



# The bigger picture...

## *Regional Ocean Governance and Marine Spatial Planning for Blue Economic growth*

*MSP Capacity Building Workshop*

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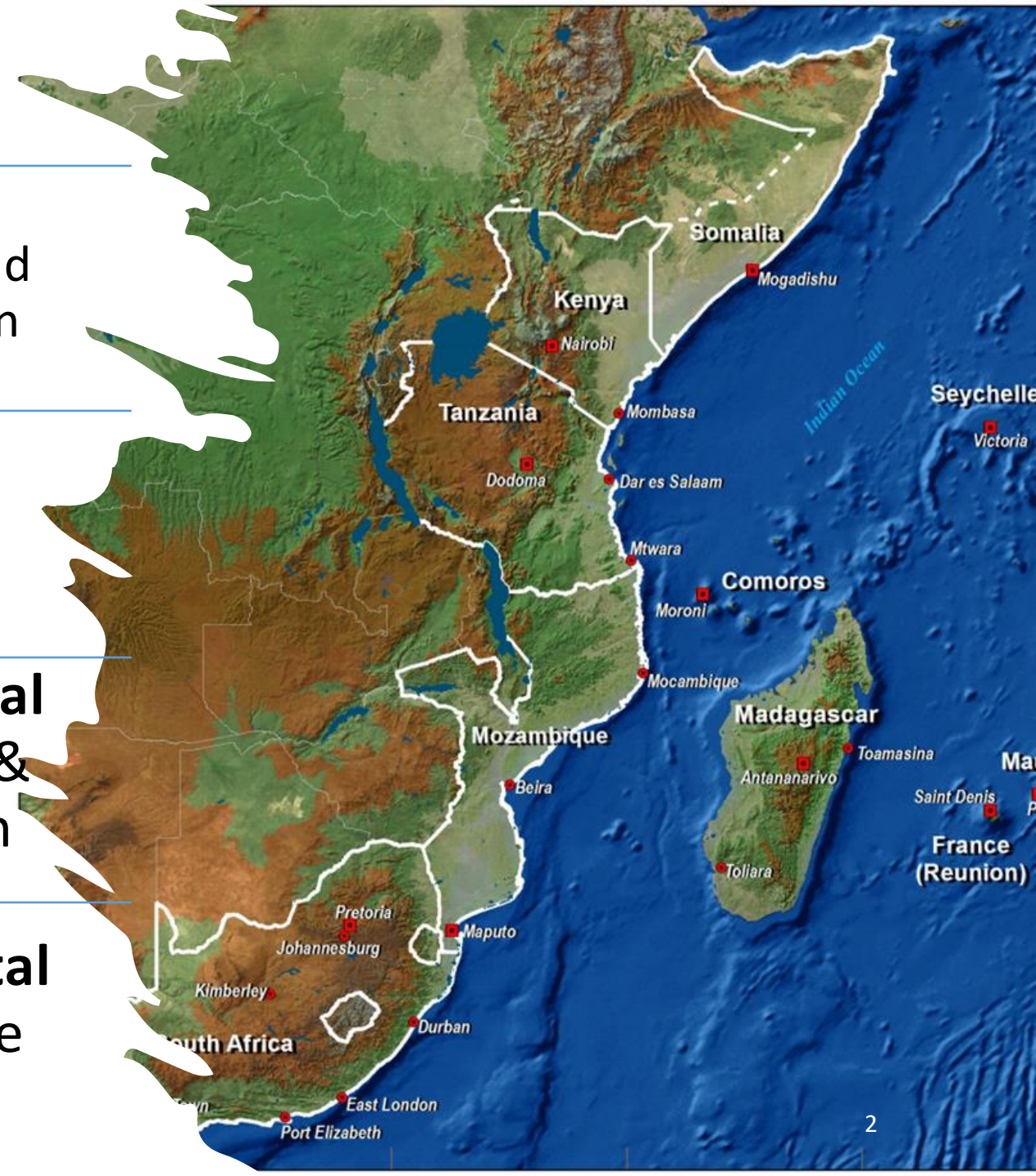
# The Nairobi Convention

