



Integrated Management of the Marine and Coastal Resources of the Northern Mozambique Channel

(NOCAMO Project)

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2025 Project Workplan

Summary

In the 2023-2024 implementation period, the Project Management Unit (PMU) has been undertaking major project activities in line with the PSC's approved work plans and budgets. Major activities undertaken during this period include:

1. Development of a draft vision and roadmap for marine spatial planning in the Northern Mozambique Channel (NMC) region.
2. Recruitment of a technical expert at Nairobi Convention Secretariat (NCS) to support technical implementation of NOCAMO activities.
3. Strengthened collaboration with regional bodies. NCS participated in two meetings with regional bodies: (i) the Western Indian Ocean (WIO) regional ocean governance meeting in Namibia where NCS presented on ongoing activities in the NMC under the NOCAMO project to the regional economic commissions present, (ii) AU-IBAR's annual project steering committee meeting where NCS presented ongoing MSP initiatives being implemented by the project in the Northern Mozambique Channel.
4. Raising awareness and momentum through the launchpad of the NOCAMO project at the Marine Regions Forum (MRF) in November 2023 in Dar es Salaam, and at the Science-to-Policy Forum.
5. National policy gap analyses related to the development of marine infrastructure and industry in Madagascar and Tanzania.
6. Development of best practice guidelines adapted to the context of the NMC for Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs), Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEAs), Marine Spatial Plans (MSPs) and Biodiversity Action Plans for technicians from regulatory bodies, taking into account priorities for the protection of marine biodiversity and ecosystem services; and the selection of the biodiversity components for which the guidelines should be developed and support in its development.
7. National training sessions on best-practice policy and guidelines for oil and gas developments in the NMC region, targeted at civil society organisations (CSOs) and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) as well as government representatives and the private sector.

For the 2025 implementation period, the major focus will be on:

1. Continued establishment of links with relevant regional bodies, including Regional Economic Commissions.
2. Facilitating experience exchanges with relevant regional conventions as well as other ongoing regional IOM processes.
3. Delivery of MSP-related outputs by the NCS MSP Consultant.

4. Development of a dedicated interactive/online atlas that harmonizes, collects and shares data across natural, social, economic, and governance capitals.
5. Mapping and valuation of coastal and marine goods and services in the NMC region and connecting them with the national natural capital accounts.
6. Monitoring of the implementation of the roadmap for MSP in the NMC region.
7. Validation of MSP technical guidelines for the NMC region.
8. Develop three animated short videos (1min) focused on: significance of the NMC region and its value; concept of Marine Spatial Planning and its importance; and communicate the vision, roadmap, and technical guidelines.

Decision requested from the PSC

1. Approval of the 2025 workplan



Annex 1: 2025 Work-plan

ACTIVITIES	2025			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
COMPONENT 1				
1.1.1 Support the national consultations in Madagascar, Mozambique, Comoros and Tanzania to build commitment for a regionally and nationally aligned MSP processes, and which is aligned with the regional voluntary commitments to SDG14				
1.1.2 Guide and support national multi-sectoral and multi-actor platforms to mainstream sustainability principles in their respective MSP process; and support the future regional MSP platform to ensure coherence of national approaches on MSP.				
1.1.3 Establish links with relevant regional bodies, including Regional Economic Commissions				
1.1.4 Facilitate experience exchanges with relevant regional conventions as well as other ongoing regional IOM processes				
1.1.5 Support additional capacity in the NCS for a regional coordinating role in support of project implementation and guiding the MSP process.				
1.2.1 Establish a dedicated interactive/online atlas that harmonizes, collects and shares data across natural, social, economic, and governance capitals, with functional links to existing national and regional datasets.				



<p>1.2.2 Map and value coastal and marine goods and services of the NMC, and link with the national Natural Capital accounts and processes.</p>				
<p>1.2.3 Develop a set of scenarios for the NMC with respect to future developments in key economic sectors, demographics and climate change patterns, through a multistakeholder process.</p>				
<p>1.2.4 Assess the specific implications for each scenario in terms of blue economy potential and the SDG 14 targets</p>				
<p>1.3.1 On the basis of the scenario assessment process, assess the appropriateness of existing spatial and temporal management tools and institutional arrangements for management tools and institutional arrangements, their potential gaps and points of conflicts</p>				
<p>1.3.2 Based on the assessment of the specific implications for each scenario and the content of the future regional MSP strategy (and guidelines), develop and propose a more technical guideline designed to support the development and implementation of MSP by the NMC countries</p>				
<p>1.3.3 Support national and regional level consultative processes to validate the regional MSP technical guideline, with a particular focus on integration with national level (MSP/ICZM) decision processes.</p>				
<p>COMPONENT 2</p>				
<p>2.1.1 Based on SEA + EIA guidelines, undertake policy gap analysis in relation to oil and gas development at national and regional levels in the NMC region (e.g. SADC, EAC, WIO-C) level.</p>				



2.2.1 Review of international best practices				
2.2.2 Develop NMC-specific guidelines for EIAs, SEAs and MSP for regulatory technicians, considering priorities for the protection of marine biodiversity and ecosystem services				
2.2.3 Share guidance for the implementation of tools and methods to reduce impacts on marine biodiversity and ecosystem services				
2.3.1 Build capacity of staff of national governments, regional bodies and CSO/NGOs, on use and implementation of guidance, and of regional bodies to promote uptake of best practice approaches across the region and support harmonization of national policies				
2.3.2 Support development of national roadmap(s) for policy & capacity building with government and private sector in selected priority country(ies)				
2.3.3 Build a sub-regional community of practice of national CSO/NGOs to form a network which supports the representation of local and public interests in the oil/gas sector with respect to mitigation and protecting biodiversity and ecosystem services				
COMPONENT 3				
3.1.1 Identify and map effective practice models for Community Based Natural Resource Management (CBNRM) and PHE within the seascapes of the NMC.				



3.1.2 Identify pilot sites for participation in the project/learning networks, characterized by community-based marine resource management linked and PHE partnerships				
3.1.3 Develop support package – Online platform and tools				
3.2.1 Convene national annual workshops to establish learning network, and build capacity in and effective leadership of community representatives				
3.2.2 Implement learning network activities, focused on visits among the pilot seascapes with specific learning focus				
3.2.3 Support adoption of effective practices at pilot sites				
3.2.4 Evaluating, promoting and upscaling – monitor component outcomes, adapt, disseminate, upscale				