WIOSAP MTR RECOMMENDATIONS ACTION PLAN

No.	Recommendation	Strategy	Status	When
1.	Revise the WIO-SAP Project Results Framework (PRF). - There are inconsistencies between the description of the outputs and activities in the Project Document and the quantitative end-of-project targets in the PRF. - The changed targets reflect the current implementation status of the demonstration projects. - The overall number of outputs, activities and deliverables will not be reduced.	• Revised PRF is ready for presentation during PSC for approval	Done	
2.	Develop indicators on gender mainstreaming and integrate them into the PRF and the monitoring system. - The PRF does not contain disaggregated indicators showing participation of women in the project's activities. - The PRF should develop quantitative end-of-project targets within the existing indicators.	• To be presented as part of the revised PRF above.	Done	2 weeks
3.	Review all pending activities and outputs and decide on how best to implement them, and which institutions could assist them. Although the PMU is fully staffed, it should be considered to hire additional assistance to secure the full implementation of the planned activities	• Prepare a matrix of pending activities, • Determine resource requirements, timelines • Ensure appropriate capacitation for effective delivery	Workplan for 2022 and 2023 already revised/developed, budget revision completed	1 month
4.	Improve reporting on co-financing. - Prepare annual co-financing reports containing, as a minimum, the information on the amount of annual co-financing provided by each partner; distribution of co-financing per component/outcome/output/activity. - The current system of co-financing reporting is very basic and it contains only the figure of reported co-financing by the implementing partner with no further analysis.	• Direct engagement with FPs and assigning a team of two colleagues (Evans and Jane) internally to follow up on this and offer FPs any necessary support	Ongoing	3 months

5.	Step up efforts towards implementing partners to provide co-financing in accordance with their pledges. • Current level of co-financing is below expectation, and a large number of implementing partners has reported no co-financing at all.	• Regular follow through with IPs as part of reporting schedule (Evans and Jane)		Until the closure of the project
6.	Prepare exit/sustainability strategy for WIO-SAP. • This should include a strategy for sustaining all the WIO-SAP partnerships, as well as national implementation committees and local communities that have participated in demonstration projects. • Important to facilitate uptake and sustainability of the project results. • The strategy should consider the post-WIO-SAP activities and consider new financing in addition to those already secured.	• Pipeline funding (GEF, GCF); • Hire a consultant to work with IPs and partners to develop exit/sustainability (Jared/Admin)	• GEF 7 PIF already developed and submitted; • GEF 8 consideration; and • GCF; • Explore more bilateral funding from Public sector to complement SIDA	12 months
7.	Expand the resource mobilisation strategy by engaging more actively towards integration of the private sector into the implementation of the project's results and the SAP. • Consider engaging a business development specialist to develop a private sector engagement plan and resource mobilization strategy. • While the project document frequently references the private sector and its role in implementation of the project, more detailed elaboration on what exactly they should be doing or how to integrate them is missing.	• Hire a RMS development expert in the next 3 months		12 months
8.	Raise awareness on the value of demonstration projects for the local communities. • The project has integrated many local communities in implementation of local demonstration projects, with tangible results achieved.	• Hire a communication consultant to develop human stories on project success targeting local communities in beneficiary countries		4 months

	• The project's communications products do not specifically target the local population and explain the value added of the initiatives that they participate in. • This recommendation is important for the local buy-in for the future initiatives as well.			
9.	Accelerate efforts towards Nairobi Convention Contracting Parties to adopt/sign the ICZM protocol and target several countries that might ratify it. • This activity has been delayed, partly because of the complexity of a negotiation and development process and impacts of COVID-19.	• Convening a physical meeting of Plenipotentiaries by Q4		Until the closure of the project
10.	Implementation of the Water Quality Monitoring Framework/Guidelines and associated capacity building at national level. • This should be ramped up in the remaining period in order to achieve this outcome's major end-of-project target.	Contracting CSIR in the next 2 months as key partner to: • Support development of national WQ monitoring frameworks barring country requests/engagements, then national level capacity building (Jared/Tim/Theuri)	• Regional WQ workshop on the framework and guidelines held in Nov last year focusing on RTF on WQ and regional WQ experts, some countries requested for national level support	Until the closure of the project
11.	Accelerate efforts towards all Nairobi Convention Contracting Parties that have not signed the LBSA Protocol yet to sign it, and towards 2 countries to ratify it. • Full implementation of the LBSA Protocol will be possible when the majority of Contracting Parties ratify the protocol	• Actively engage South Africa, France, Kenya and Madagascar to track progress and any support for ratification		Until the closure of the project
12.	Implementing partners should begin consolidating and documenting lessons, good practices, and experiences, and increasing interaction with each other. • The WIO-SAP PMU should promote opportunities for systematic sharing of knowledge and experiences	• Hiring MEL expert to capture lessons learnt and ensure uploading to the CHM; • Organising thematic webinars with relevant partners to promote	• Regional Marine Litter Workshop with WIOMSA, UNEP GPA; • Special session at 12th WIOMSA	Until the closure of the project

	through Clearing House Mechanism, for example, regular webinars and workshops and exchange visits of project participants. • Lessons, good practices, and experiences are already being generated, particularly by some of the national and local demonstration projects. Implementing partners can benefit from sharing of these outputs during ongoing project execution.	project success and share lessons learnt; and • Organize targeted exchange visits e.g., between WQ projects, EFAs, restoration and community livelihoods; 4. 12th WIOMSA Symposium	Symposium (FARI and WIOMSA); • Mini-symposium on S2S with SwAM, SA Government, SUA, Southern Waters; • MPA capacity building and WIO MPN	
13.	The countries should consider further actions to accelerate implementation of the MSP projects in the region, possibly by developing a project proposal to be financed by GEF. The MSP projects should be implemented nationally or in the transboundary context. • Under the assumption that an enabling environment was created with the implementation of the MSP Strategy, capacity building, management plans and mapping of resources, the desirable future step would be to develop concrete planning projects that will include all relevant stakeholders and will consider, among other, Marine Protected Areas and the accelerating action towards integration of the Blue Economy in the WIO Region.	• GEF 8 proposal focusing on MSP, MPAs, LLMAs, Ocean Governance (Combining targets in ASCLME and WIOSAP SAPs; • Engage GEF IWs for advice on concurrent submissions		12 months
14.	Develop a proposal for a "no-cost" extension of the project for 12 months until December 2023 to allow sufficient time to achieve outcomes that have been delayed. • The project had a slow start and was affected by the COVID-19 pandemics. In addition, some activities have been over ambitiously planned.	• Convening of urgent PSC and present on project progress and MTR report for consideration and approval	PSC documentation ready: Technical progress report; Expenditure report; Concept for the meeting; 2022/23 workplans; MTR Report; MTR Recommendations Action Plan; Budget revision for 2022/2023 ongoing – before end of week.	1st Week of July 2022; physical meeting

15.	Expedite disbursement of additional support approved by PSC to qualified IPs: • Eleven IPs qualified to receive additional having successfully met the PSC approved criteria to enhance success/impact of respective demo projects. Project extension is critical for successful utilization of the additional support.	• Convening of PSC for extension as already advised by IA. Preliminary consultations on this extension already held with IA for concurrence but PSC action required for formal request to IA and GEF.	SSFAs amendments in drafts already awaiting extension approval	2 weeks