



TOWARDS A REGIONAL MANGROVE VISION

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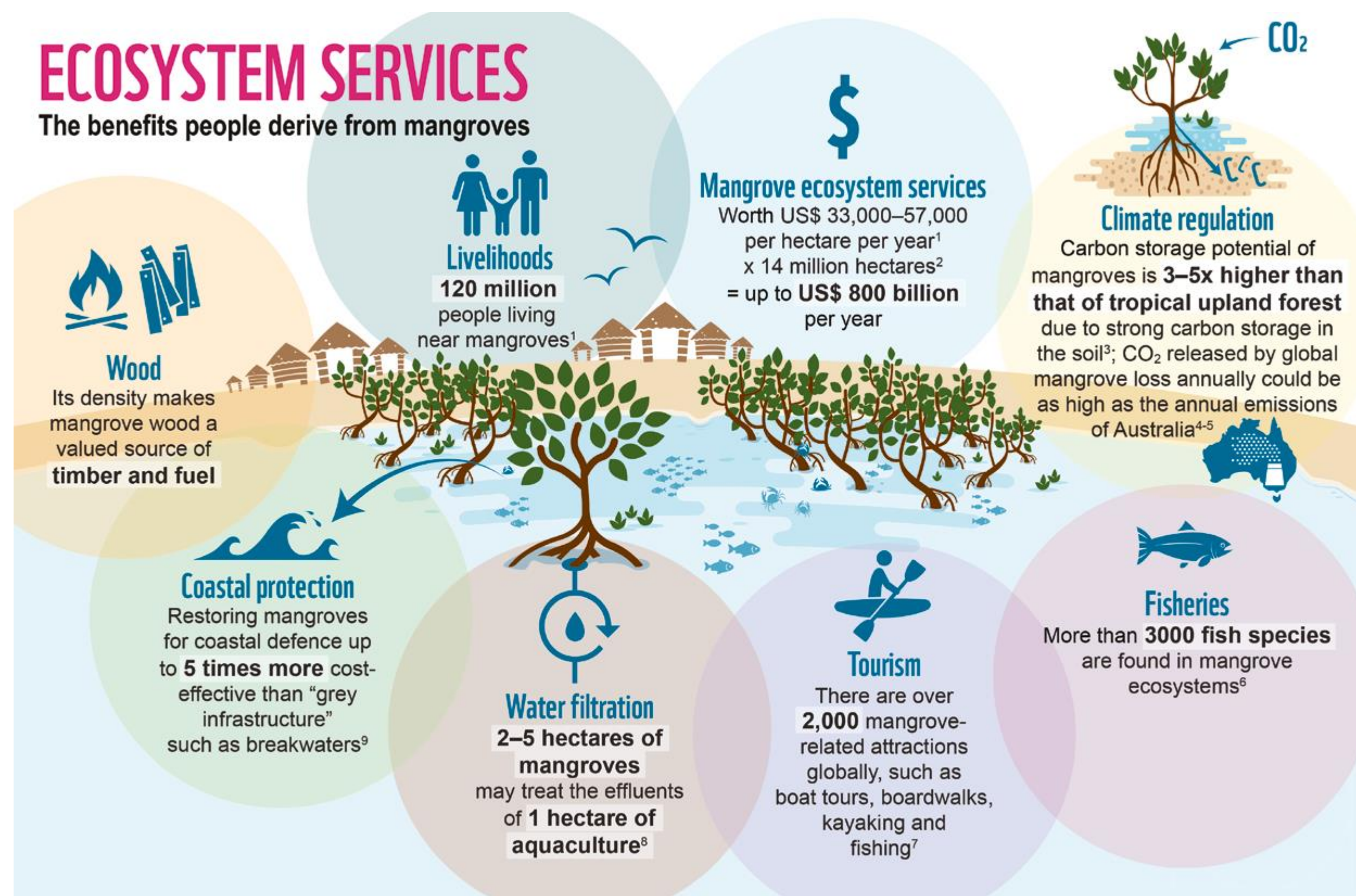


