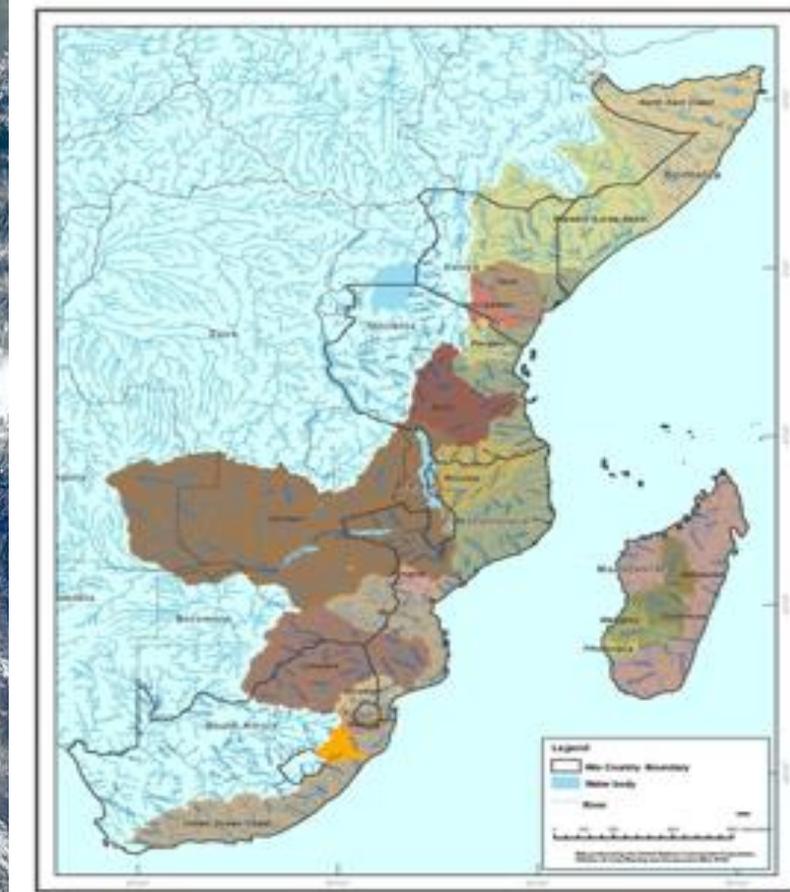




The Nairobi Convention for the Management and the Development of the Marine and coastal is a Legal framework and platform for regional collaboration between countries; NGOs and the private sector





NAIROBI CONVENTION CONTRACTING PARTIES DECISIONS ON BLUE/OCEAN ECONOMY AND PARTNERSHIP WITH RECs AND COMMISSIONS

- **Decision CP9/6.1:** To urge the contracting parties to work with regional economic communities, regional fisheries management organizations to implement the Cairo Declaration on Managing Africa's Natural Capital for Sustainable Development and Poverty Eradication..., the 2050 Africa Integrated Maritime Strategy and the Agenda 2063 on ecosystem-based management approaches for marine resources in the exclusive economic zones and adjacent waters
- **Decision CP.9/13.2:** To agree to establish additional partnerships, including with regional economic communities, EAC, COMESA, SADC and IOC

AFRICAN UNION AGENDA 2063 – THE AFRICA WE WANT



- ❖ It is a strategic framework for the socio-economic transformation of the continent over the next 50 years
- ❖ It builds on, and seeks to accelerate the implementation of past and existing continental initiatives for growth and sustainable development

AU VISION “an integrated, prosperous and peaceful Africa, driven by its own citizens and representing a dynamic force in the international arena”





ASPIRATION 1: A PROSPEROUS AFRICA BASED ON INCLUSIVE GROWTH AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Africa will by 2063 be a continent of shared prosperity, which finances and manages its own growth and transformation

GOAL 6; BLUE/OCEAN ECONOMY

Africa's Blue/ocean economy, shall be a major contributor to continental growth and transformation through:

- Sustainable exploitation of marine resources and energy
- Streamlining of port operations and aquatic transport





