

Annex 2 – Interim Progress Report

Identification:

Partners Name: Directorate General of Sustainable Development at the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development (MEDD)

Budget line: Umoja Coding Block 58-009262.08.02.09

POW 2022–2024 Sub-programme: Assessment and conservation of critical habitats and endangered species

Expected Accomplishment(s)

Output 1.1: Marine Spatial Planning developed for policy-making and integrated management towards small-scale, artisanal, and associated management approaches.

- **Activity 1.1.2:** Support the collection, management and analysis of data and information for participatory and evidence-based MSP.
- **Activity 1.1.3:** Support incorporation of aspects of community-based coastal and marine management, particularly fisheries management, into broader cross-sectoral management processes and systems and identify appropriate interventions.
- **Activity 1.1.4:** Undertake cost-benefit analysis and ecosystem valuation of goods and services in selected (at least 3) pilot sites to support decision-making in incorporating cross-sectoral management aspects.
- **Activity 1.1.5:** Assist in developing criteria for selecting demonstration sites and build the capacity of coastal communities to actively engage in the MSP process.

Output 1.2: Management plans/strategies developed for adoption at national level for the conservation of selected critical coastal habitats with a shared concern for fisheries and environmental management.

- **Activity 1.2.3:** Organise participatory workshops for identification and prioritization of issues of importance to the role of habitats in the livelihoods of youth, women, and men in fishing and related communities.
- **Activity 1.2.4:** In coordination with the work under output 2.2, finalise management plans / strategies for the use of critical habitats for adoption at national level.

Output 1.3: Plans for restoration of degraded coastal habitats developed.

- **Activity 1.3.1:** Undertake needs assessment (linked to output 2.2) and develop criteria for selecting the habitats for restoration in the localities selected for the pilot interventions, develop restoration plans and partnerships, restoration, and monitoring.

Output 1.4: Regional and national capacity on adaptation to climate variability and change enhanced for the coastal fishing communities.

- **Activity 1.4.1:** Conduct targeted capacity development on options, approaches and tools for the sustainable management of coastal resource use, including cross-sectoral aspects (with particular emphasis on fisheries) in the face of climate variability and change.
- **Activity 1.4.4:** Support the definition and inclusion of coastal and marine adaptation options in climate change policies at national level.
- **Activity 1.4.5:** Support knowledge, analysis, and networking for the sharing of information on successful adaptation through networks, partnerships, knowledge products and knowledge sharing events.

Output(s):

- Marine spatial planning developed for policy-making and integrated management towards small-scale, artisanal fisheries and associated area management approaches.
- Management plans/strategies developed for adoption at national level for the conservation of selected critical coastal habitats with a shared concern for fisheries and environmental management.
- Plans for restoration of degraded coastal habitats developed.
- Regional and national capacity on adaptation to climate variability and change enhanced for the coastal fishing communities.

Title of the approved PRC project: Protection and management of marine and coastal ecosystems to promote and support the sustainable blue growth of coastal communities in the Boeny and Sofia regions.

SSFA starting date: 21/01/2022

Reporting period: from 21/01/2022 to 31/12/2022

1. Summary of Status:

Madagascar through the Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development (MEDD) has obtained funding from the Swedish Agency for Development and International Cooperation (SIDA) to implement a partnership project between the fisheries and environment sector for a sustainable blue growth.

The main area of focus of the project is the area of Fisheries and Environment, which can directly benefit from the coordinates and be mutually reinforcing in areas beyond what could be achieved through ad hoc interventions within each sector. . To address this, the project is jointly implemented at the regional level by the FAO/SWIOFC Secretariat and UNEP/Nairobi Convention Secretariat; and at the national level through collaboration between ministries or designated government agencies responsible for fisheries and environment and other stakeholders forming a National Project Coordinating Committee (NPCC).

The project has three main features and outcomes: (1) Environmental Management, (2) Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries, and (3) Coordination, Knowledge Management.

The first component on the Environment is managed and coordinated by the MEDD through its Directorate General for Sustainable Development (DGDD) whose coherent activities are to develop the framework for local Spatial Planning Marjne (PSM), management plans/strategies for the conservation of certain critical coastal habitats (mainly mangroves), restoration plans for degraded coastal habitats

(reefs, seagrass beds, beach-mangroves) and coastal and marine adaptive management plans (adaptation to climate variation and change) both of them in the Boeny and Sofia region. (Cf. Site Selection Appendix 1)

2. Methodology adopted:

To carry out these activities, MEDD through its Direction general of Sustainable development has engaged consultant to perform all needed documents and to support the executing agency in the realization of the activities. One consultant per region due to the geographical distance of the sites (Cf. TOR for the recruitment of consultants Appendix 2).

With the support of the consultants, the MEDD through its Direction General for Sustainable Development intends to implement the activities of the results of the studies and research resulting from the consultancy work.