Background and rationale

 **Mangroves** → substantial **ecosystem services (ES)**, supporting human well-being globally for **more than 120 million**

 Critically exposed to **degradation and loss** + global pressures as climate change (CC). **Persistent poverty situation** → **high human dependence** on its ES + **Exacerbated by weak governance frameworks for nature**

 **04 countries** (Kenya, Tanzania, Mozambique and Madagascar) **hold ca. 99% of WIO mangrove cover.**



Sources: ¹ UNEP, 2014 • ² Giri et al., 2011 • ³ In the Indo-Pacific region: Donato et al., 2011 • ⁴ Up to 450 million t CO₂: Pendleton et al., 2012 • ⁵ In 2015: EDGARv4.3.2., 2018 • ⁶ Sheaves, 2017 • ⁷ Spalding et al., 2016 • ⁸ Primavera et al., 2007 • ⁹ In Vietnam: Narayan et al., 2016

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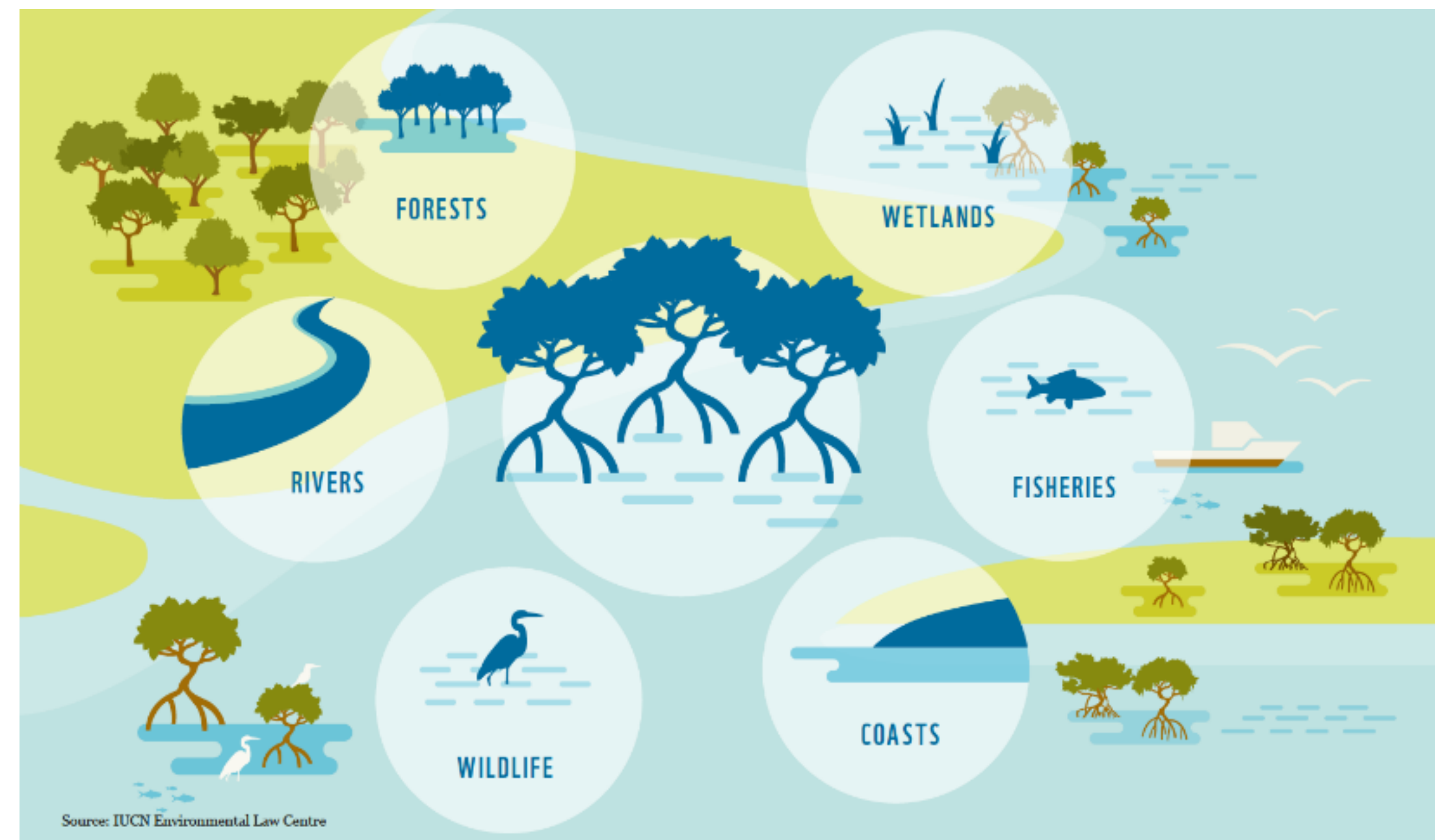