The Nairobi Convention for the Protection, Management and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Western Indian Ocean

A **legal framework** for cooperation and collaboration by Contracting Parties

Provides a **platform for inter-governmental discussions** for protection, management, & development of the Western Indian Ocean

Facilitate **assessment of the state of coastal and marine environment** and promote the **sharing of information and experiences**





## Ocean Governance for Blue Economy

- ❖ **Oceans are interconnected** hence the need for governance that ensures **ocean resources are utilised sustainably**, and the **benefits shared equitably** among stakeholders.
- ✓ **Decision CP.9/6.3:** ...the secretariat to work with partners to **develop an ocean governance strategy for the Western Indian Ocean region** that will contribute to the African ocean governance strategy; (2018)

# Scope, Objective & Vision of ROGS

- **Scope:** “*the relevant jurisdictional areas of the parties to the Nairobi Convention and the adjacent oceans*”
- **Objective:** “*To develop a regional mechanism through which key regional stakeholders can cooperate in a coherent and structured manner to achieve the vision.*”
- **Vision:** “*A peaceful, stable WIO region with ... a blue economy based on protection and conservation of natural resources that delivers sustainable benefits with due regard to equity and wellbeing.*”

# ROGS Thematic Clusters

**Maritime Security**

**Blue Economy**

**Environment and  
Natural Resources**

**Knowledge Management  
and Capacity Building**



# Key Technical Dialogues in ROGS Development

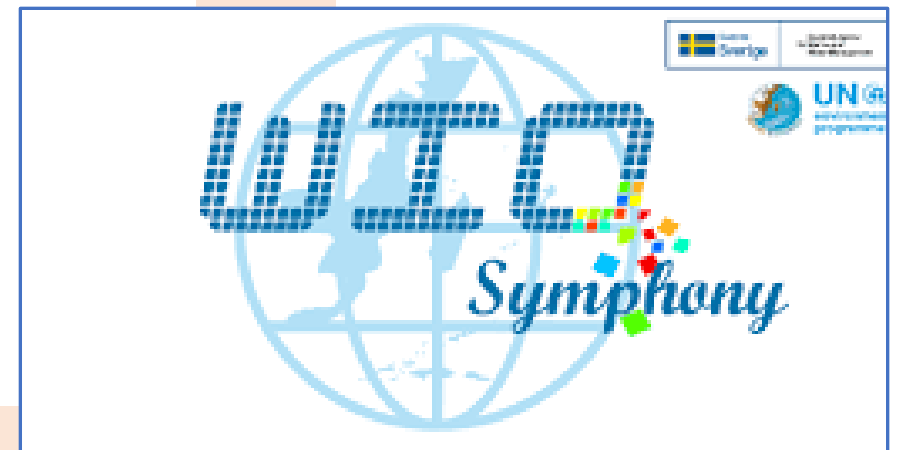


**Decision CP 11/6.1:** ... the Contracting Parties to **adopt and implement the Regional Ocean Governance Strategy** at regional level and align their national policy frameworks to the Strategy