THE ROLE OF RECs IN AGENDA 2063:

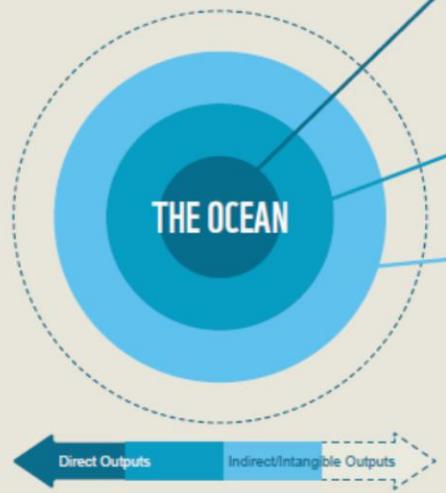
- RECs are recognized as the implementing arms of the AU frameworks
- They are the focal points for coordinating the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of Agenda 2063 at member states' level



ECONOMIC VALUES OF THE GLOBAL OCEANS

- GLOBAL OCEAN ASSET VALUE

The ocean provides wide-ranging value, from food and tourism to coastal protection and much more.

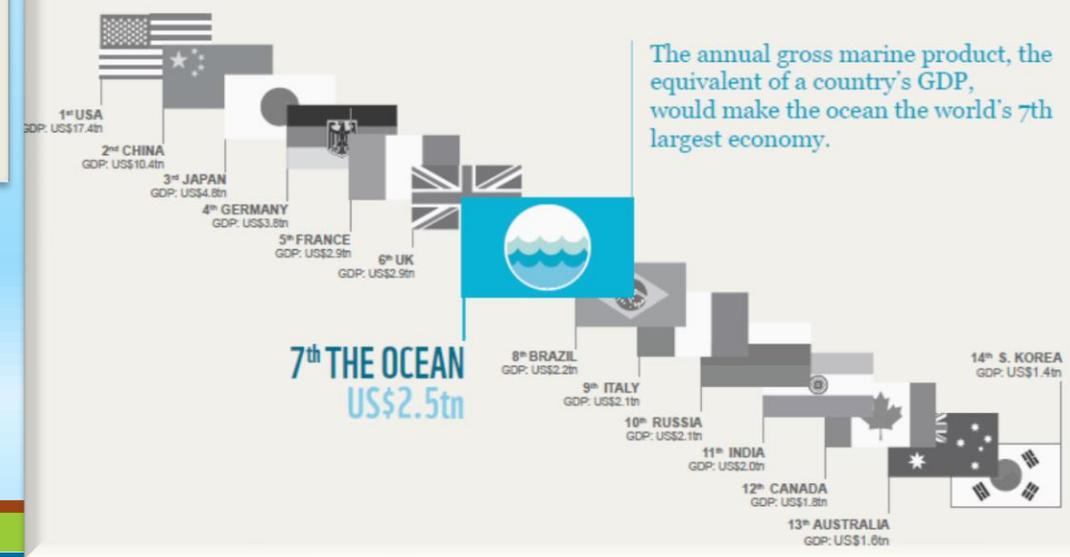


OCEAN-RELATED ACTIVITIES AND ASSETS	TOTAL VALUE
Direct output of the ocean from: Marine fisheries Mangroves Coral reefs Seagrass	US\$ 6.9 tn
Trade and transport: Shipping lanes	US\$ 5.2 tn
Adjacent assets: Productive coastline	US\$ 7.8 tn
 Carbon absorption	US\$ 4.3 tn

➤ If the ocean were a country it would have the **seventh largest economy** in the world

- The ocean is valued at more than **US\$24 trillion**;
- However, its actual value is likely to be much higher because many key ecosystem services are difficult to quantify

ANNUAL GROSS MARINE PRODUCT



BLUE ECONOMY - MANDATE IN THE WIO REGION: JUNE 2015

Decision June 2015: *blue and ocean economy*:

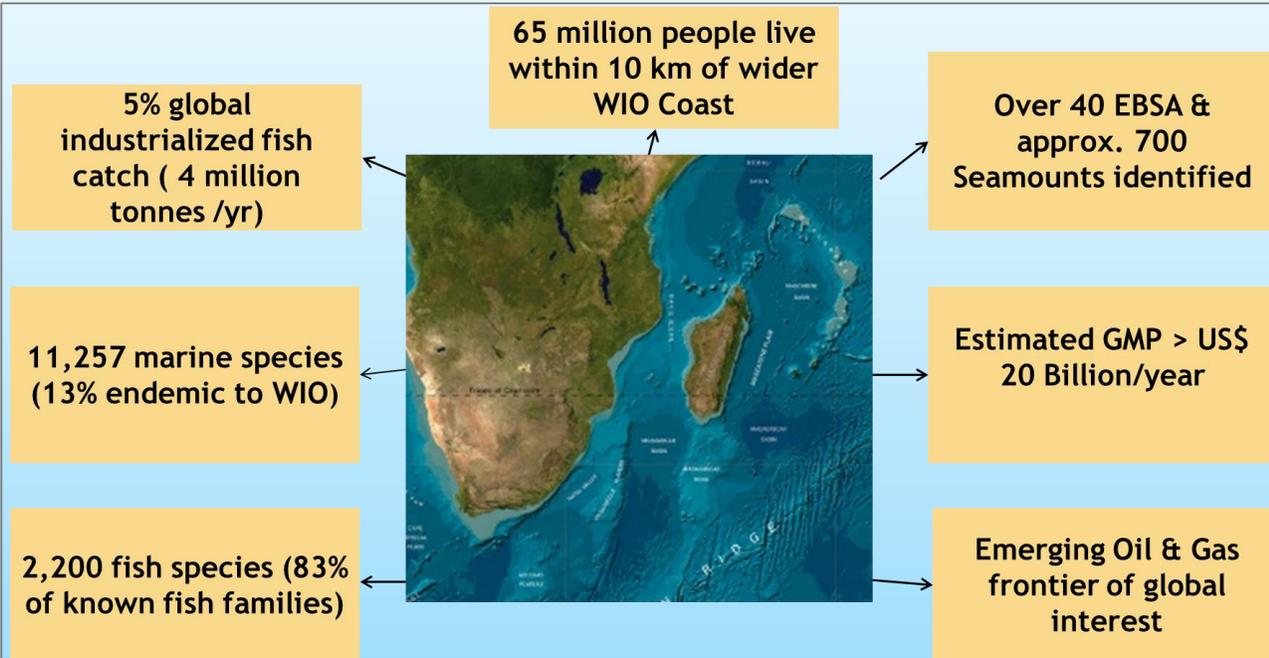
- Parties agree to apply blue or ocean economy approaches as pathways for sustained economic growth, food security, poverty eradication, job creation.