Background and rationale (2)

What we want: **Strong governance of natural resources and adequate implementation of environmental policies and laws + good coordination and coherence at the institutional level**, coupled with **financial and technical capacities**

A **regional dialogue for a joint mangrove vision** → support coordinated action for securing mangroves in WIO

And in line with the region's priorities such as Nairobi Convention COP Decision on MPAs and critical habitats outlooks.



Mangroves at the intersection of ecosystems and legal frameworks, from: Slobodian, L. N., Badoz, L., eds. (2019). [Tangled roots and changing tides: mangrove governance for conservation and sustainable use](#). WWF Germany, Berlin, Germany and IUCN, Gland, Switzerland. xii+280pp.

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Linkage to regional and global processes

- 🌳 Interactions between the broader coastal systems of importance and need to be reflected both in international, regional as well as national policy-making
- 🌳 Pushing jointly for increased mangrove conservation with that of associated ecosystems under **NbS** will **increase effectiveness**, particularly with regard to the CC debate.
- 🌳 Current momentum on NbS → opp. for a **common vision** and **synergistic agenda between various MEAs + accelerate action on the ground**



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Linkage to regional and global processes (2)

- **Benefit for WIO** if **regional dialogues** to allow adopting a joint approach, vision and strategies and **speak with one voice at international stage**
- Joint development of a RMV → **its conservation = priority in policy-making** and **increase acknowl. of marine NbS solutions** in key nat. and reg. processes
- Mangrove protection / rational use + its potential for innovative financing mechanisms = **Important NbS solution** to the successful development of a **sustainable, inclusive and resilient Blue Economy**



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The subject matter to be addressed

-  **Essential** to deal with mangroves at **regional level** + Design common policy and legislative frameworks through **dialogues and efforts to cooperate**
- Foster the joint development of a **Regional Mangrove Vision (RMV)** that will pave the way towards above frameworks + Easing support of international policy and donors' communities
-  **Joint vision** development = prerequisite to **regional integration and cohesion** → important to inform and foster development of global international policy processes



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The subject matter to be addressed (2)

-  RMV vital for a **better recognition of WIO at global policy and donors level.**
-  **Developing a regional mangrove vision and support needs = a responsibility that all levels of governance within the WIO region should take on**
-  Build a strong case for **enhanced mangrove conservation goals** – included in a common vision and/or an agreement with **clear targets and indicators** at international level