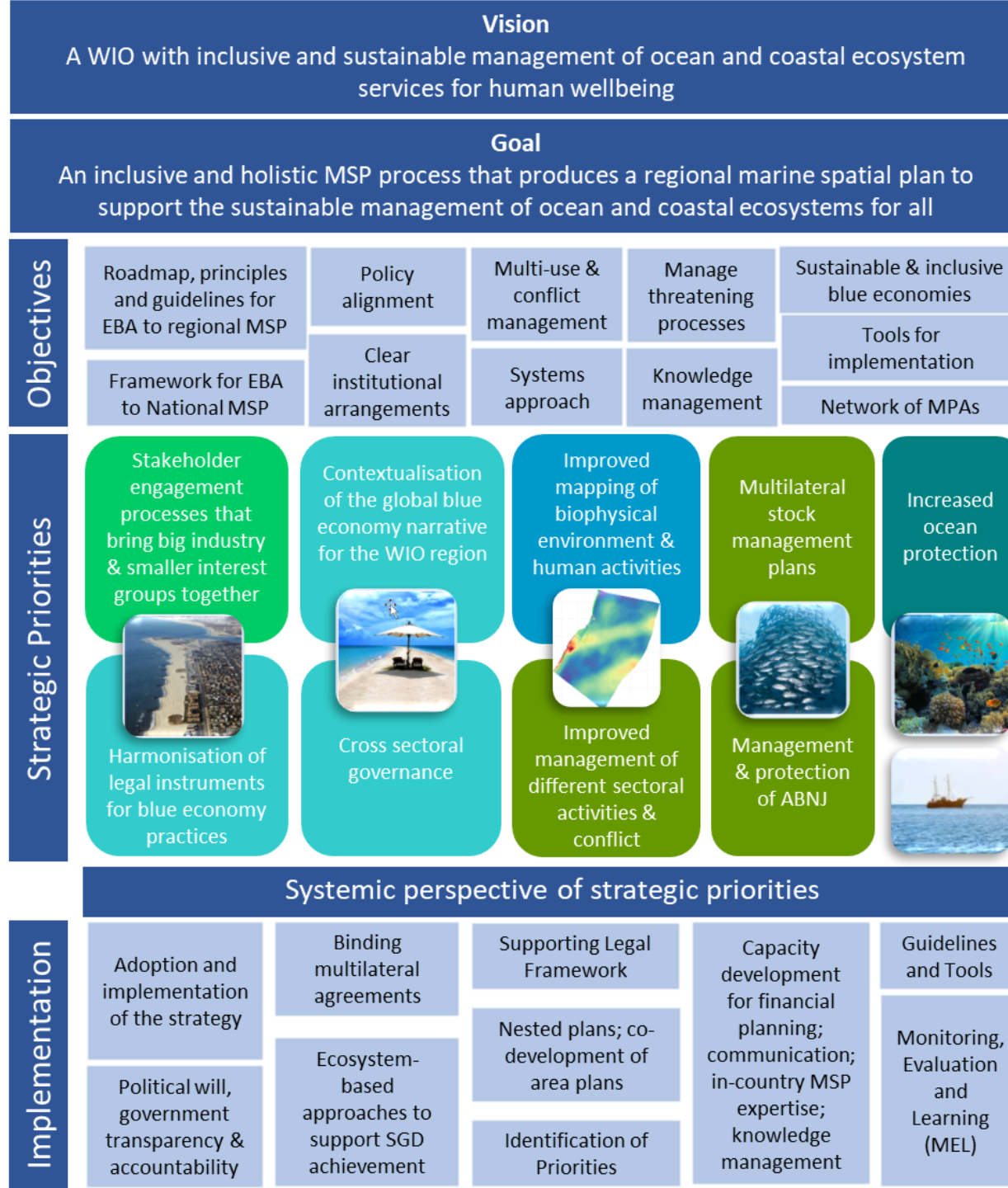
# Marine Spatial Planning Strategy

- **MSP Strategy** - to support WIO region address transboundary and cross-sectoral ocean management issues
  - Cross sectoral collaboration for ocean resource management
- **WIO Symphony** in collaboration with SwAM – a tool to supports MSP in the WIO by assessing **cumulative environmental impact from human activities**



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# Summary of the Western Indian Ocean Marine Spatial Planning strategy

