



Science for Solutions: Bringing Together Stakeholders to Improve Ocean Planning and Governance for ABNJ in the Western Indian Ocean and South East Atlantic Ocean Regions

Collective Meeting Between Abidjan Convention and Nairobi Convention

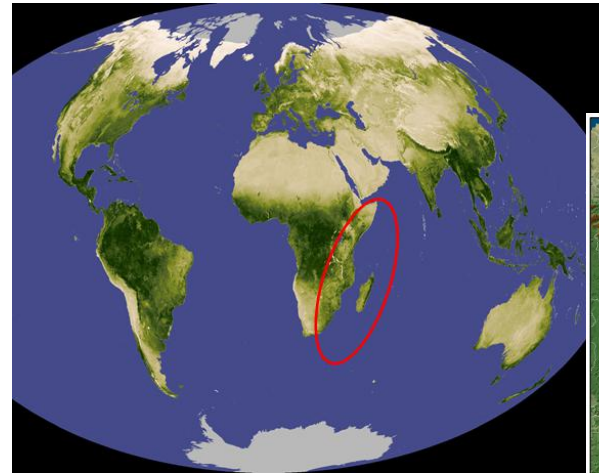
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The Nairobi Convention



Legal framework and platform
for regional collaboration
between member states,
intergovernmental organisations,
NGOs and the private sector for
protection, management and
development of the Western
Indian Ocean region



Nairobi Convention Contracting Parties Decisions on Governance of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction

Decision CP8/10.4: ... to cooperate in **improving the governance of ABNJ**, building on existing regional institutions ... and developing area based management tools such as marine spatial planning to promote the blue economy pathways in the Western Indian Ocean Region

Decision CP.9/10. 2: ... cooperate with existing regional institutions on ocean governance and the conservation of **marine biodiversity in adjacent areas beyond national jurisdiction**, to build and develop area-based management tools, such as marine spatial planning, to promote blue economy pathways in the Western Indian Ocean region

Decision CP.9/10. 3: ...in collaboration with partners, to prepare a report on the feasibility, options and scenarios for the establishment of **marine protected areas in areas beyond national jurisdiction** ...

Nairobi Convention Programmes/ Projects on ABNJ

SAPPHIRE, ABNJ Deep Seas Projects

- Innovative management options for **Contiguous Adjacent High Seas Areas(CAHSAs)** and **ABNJ** within LMEs: support design and implementation of **Ecosystem Monitoring Strategy(EMS)**
- Support design and implementation of **Ecosystem Monitoring Strategy(EMS)** for **ANBJ/CAHSA**
- Demonstrating **innovative ocean governance mechanisms** and delivering best practices and lessons for **Extended Continental Shelf** management within **WIO LMEs (JMA Demonstration project: Seychelles and Mauritius)**
- Develop and test **area-based planning tools** in pilot regions
- Develop **public private patronship** for improved ocean governance in the **WIO** region: **Smart Industry initiative**

Why ABNJ and BBNJ

- Ecological
- Environmental
- Economic
- Social/ cultural
- Tourism
- Political

Key Issues in WIO and SE Atlantic Ocean :

- Biodiversity loss and environmental degradation
- Connectivity
- Pollution/ increasing illegal activities

Challenges of ABNJ & BBNJ Management

- Lack of capacity and technologies to monitor human impacts on ABNJ
- Fragmented approach to ocean governance in ABNJ
- Knowledge gap: lack of awareness/information
- Limited global and regional cooperation
- Inadequate regulatory framework for sustainable use and management of ABNJ
- Lack of integrated ABNJ management plan(s)
- Maritime boundary issue among neighboring countries
- The issue of “freedom of the seas” in ABNJ
- Poverty
- Competition over resources
- Piracy issues (maritime crime)

How to Improve ABNJ & BBNJ Management

- Creating a coherent national/regional **institutional and legal framework**: design effective management and compliance/enforcement mechanisms
- Establishing a **regional mechanism or platform** for sharing knowledge, data and lessons learnt on ocean governance issues
- **Capacity building**: for improved conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity, including in ABNJ
- Enhance **the role science** in evidence based decision making process, formulation of policies and programmes
- Develop and adopt **feasible tools** for management and protection ABNJ/BBNJ: area based management tools
- **Strengthen stakeholders engagement**: enhance regional integration and partnership
- Active participating in **ocean governance debates and negotiations** at the regional and global level: UNCLOS

ABNJ & BBNJ Management cont.

- Improved tools and policies for **monitoring control and surveillance**
- **Private sector** engagement
- Advancing **blue economy** for sustainable socio economic development

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