

# UPDATES ON PROGRESS FROM NAIROBI CONVENTION'S COP 9

## DECISION 3

### The Management of Marine Litter and Municipal Wastewater in the Western Indian Ocean Region

...in which the Nairobi Convention Secretariat was requested to develop a regional strategy and/or an action plan to assist with the management of marine litter and microplastics in the region and establish a regional marine litter technical working group (TWG).

#### The Development of a Regional Action Plan on Marine Litter

Together with the Institute of Marine Sciences (IMS), the Nairobi Convention developed this plan which enhances knowledge on the prevention and reduction of marine litter and microplastics and their impact on marine ecosystem services, public health and safety. The Nairobi Convention's WIOSAP project is also supporting the implementation of 1) an **initiative aiming to reduce marine litter in Madagascar**, and 2) a **demonstration project working to reduce litter generation and recover litter** with river basin-wide interventions in Kwazulu-Natal, South Africa.

#### An Assessment on the Status of Marine Litter and Microplastics in the region.

The Secretariat and the Western Indian Ocean Group of Experts on Marine Litter and Microplastics are assessing the ecological, human health and economic impacts of marine litter and microplastics and evaluating the measures undertaken thus far to combat this issue.