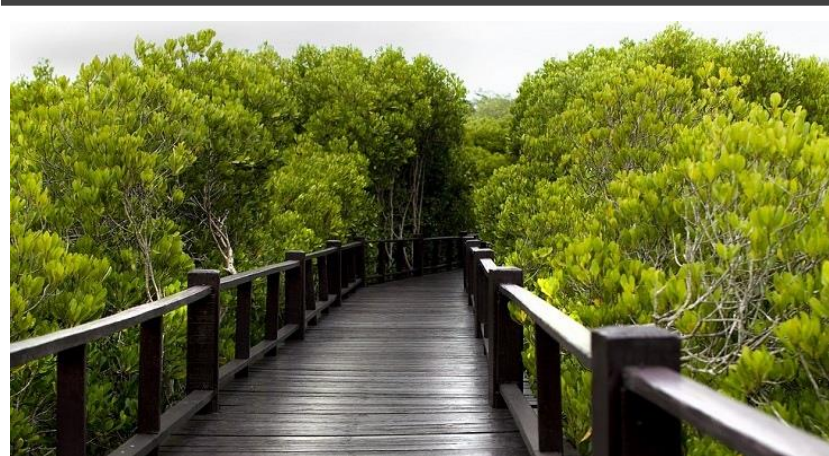


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# Benefits of regional and transboundary marine spatial planning (MSP)

1. Increased resilience of the region's social-ecological system to **climate change** and unpredictable environmental events (e.g. sea level rise, ocean warming)
2. **Effective management** of complex marine ecosystems and processes and their interconnectedness
3. Effective management of migratory marine species
4. **A reduction of overexploitation and better management of shared living resources**
5. Improved understanding of regional ecosystem service provision, especially the nexus between population growth, climate change and food security
6. **A reduction of habitat and biological community modification**
7. Improved **water quality** management
8. Mitigation and reduction of pressures e.g. pollution from shipping, dumping, seabed mining and engineering activities, land-based activities, transboundary movement of hazardous waste and other sea-based activities
9. **Effective management of conflicts between ocean users (especially with the development of new "blue" sectors)**
10. **Improved monitoring and data collection for broad-scale ecological ecosystems and processes**
11. **Conservation of ABNJ**
12. Improved **maritime safety** and **security**



- The blue economy refers to the **sustainable use of ocean resources** for economic growth and improved livelihoods while **preserving the health of the ocean ecosystems**

- Healthy coastal and marine ecosystems are the **foundation of the blue economy**

- The Nairobi Convention key entry point in Blue Economy is in **addressing the health of the marine ecosystems**

# Mandate in Blue Carbon Ecosystem Management

- Decision on sustainable mangrove
- Decision on knowledge

for ...

## PROTOCOL CONCERNING PROTECTED AREAS AND WILD FAUNA AND FLORA IN THE EASTERN AFRICAN REGION

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*The Contracting Parties to the present Protocol,*

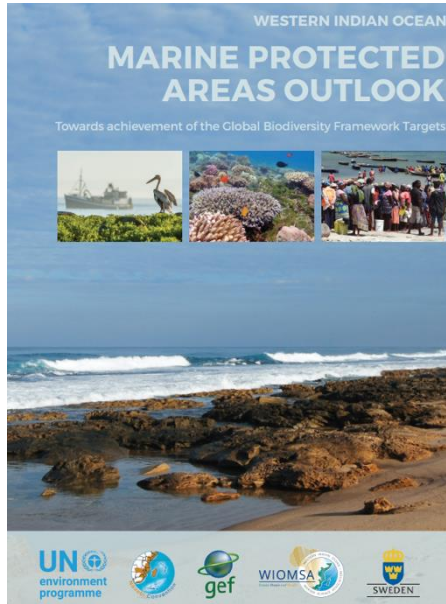
*Being Parties to the Convention for the Protection, Management and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Eastern African Region, done at Nairobi on 21 June 1985,*

*Conscious of the danger from increasing human activities which is threatening the environment of the Eastern African region,*

*Recognizing that natural resources constitute a heritage of scientific, cultural, educational, recreational and economic value that needs to be*

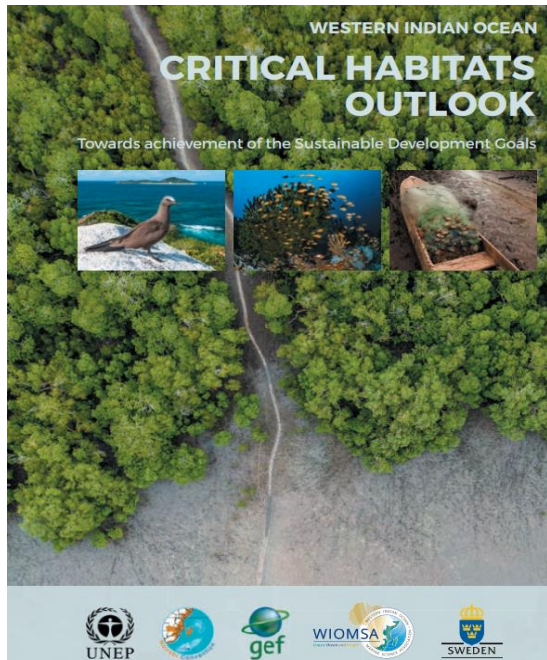


# NCS Initiatives in Support of Blue Economy



## MPA Outlook

- Documents **progress made by countries** in the region towards the achievement of SDG 14.5
- Provides **lessons and opportunities** to accelerate achievement of post-2020 GBF targets



