

Frequently asked questions

1. What is the main goal of WIOSAP?

The **Goal** of the WIOSAP Project is to improve and maintain the environmental health of the WIO region's coastal and marine ecosystems through improved management of land-based stresses.

2. What is the major expected outcome of the Project?

Reduction of impacts from land-based sources and activities and sustainably managed critical coastal/marine and riverine ecosystems

3. Is WIOSAP designed to address regional priorities towards sustainable management of coastal and marine resources?

The WIOSAP project is an outcome of a regional Transboundary Diagnostic Assessment (TDA) conducted under its predecessor project WIOLAB, which identified regional threats to coastal and marine resources and subsequently led to the development of a Strategic Action Programme through which regional conservation priorities were identified. The WIOSAP Project is implementing some of these priorities.

4. Will the WIOSAP project fund research activities? This is not a research project and therefore the main focus will be on capacity building across the different project components and support of demonstration projects to address some of the identified threats according to the SAP. However, some very limited research activities may be funded only to the extent that they are aligned to project outputs and must immediately feed into or are part relevant demonstration projects.

5. Will WIOSAP support WIOLAB related projects? Where a good business case is made that such support will enhance the impact or success of a previously WIOLAB funded project, this will be highly recommended to ensure continuity and synergy.

6. If a proposed demo project combines a number of outputs within/across a component(s), is funding of such a demo assured? Integration is highly recommended and yes this will be considered for successful proposals. But to address equity and ensure that we have regional representation in projects funded, the PMU will advise when a divergent decision is made, which will be forwarded to the Project Steering Committee for approval.

7. There are a number of demonstration projects proposed per an output in the background project document. Does this number represent projects to be funded per a country or across the region? The number represents demonstration projects to be funded across the region.

8. Can you please clarify the concept submission procedures? Concepts will be submitted to the PMU (jared.bosire@un.org) and copied to the respective Focal Point(s) for the country. So if a concept is being submitted by an Organization in Madagascar as an example, such will be submitted to the Project Manager WIOSAP and copied to the Focal Point for Madagascar.

9. Why are concepts being reviewed at national and regional level? Concepts will be reviewed at the first instance at national level to ensure national ownership and confirm alignment to national priorities. Review at regional level will be meant to allow for regional relevance.

10. Will comments for unsuccessful concepts be shared with respective Organizations? Yes major comments will be shared after review.

11. The funding levels for demo projects seem low. Why is this the case? WIOSAP funding is meant for demo projects at a small scale, whose success can then be replicated through other initiatives. It is also expected that co-financing whether in cash or in-kind should form a major component of approved demo projects.