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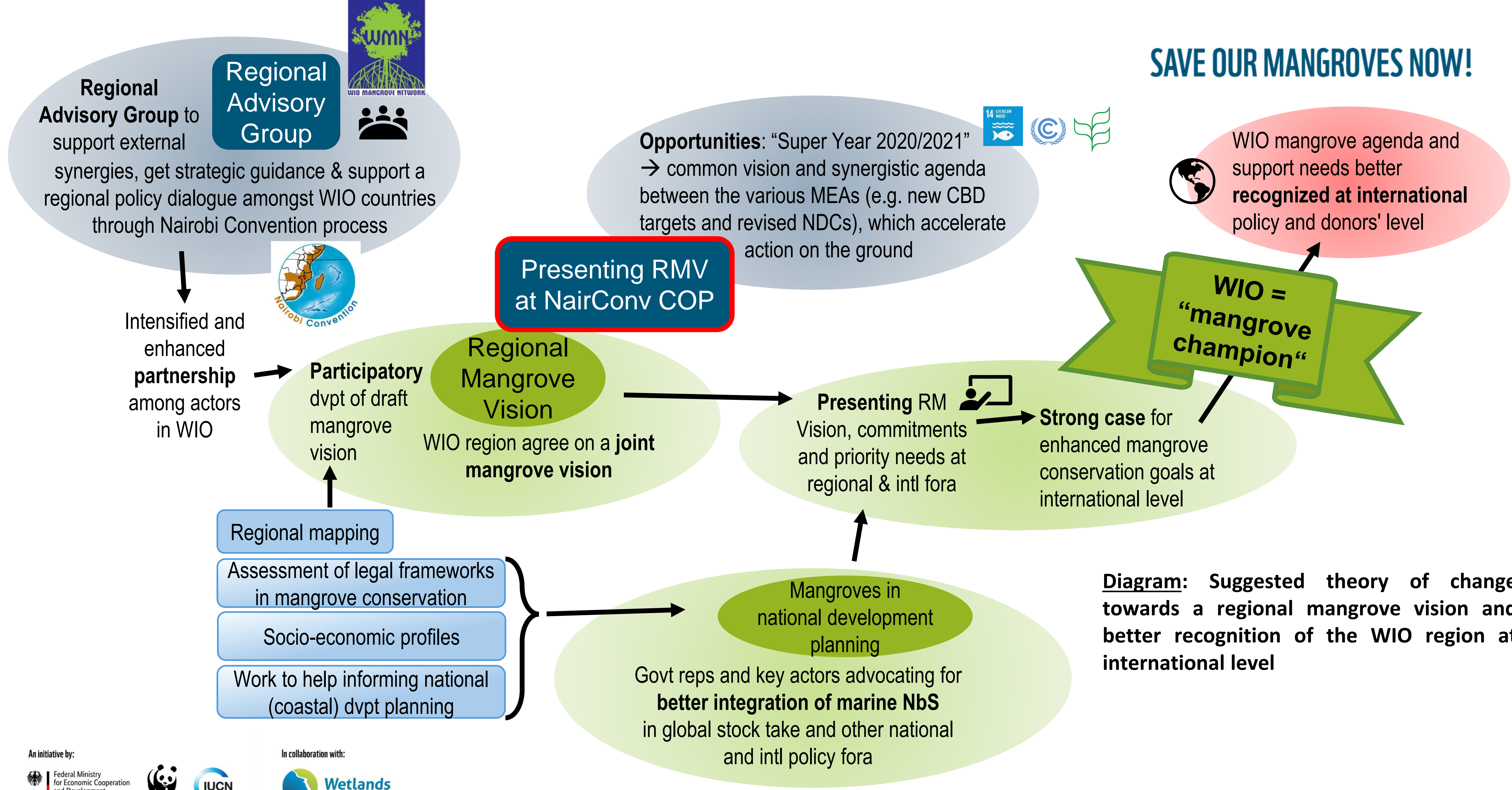


Diagram: Suggested theory of change towards a regional mangrove vision and better recognition of the WIO region at international level

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Recommendations

- I. Call on the Nairobi Convention Parties to develop a **Regional Mangrove Vision** that encapsulates the **region's commitments and priority needs**.
- II. Call on the Nairobi Convention Parties to facilitate the **mainstreaming of mangroves in national development planning** (e.g. in NDCs review process).
- III. Call on the Nairobi Convention Secretariat and Parties, and the WIO Mangrove Network → institutional structures such as the proposed **Regional Advisory Group**.
- IV. Urge the Nairobi Convention Secretariat, Parties and partners to **create a strong case for RMV** through regional and global dialogues to **enhance mangrove conservation goals, commitments and priority needs**.



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