3. Activity delivery status

Activity	Description of work undertaken during reporting period	Deliverables	Delivery date	Status of Activity (complete/on-going/delayed)	Comments - brief description of implementing challenges, strategy/actions which have been adopted to address these challenges and planned actions to mitigate any identified risks
<p>Activity 1.1.2: Support the collection, management and analysis of data and information for participatory and evidence-based MSP</p>	<p>Consultancy work for activities 1.1.2.a /c/e/f DGDD/MEDD will conduct the implementation of activities 1.1.2b/d after validation of reports of consultancy work</p>	<p>Consultancy report by region Annex 2. (Boeny and Sofia)</p>	<p>The consultant for Boeny region Boeny is employed since August 2022 and for Sofia region Sofia since September 2022</p>	<p>60% completed (waiting for validation)</p>	<p>In order to have relevant documents whose resolutions have been decided with the communities, we decided to hire different consultants for the two regions.</p>
<p>Activity 1.1.3: Support incorporation of aspects of community-based coastal and marine management, particularly fisheries management, into broader cross-sectoral management processes and systems and identify appropriate interventions.</p>	<p>Organization of the workshops and community consultation implemented by DGDD/MEDD in close collaboration with MPEB</p>	<p>Community consultation report and attendance record (Annex 3 Boeny and annex 4 Sofia)</p>	<p>May 2022 Bombetoka bay June 2022 for Mahajamba July 2022 Sofia region</p>	<p>100% completed</p>	<p>Communities are aware of environmental degradation, impacts of climate change on their means of subsistence and resource reduction, in particular for fisheries. Beneficiaries have pledged to commit to the implementation of the activities of the project, including the restoration of marine and coastal ecosystems and reduction of pressure from land-based sources. Moreover, NGOs which are working on the project asserted that they will collaborate and contribute to the objectives of the project.</p>
<p>Activity 1.1.4: Undertake cost-benefit analysis and ecosystem valuation of goods and services in selected (at least 3) pilot sites to support decision-making in incorporating cross-sectoral management aspects.</p>	<p>Consultancy works for study and investigation of activity 1.1.4a DGDD/MEDD for the organization of community workshops in 1.1.4b/c</p>	<p>Community workshop report about validation of consultancy works with attendance record for Bombetoka bay (Annex 5 Bombetoka validation)</p>	<p>Mars 2023</p>	<p>70% completed for consultancy work and pending for validation community-based</p>	<p>Regarding the expectations of Bombetoka bay communities, are included the importance of restoration and protection of the mangroves ecosystems at sites level, and reforestation of fruit trees concerning coastal areas.</p>

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Activity 1.1.5: Assist in developing criteria for selecting demonstration sites and build the capacity of coastal communities to actively engage in the MSP process.	Consultancy works for study and investigation of activity 1.1.5.a DGDD/MEDD for the organization of commitment to MSP regional popularization workshops in 1.1.5.b	Consultancy report (see annex 2) and workshop reports	Consultancy report for Mars 2023 about validation of documents. May 2023 for MSP popularization workshop.	60% for consultancy works and ongoing for community workshops.	
Activity 1.2.3: Organize participatory workshops for identification and prioritization of issues of importance to the role of habitats in the livelihoods of youth, women, and men in fishing and related communities.	DGDD/MEDD with support of a consultant for the organization of sensitization workshops	Sensitization workshop report	July 2023	Ongoing	
Activity 1.2.4: In coordination with the work under output 2.2, finalise management plans / strategies for the use of critical habitats for adoption at national level.	Consultancy works for studies and investigations 1.2.4.a DGDD/MEDD for the organization of workshops and implementation of restoration of critical habitats activities 1.2.4.b/c	Consultancy report (see annex 2). Workshop report. Area restored at sites level.	December 2023	50% of ongoing consultancy works. Community workshops are ongoing. Activities related to restoration of habitats are ongoing.	
Activity 1.3.1: Undertake needs assessment (linked to output 2.2) and develop criteria for selecting the habitats for restoration in	Consultancy works on selection criteria for habitats. DGDD/MEDD for follow-up and internal validation of selection of deteriorated habitats.	Strategy/restoration plan for deteriorated habitats (see annex 2). Site selection criteria (see annex 1).	December 2023	40% completed for consultancy work and	

the localities selected for the pilot interventions, develop restoration plans and partnerships, and monitoring.	Implementation of pilot restoration activities for habitats.	Follow-up and validation report		ongoing for activities implementation work	
Activity 1.4.1: Conduct targeted capacity development on options, approaches and tools for the sustainable management of coastal resource use, including cross-sectoral aspects (with particular emphasis on fisheries) in the face of climate variability and change.	DGDD/MEDD supported by consultants	Training and local community awareness-raising workshops report by region (2 workshops)	July 2023	ongoing	
Activity 1.4.4: Support the definition and inclusion of coastal and marine adaptation options in climate change policies at national level.	DGDD/MEDD	Orientation note for decision-makers	December 2023	ongoing	
Activity 1.4.5: Support knowledge, analysis, and networking for the sharing of information on successful adaptation through networks, partnerships, knowledge products and knowledge sharing events.	DGDD/MEDD	Setting up of a knowledge sharing network at MEDD level	December 2023	ongoing	

4. List of attached documents

- Annexe 1. Report sites selection
- Annexe 2. Boeny Consultancy report (ongoing evaluation process)
- Annexe 3. Sofia Consultancy report (ongoing evaluation process)

- Annexe 4. Inception and Boeny community consultancy reports
- Annexe 5. Inception and Sofia community consultancy reports
- Annexe 6. Validation of consultancy works report with attendance record

Signature:



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