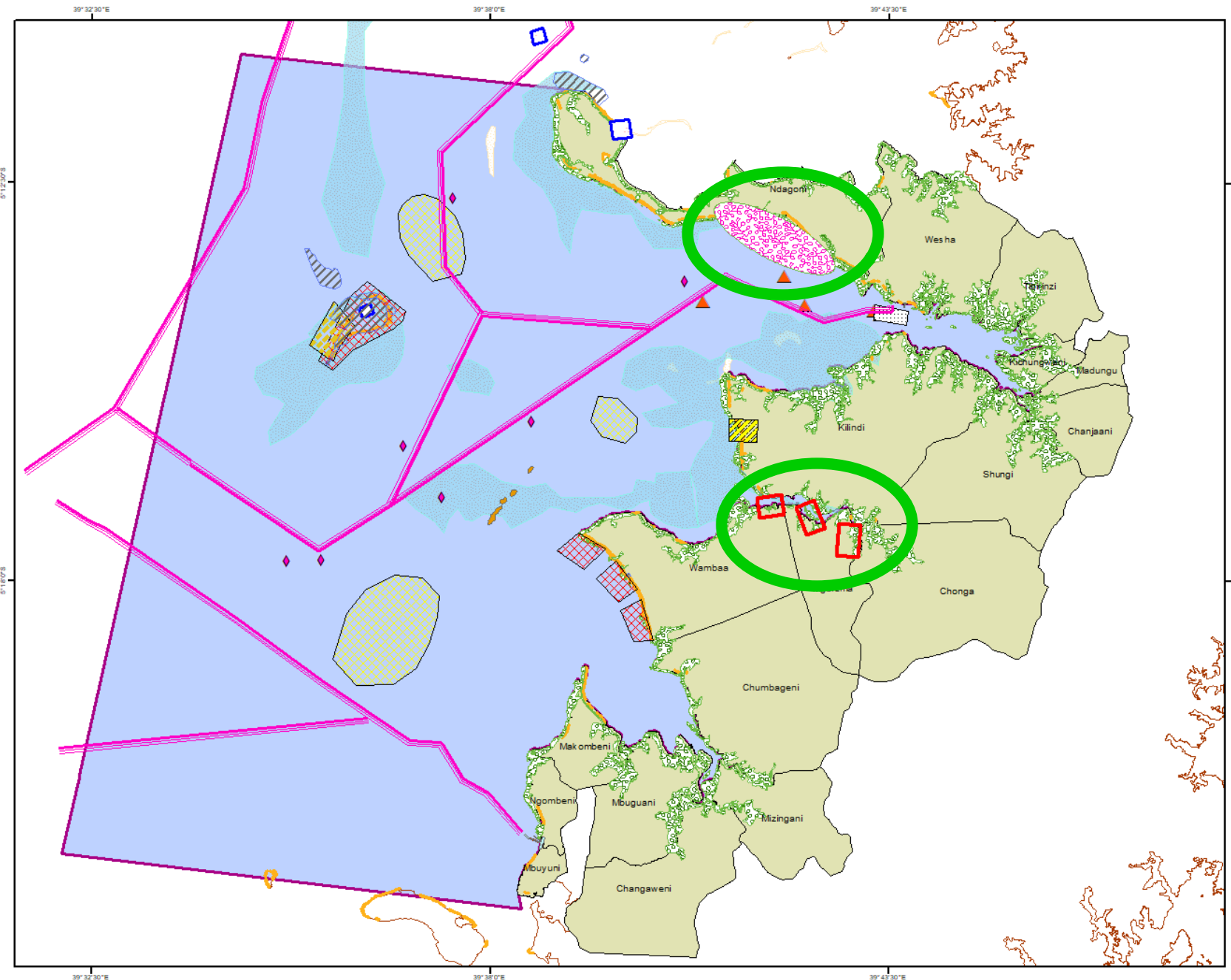
## Critical Habitats Outlook

- Reviews **dependence of coastal communities on marine habitats**
- Reviews the **current levels of protection and identify areas and opportunities** for increasing protection

# PECCA AREA 3: MARINE SPATIAL PLAN PROPOSED ZONE



**Proposed  
Zoning-PECCA  
Area 3**



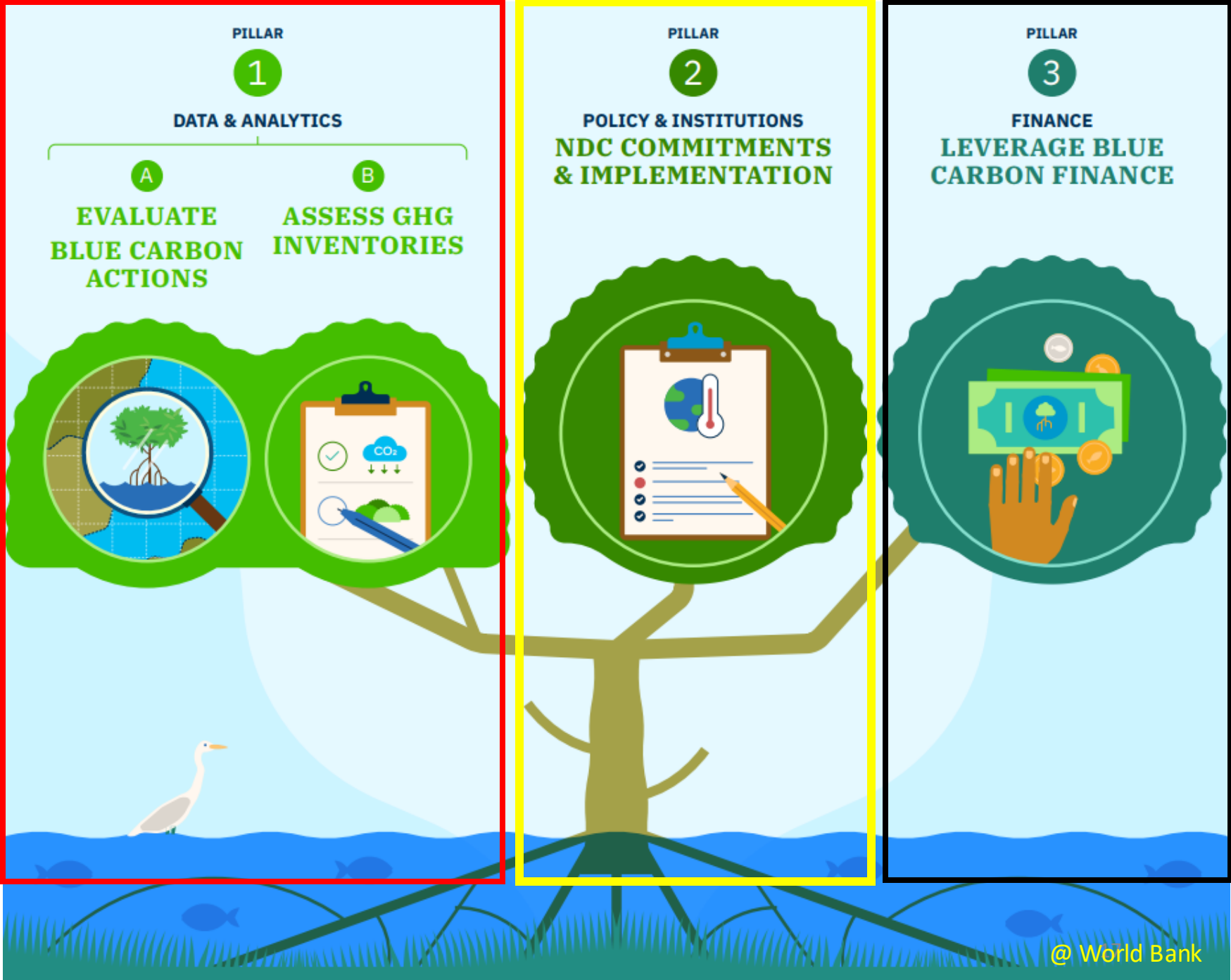
- Legend**
- Recreation Zone
  - No Fishing Line Zones
  - Gear Restricted Zone
  - New Proposed Tourism Attraction Zones
  - All Use Exclusion Zones
  - Mangroves Restoration Zones
  - LLAs Temporary Closed Zones
  - Historical Exclusion Zones
  - Shipping Parking Zone
  - Mangrove Protection Zone
  - Oil Field Exclusion Zone
  - Fishing Exclusion Zone
  - Mangroves Conservation Zones
  - Buoy
  - Proposed Area for Buoy
  - Prop Area Mangrove Replanting
  - Beaches
  - Jetty and Harbour
  - Rock Coral Mwamba
  - Sand Deposits and Reef
  - Sand bank
  - Shehia Area 3
  - Pemba Shoreline
  - Area 3 PECCA

