

# Western Indian Ocean Governance Initiative (WIOGI) Project

## Notes of Brainstorming Meeting for Orientation Phase

### GIZ and Nairobi Convention Secretariat (NCS)

Shamba Café, Loresho – Nairobi

19.11.2020

## 1. Introduction and background

The Western Indian Ocean Governance Initiative (WIOGI) is implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) on behalf of the Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). The programme forms a partnership with the Nairobi Convention to strengthen the cooperation among relevant actors at regional, national and local levels on the protection and sustainable use of marine and coastal biodiversity in the Western Indian Ocean (WIO) region.

The WIO is a hotspot for marine and coastal biodiversity. It is key to food security and economic development in the coastal states of eastern Africa and adjacent Island states, for instance regarding fisheries, tourism and the extraction of oil and gas. The natural resources in the WIO region are threatened by several factors including increasing populations causing dramatic increase in demand for the resources, pollution, and destruction of ecosystems, as well climate change which is resulting in further stresses.

At the regional level, the project will aim to support the policy dialogue on regional ocean governance and the involvement of the private sector in the context of a multi-stakeholder initiative. At the pilot country level, the project aims to promote a multi-actor partnership in Mozambique in the field of integrated coastal zone management.

The purpose of the meeting was to plan the orientation phase of the three components of WIOGI project to:

- 1 Identify mutually beneficial focus areas and quick wins
- 2 Agree on working arrangements going forward

The three components of the project are: **strengthening policy dialogue**, **strengthening the involvement of the private sector in regional ocean governance** and **national multi stakeholder partnership in Mozambique**. WIOGI runs from April 2020 to March 2023 with EUR 3,400,000 funding, albeit the project implementation only started in October 2020 due to Covid



Implemented by:



In cooperation with:



delays. This meeting focused on the project orientation phase from October 2020 to end March 2021. During this period key project deliverables include:

1. Various documents including gender analysis, stakeholder analysis, capacity needs assessment of partner organisations, peace and conflict analysis, SDG contributions, and political risk analysis.
2. A revised project offer, with clearly outlined activities that will deliver indicators for each component for the scheduled project implementation period.

## 2. Discussions summary

### Component 1: strengthening policy dialogue on regional governance

**Current indicator:** the improved cooperation on strengthening regional ocean governance in the Western Indian Ocean is reflected in 2 results documents from the international policy dialogue.

Potential areas of support
Nairobi Convention is leading the process of adopting the Integrated Coastal Zone Management Protocol. Once the contracting parties sign the protocol, support can be offered to the countries to ratify the protocol.
Science to Policy dialogue process is ongoing and a meeting is planned for February 2021 in Maputo. The WIOGI project could bring in the aspect of private sector since the project team is already involved in planning process and will also be involved in the technical meetings. Key recommendations of the science to policy dialogue influence what is taken up to Conference of Parties (COP). Tangible experiences from the private sector could be included for COP (planned May 2021), but they need to be planned well in advance due to the multiple processes that lead into them.
Depending on how COVID 19 situation unfolds, a representative from BMZ could be invited for the science to policy meeting and/or the COP.
WIOGI could also financially support either or both meetings. A budget will be drawn up in due course.
Supporting the further development of the Regional Ocean Governance Strategy for the region, most likely through supporting engagement of the RECs.
Collaboration with RECS to support the implementation of the recommendations in the background paper on ocean governance.



Implemented by:



In cooperation with:



Strengthening the strategy development and M&E framework/capacities for the NCS to plan ahead long-term and demonstrate impact.

Support to the further development of the Clearing House Mechanism (CHM) to ensure a sound foundation for information for advocacy and decision making. **Action – share NCS concept on CHM.**

## Component 2: strengthening the involvement of the private sector in regional ocean governance

**Current indicator:** 15 of the 30 members of the regional multi-stakeholder initiative confirm based on specific examples that the involvement of the private sector in regional ocean governance in the Western Indian Ocean has improved.

### Potential areas of support

Support establishment of 'WIO private sector alliance/engagement framework/forum (suggested name: Blue Economy Platform). Initial steps include building upon existing work by SAPPHIRE (e.g. Strategic Framework for PS engagement), mobilising key stakeholders and initiating a study into the region to better understand state of play:

- Develop a concept for private sector engagement (one month)
- Get key actors/drivers on board – NCS, GIZ, IUCN, WWF, WIOMSA to refine concept (after six weeks)
- Jointly develop TORs for a regional linked to national consultancy to map stakeholders and ongoing private sector initiatives per respective key sectors in key locations (after two months)
- Form a sounding-board of key national and regional actors to input into the work (eighteen weeks)
- Procure consultants (10-14 weeks)
- Utilise sounding board to support consultancy and input into/review results (14 weeks to five months)
- Hold first private sector forum based on results (after six months)
- Establish a mechanism for consolidated documentation to keep track of ongoing private sector initiatives and progress (after six months)

Possibility to explore financing mechanisms – e.g. a blue bond was launched in Seychelles, which could be investigated. In addition, there is a Green bond in Kenya that might be replicated



Implemented by:



In cooperation with:

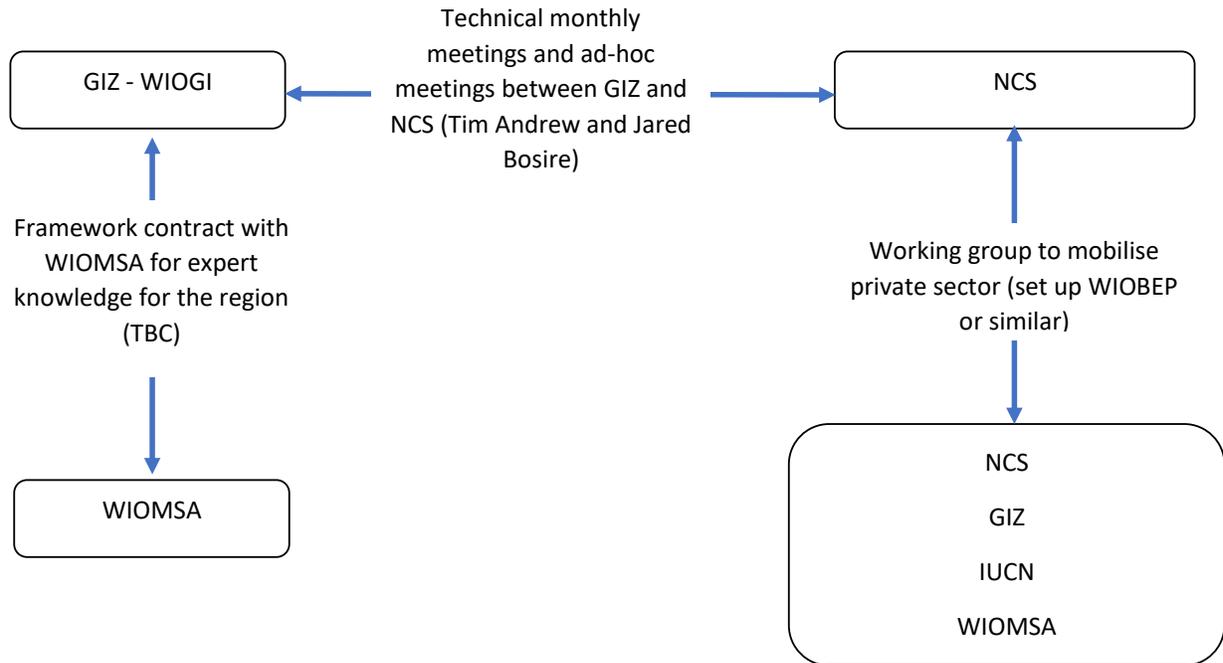


in other countries. WWF South Africa has also done a lot of work with the banking sector and fishing companies.

Explore how Marine Stewardship Council process can be utilised to improve private sector engagement and action (e.g. the fisheries sector)

Explore possibilities on Marine Protected Areas, also with the WIOMSA Marine Litter Technical Working Group, where private sector is involved in exploring opportunities to improve water quality. **Action – introduce Robin to colleague working on Marine Plastics in South Africa and other private sector actors already actively engaged.** There are also strong opportunities to work on Blue Tourism, especially with IDDRI and Eco Union who have recently been in touch with GIZ.

### Potential collaboration setup for components 1 and 2



### Component 3: Establishing a multi-stakeholder partnership to support integrated coastal zone management in Mozambique

**Current indicator:** instruments for the conservation of marine and coastal biodiversity that take account of the interests of women have been developed in the pilot country (Mozambique) as part of a multi-stakeholder partnership.

Potential areas of support
WIOGI will launch a local consultancy in Mozambique to identify actors and opportunities. WIOGI could commission someone to build on this consultancy to also develop a list of stakeholders from value chain analysis to establish which instruments of conservation can be developed along value chains. The consultant should also be guided to the NC Focal Point in Mozambique. <b>Action – Jared to introduce Robin to NC Focal Point in MITADER and other colleague from MIMAIP in Mozambique.</b> There is an opportunity to contribute to other initiatives supported by the NC in developing management plans for shellfish in the Maputo Bay Seascape, which can be replicated in other countries within the WIO region.
There is also potential interest from the private sector in Maputo Bay as part of an integrated project that others are also involved in. This can be taken up to build a partnership as part of integrated coastal zone management. WIOGI could coordinate with NC/SWIOFC project to establish potential links to bring the private sector on board.
There is also an opportunity to engage private sector in Limpopo at the community level to add to work being undertaken at site level by other NC projects such as WIOSAP, SAPPHIRE and NC/SWIOFC. Comprehensive community engagement can be done as well as highlighting the existing gender issues to be addressed.

Further details on the collaboration setup will be developed as the opportunities are prioritised and selected.

### 3. Working together

Moving forward, the WIOGI team will keep both Jared and Tim copied into emails and direct questions at both of them. As plans start to concretise around specific deliverables, working groups comprising the WIOGI, NCS and other NC partners will be developed to implement and coordinate the activities. A report back to the broader Secretariat can happen every month at the monthly Technical Meeting for partners.



Implemented by:



In cooperation with:

