

SAPPHIRE PROJECT FACT SHEET

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

Project Summary

Implementing Entity	UNDP
Executing Entity	Nairobi Convention Secretariat
Project Period	2017 - 2023
Total Resource Required	USD 326,565,994
Total Co-Financing	USD 317,799,494
GEF	USD 8,766,500
Governments	USD 311,040,044
In-kind	USD 6,759,450

Participating Countries

Comoros		Seychelles	
Kenya		Somalia	
Madagascar		South Africa	
Mauritius		Tanzania	
Mozambique			



Project Geographical Scope

Principal Objective: to achieve effective long-term ecosystem management in the Western Indian Ocean LMEs in line with the Strategic Action Programme as

endorsed by the participating countries. SAPPHIRE is designed to contribute to the implementation of the West Indian Ocean Large Marine Ecosystem Strategic Action Programme (WIO LME SAP) developed to address key priority transboundary issues identified on the transboundary diagnostic analysis (TDA). These top issues are categorized as:

- Water Quality Degradation
- Habitat and Community Modification
- Declines in Living Marine Resources
- Unpredictable Environmental Variability and Extreme Events

Project Components

Component 1: Supporting Policy Harmonization and Management Reforms towards improved ocean governance

Key Results Areas:

- 1.1. Policy, legislative and institutional reforms and realignment in support of the SAP are implemented at national and regional level



- 1.2. Regional mechanisms and bodies such as Conventions, Commissions, and Regional Scientific Bodies supported and strengthened
- 1.3. Collaborative and cooperative mechanisms agreed and strengthened between national, regional and global partners and stakeholders
- 1.4. Knowledge based governance approach promoted through ecosystem monitoring, marine spatial planning, science to governance process, ecosystem goods and services valuation (PES), etc.

Component 2
Stress Reduction through Community Engagement and Empowerment in Sustainable Resources Management

Key Results Areas:

- 2.1. Ecosystem-based Management (EBM) approach is integrated into Local Economic Development Plans at selected communities pilot level and stress reduction demonstrated and captured for replication
- 2.2. Stress reduction promoted through ecosystem-based practices among artisanal and subsistence fisheries
 - Community-led Artisanal Fisheries Management Plans developed for small-scale fishing communities in selected sites



Component 3
Stress Reduction through Private Sector/Industry Commitment to transformations in their operations and management practices

Key Results Areas:

- 3.1. Private Sector engagement and participation in SAP implementation through risk reduction and contingency response mechanisms strengthened
- 3.2. Mechanism adopted and implemented to facilitate Private Sector engagement in SAP implementation, ecosystem monitoring and associated stress reduction activities

- 3.3. The Private Sector will 'mainstream' the ecosystem (EBM) approach into their daily activities to reduce and mitigate impacts on (ecosystem quality objectives) EQOs.



Component 4
Delivering best practices and lessons through innovative ocean governance demonstration

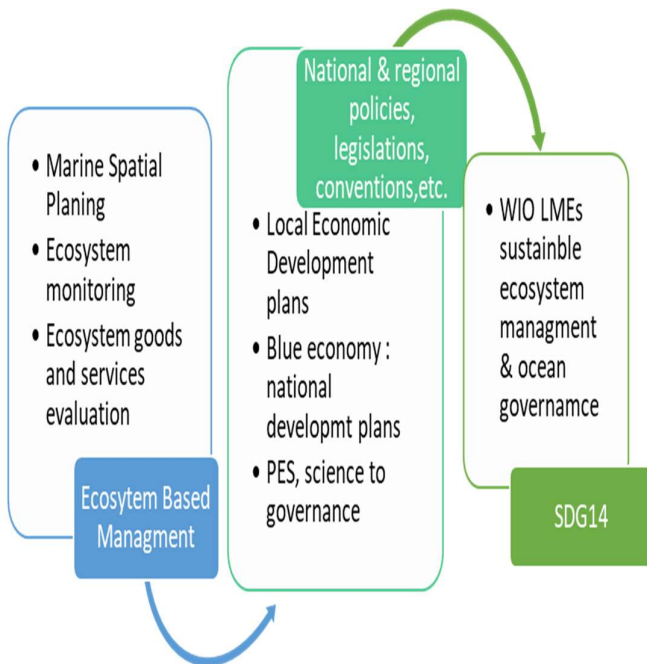
Key Result Areas

- 4.1. Innovative Management options for High Seas areas within LMEs identified and implemented
- 4.2. Effective ocean policy implementation demonstrated with emphasis on;
 - Marine spatial planning (MSP)
 - Intersectoral cooperation
 - Coordination, collaboration and partnership
 - Adoption of a blue ocean economy approach
 - Innovative management mechanisms

Component 5
Capacity Development to Realize improved ocean governance in the WIO region

Key result Areas

- 5.1. Capacity for improved Ocean Governance strengthened through training and support
- 5.2. Technical and institutional capacity developed
- 5.3. to deliver Knowledge-Based Governance approaches by delivering scientific results to management and policy makers for adaptive management decision-making
- 5.4. Documentation of best practices and lessons to scale up and replication



Project component interlinkage and contribution to SAP implementation

Key Partners

IGOs	Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC), South-West Indian Ocean Fisheries Commission (SWIOFC), Indian Ocean Commission (IOC)
NGOs	WWF, IUCN, Conservation International, South Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (SIOFA), CORDIO, Bird Life, Among others
Regional Economic Agreements and Commissions	COI, COMESA, EAC, SADC
Projects:	WIOSAP

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