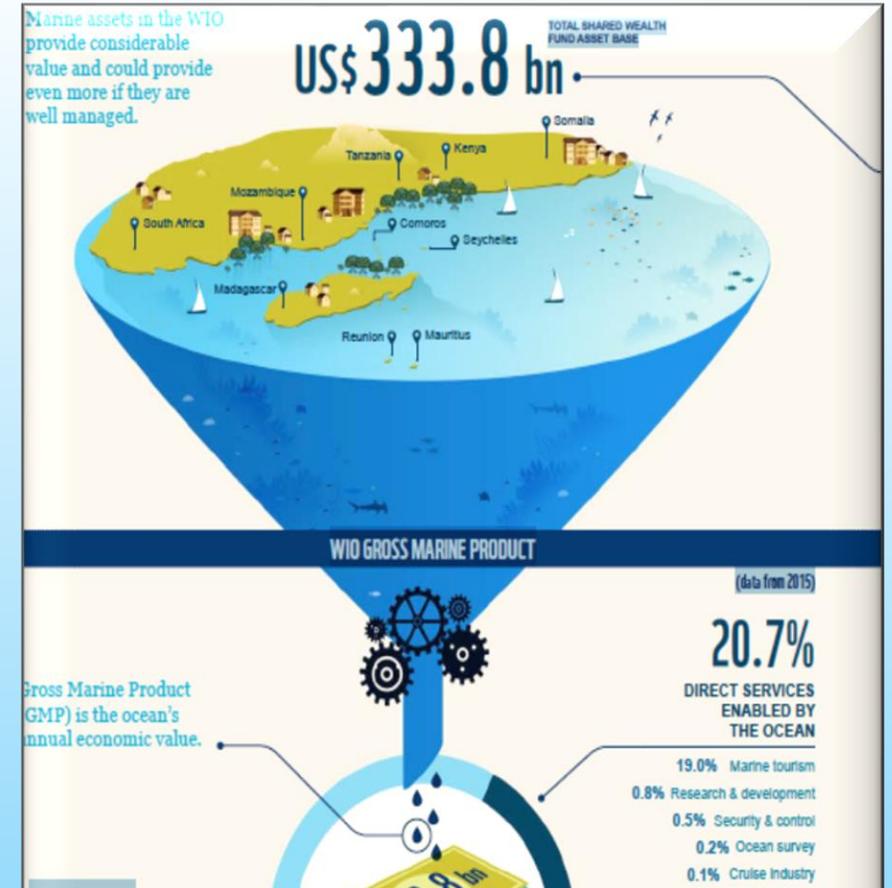
BLUE/OCEAN ECONOMY IN THE WIO REGION



Why the WIO Matters



Increasing emphasis on the sustainable use of ocean and coastal resources for blue economy growth



Economic value of the goods and services estimated at over US \$20 billion per year with an asset base of US\$ 333.8 billion

AGENDA 2063 ASPIRATIONS

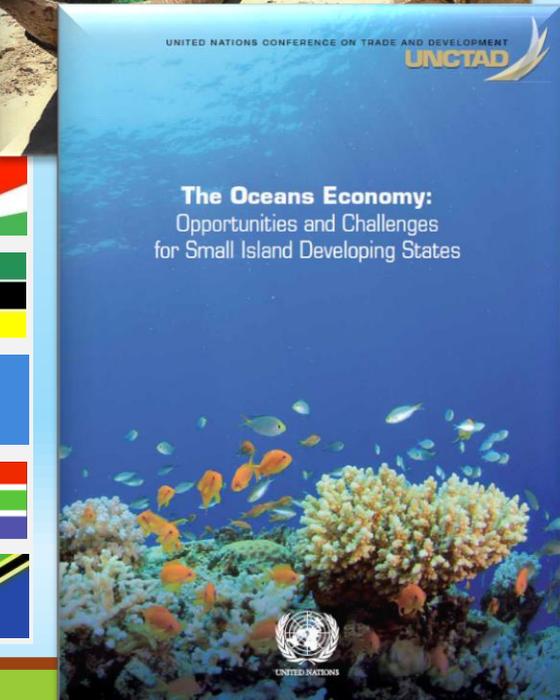
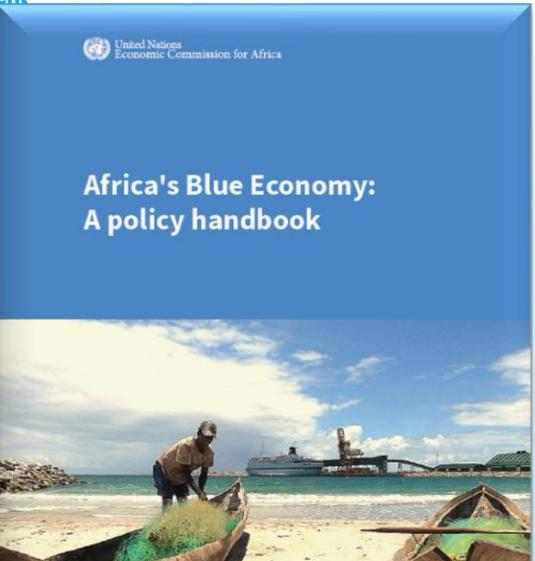


Agenda 2063 aspirations reflect the desire of Africans for prosperity, well-being, unity and integration in line with AU Vision;

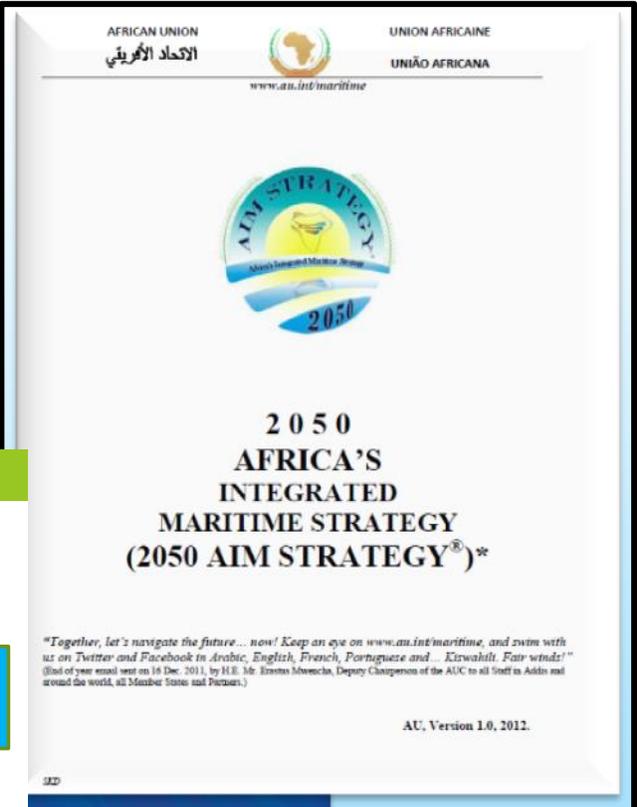
1. A prosperous Africa based on inclusive growth and sustainable development;
2. An integrated continent, politically united, based on the ideals of Pan Africanism and the vision of Africa's Renaissance;
3. An Africa of good governance, respect for human rights, justice and the rule of law;
4. A peaceful and secure Africa;

MEMBER STATE REQUIREMENT TO ACHIEVE SUSTAINABLE BLUE/OCEAN ECONOMY

- ❖ Implement the African Integrated Maritime Strategy.
 - ❖ Develop/implement policies and programmes for conservation and sustainable utilization of marine resources
 - ❖ Develop/implement policies for reduction pollution of the ocean environment from both land and sea-based sources
6. Conduct economic valuation of natural blue capital and potential for growth
 7. Develop/implement policies to support the application of marine spatial planning and integrated adaptive oceans policy/governance for Exclusive Economic Zones for sustainable development



BLUE ECONOMY



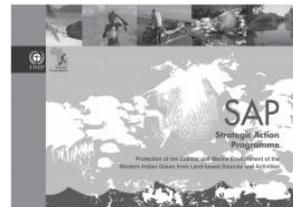
Projects background and linkages

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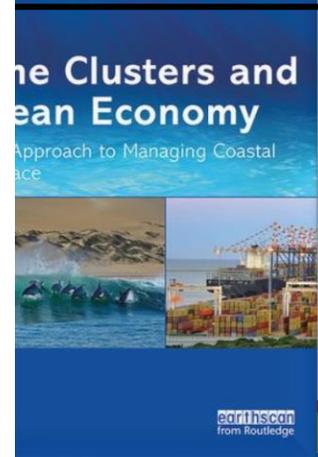


- GEF USD 8m
- **Aims 1:** support and assist the appropriate and formally mandated government institutions and intergovernmental bodies in the region to implement the activities which they require in order to deliver the SAP and
- **Aim 2:** to ensure sustainability of efforts and actions toward long-term management of activities within the LMEs as well as the sustainability of associated institutional arrangements and partnerships.

WIOSAP



- GEF USD 10m
- It is in response to a request made by the Contracting Parties to the Nairobi Convention
- It presents an opportunity to governments in the region and their conservation partners to jointly implement strategies of protecting the coastal and marine ecosystems from land-based sources and activities to provide essential goods and services on sustainable basis





WAY FORWARD

1) RECS?

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