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# Blue Carbon Readiness Framework



# Action for Blue Carbon Readiness

1. Strengthen enabling environment to **develop GHG inventories** for above and below-ground carbon
2. Promote the Use of **Ecosystem Valuation** in **Decision Making**
3. Strengthen **institutional structures**, and **design specific policies** to facilitate implementation of Blue Carbon commitments
4. **Adopt integrated planning** and Blue Carbon Strategy to enhance **local benefits**
5. Leverage **partnerships** between governments, private sector, international financing institutions, and philanthropies



# Opportunities for Blue Economy Financing



**Governments grants** for research institutions and universities to support research activities



World Bank's Blue Economy Program



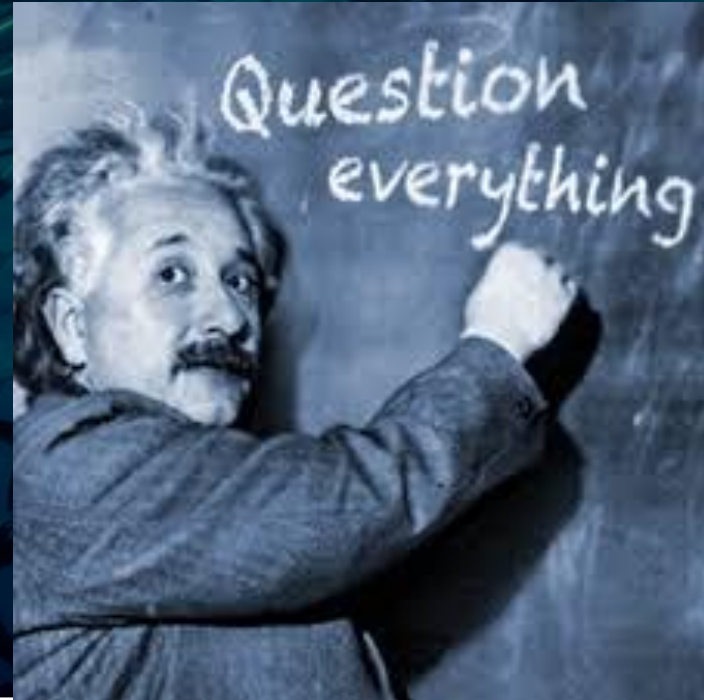
Carbon financing



Private philanthropy;  
Private finance (project development, and carbon markets)



**Thank you. Asanteni.**



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