analyses”. The project is aimed at policy harmonization and institutional reform at the national level as well as at updating the MEDA for Madagascar. The partner has reported that national consultation workshops have been organized with relevant stakeholders to identify priorities for Marine Ecosystem Management and ocean governance in the country. Consultations with local community organizations will be organized upon the lifting of COVID – 19 restrictions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The partner has submitted a draft updated MEDA to the project coordination unit for review.</li> <li>- Support will be provided to the partner to translate the project deliverables from French to English to ensure they can benefit other countries in the WIO region and beyond.</li> <li>- <b>Mozambique</b> – The Ministry of Sea, Inland Waters and Fisheries in Mozambique is implementing a demonstration project on Enhancing National Level Policy Harmonization and Institutional reforms to implement SAPPHIRE and SAP for improved ocean governance. A small-scale funding agreement for the project has been signed and the first instalment disbursed to the partner.</li> <li>- <b>South Africa</b> - Demonstration project on <i>Coordinated sectoral Ocean and Coastal ecosystem management approach in South Africa</i> – the project has been accepted and a PCA developed for its implementation.</li> </ul>	
	<p>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</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Support scientific research and capacity building initiatives for improved ocean governance and adaptive management:</li> <li>- <b>Kenya</b> – The work on oceanographic research is led by the Kenya Marine and Fisheries research institute. The partner has undertaken cruises at the North Kenya Banks to collect biotic and abiotic data which has been analysed and publications developed. The research work is being used to develop several summaries for policymakers to inform ocean policy task forces, water management authorities and other national/ environmental and marine policy bodies. The SAPPHIRE Project has initiated discussions with the SOLSTICE-WIO Project to work towards joint outputs from the work on the NKBs to ensure greatest impact. Due to delays caused by COVID – 19</li> </ul>	

		<p>restrictions, the project will be extended to 30 November 2021 to allow the partner to accomplish the planned activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Tanzania</b> - The work on oceanographic research is led by the Institute of Marine Sciences. The partner has analyzed oceanographic data from the Agulhas II cruise as well as data collected between Tanzania mainland and Zanzibar Island during North and South East Monsoon periods. The partner is using the data to develop publications and summaries for a policymakers' brief on mainstreaming oceanographic data in management of coastal and marine ecosystems and other subjects. The SAPPHIRE Project has initiated discussions with the SOLSTICE-WIO Project to work towards joint outputs from the work on the Pemba and Zanzibar Channels to ensure greatest impact.</li> <li>- Due to delays caused by COVID – 19 restrictions, the project will be extended to 31 August 2021 to allow the partner to accomplish the planned activities.</li> <li>- The PMU, in collaboration with other Nairobi Convention Secretariat projects and partners, will publish a series 'the WIO Science to Policy Platform Series' to make the information generated from the Science-to-Policy dialogue held in March 2021 accessible to a larger audience other than the meeting attendees. Several meetings planning this Series have been held with WIOMSA during this reporting period to discuss the joint publication of the document with the Secretariat.</li> </ul>	
	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"> <li>- This activity was postponed to 2021 due to COVID 19. This is expected to be supported by a background paper highlighting issues that are relevant to regional Ocean Governance. Discussions have been initiated with IRD (France) and the DiDeM Project to collaborate on the production of this paper.</li> <li>- Terms of Reference for this activity have been developed and the activity is scheduled for completion by November 2021.</li> </ul>	This is a key activity for 2021 as it will feed into regional Ocean Governance dialogues.
<b>Outcome 4.2. Demonstrating innovative management options within specific marine space within the WIO LME</b>			
	4.2.1. Demonstrating Marine Spatial Planning within a Blue Economy framework in selected areas within participating	<p><b>Kenya:</b> The SAPPHIRE project is supporting a Kenya Blue Economy sector study, led by the University of Nairobi. The study will contribute to the development of a National Blue Economy Policy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The partner is expected to submit the draft sectoral papers in the third quarter and host an authors' consultation workshop.</li> </ul>	These activities have been slowed down due to Covid-19 and an extension has

	countries for further replication and transfer of lessons	<b>Tanzania:</b> Develop a stocktaking sectoral analysis and assessment on integrated Ocean Governance/Blue Economy. This proposal was still under review by the end of the reporting period.	been processed for the Kenyan study
	4.2.2. Assist in the development of knowledge products, adaptive management guidelines and policy briefings related to changes in ecosystem balance and climatic variability, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Comoros – fisheries sector policy</li> <li>- Madagascar – policies related to environment and ocean</li> <li>- Mozambique – ocean policy</li> <li>- Kenya and Tanzania – blue economy sector assessment and work on the North Kenya Banks and Pemba and Zanzibar Channels, respectively.</li> </ul>	This activity is closely linked to Activity 4.1.1 above.
<b>Component 5 Capacity Development to Realize improved ocean governance in the WIO region</b>	<b>Outcome 5.1. Capacity for improved Ocean Governance strengthened through training and support</b>		
	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"> <li>- Phase 3 of the Advanced Leadership Workshop for Senior Leaders, Officials and Policy Makers (Women) in Marine Policy and Ocean Governance has been scheduled for quarter four of 2021.</li> <li>- During this reporting period, assistance was provided for the establishment of a WIO Regional Women’s Leaders Network, which was launched in April 2021.</li> </ul>	A third follow-up training workshop is planned for late 2021.
	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"> <li>- Center for Environment and Development for Arab Region and Europe (CEDARE) will provide training for National Data Managers on platform administration, management, developing country profiles, change detection and visualization.</li> <li>- Virtual technical support provided.</li> </ul>	Training postponed due to COVID-19 and is prioritized for later in 2021 or 2022.
	5.1.3. Support countries to organize training on MSP for national experts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Will be delivered as part of national capacity building following the development and finalization of the Regional MSP Strategy.</li> </ul>	This is expected in the second half of 2021.
	5.1.4. Expert to support countries in developing demonstration projects proposals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Technical support was offered to Mozambique to further develop the demonstration project proposal under Component 2 on Mussel Aquaculture on the island of Inhaca.</li> </ul>	

	5.1.5. Support for countries to attend the IOI Ocean Governance training course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discussions have been held with International Ocean Institute to adapt the virtual training that they have developed to be more relevant to the WIO region. The training will run from 30 August to 24 September 2021.</li> <li>- The draft training schedule has been agreed upon and shared with the project focal points and regional economic communities to nominate trainees to the virtual workshop. Trainees are expected from Government institutions, Non-Governmental institutions (including the private sector), the RECs and Commissions</li> <li>- A small-scale funding agreement has been developed with IOI – SA to support the virtual training.</li> </ul>	This is now scheduled for August and September 2021 to include a maximum of 25 participants.
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