

Mozambique Eflows WIOSAP Demo Project
Meeting minutes
Date: 12th August 2021
Venue: Microsoft Teams

Opening

The meeting was called to order at 11:00Hrs (EAT) with Angela welcoming all in attendance and thanking them for creating time to attend the meeting. This was followed by a brief introduction of all in attendance.

Meeting objective

The purpose of this meeting was to get the updates of the Environmental Flows for enhanced Biodiversity and Poverty alleviation in the Incomati delta, Mozambique, challenges they are facing and support they may need for the convention.

Min 01: Project Progress

- It was mentioned that project area was a hotspot for birds covering 100,00ha. The government of Mozambique was reported to have recognized the project.
- Dinis mentioned that they had set up a project team supported with PhD and MSc students. He mentioned that they had had technical capacity building within the team. They were planning for dry season sampling from September to October. This will follow the wet season that they had done earlier.
- It was noted that the team had developed a framework of analysis of eflows data that would be used.
- Mapping of biodiversity was ongoing.
- Economic valuation guideline was to be shared with Dinis for them to adopt and apply in the project.
- On analysis of freshwater flows pattern, it was mentioned that monitoring equipment had been procured and this would be picked up in the coming weeks. Sites had been identified for monitoring and these would need security since the equipment are expensive.
- It was mentioned that the next funding would depend of the financial report the would be received from the project.

Min02: Communication Needs

- The eflow project aims to preserve the unique habitat in Incomati delta that has been exploited by humans through dams, afforestation and this has resulted in imbalance that affects the health of biodiversity found in the delta.
- It was highlighted that there was community involvement in this project on monitoring and the use of local knowledge.
- Dinis mentioned that there were images from the projects that would be shared with the Convention.

- The problem in the project will be addressed using scientific tool and to know the adjustments that can be made to gain some functionality of the ecosystem in the delta. This will be done in close collaboration with stakeholders and policy makers in the area.
- The project is currently sensitizing the stakeholder on the project and after getting the results will have enough knowledge to present to the policy makers.
- Dinis mentioned that they need a flyer outlining the work being done in the delta. This would need support from the conventions.
- The project would help restore the ecosystem in the delta which will have community support.
- Dinis mentioned that there would be policy dialogue after the project to engage with the policy makers to help in behaviour and technological change. They had already identified a partner who would fund the work after the WIOSAP project has ended.
- The livelihood of people in the delta would be made better due to better productivity of the ecosystem in the delta.
- Lessons learnt from the project so far include involving the human dimensions of rehabilitation which include thinking about the wellbeing of the community. Focus on human will make acceptability of the project easier.

Closing

There being no other matter the meeting came to a close at 12:00Hrs.

In attendance

No.	Name	Affiliation
1.	Dinis Juizo	Universidade Eduardo Mondlane – Faculdade de Engenharia
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