

MSP Consultations Meeting
Meeting minutes
Date: 5th July 2021
Venue: Microsoft Teams

Opening

The meeting was called to order at 15:00Hrs (EAT) with Dr. Tuda 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.

The purpose of this meeting was to introduce Tuqa who works for Nature Conservancy and to touch base on the ongoing regional marine spatial planning strategy that is being developed by the Nairobi Convention (. This would be a good start for knowing the activities that Nature Conservancy work on and other synergies.

Min 01: Tanzania Nature Conservancy Introduction

- Tuqa mention that the Western Indian Ocean blue economy funded by the German government and aims at strengthening the blue economy of the western Indian ocean through integration of ecosystem services and effective biodiversity conservation. The project has four components; marine spatial planning, increasing science-based fisheries management, mangrove habitat rehabilitation and protection coastal areas and enhancing knowledge sharing.
- He mentioned that the Nairobi Convention was majorly involved in the all the component as it would be great to work closely with the convention. This would enable countries to achieve their marine spatial planning goals in the Western Indian Ocean region. He mentioned that the project was to run for five years with a possibility of renewal. He noted that possible countries to work with would Kenya, Tanzania, Seychelles and Mauritius.

Min 02: MSP status at the Convention

- Timothy mentioned that MSP strategy provides guidance for different scales on how to approach the MSP process. He mentioned it would be used to undertake process with the countries needs and that the strategy would provide guidance on how to go about the MSP process especially issues that are transboundary in nature. He mentioned that there are countries in the region that have made good progress including Seychelles and South Africa. He mentioned that the strategy was undergoing through final inputs for the lead authors and would be made available at the end of July for public consumption.

- He mentioned that it allows for room for counties to make adjustments on what they would consider as their priorities and best practice. He mentioned that it would be great to engage with other partners who are already working in the region including university of Nairobi in Kenya and the upcoming work the Convention would work on in Tanzania.
- Dr. Jared mentioned that the MSP strategy was requested for by governments in 2019 and that it would inform the Marine spatial frameworks in countries. He mentioned the work with Swedish Water management agency (SWaM) to build capacity in the region especially in Somalia.
- He mentioned that MSP should be a tool that will inform blue economy developments in different countries. He mentioned that some countries like South Africa have MSP acts that guides MPs activities. He mentioned the need to take the MSP to ground level implementation where planning takes place. An example is WIOSAP that supports Kilifi country in spatial planning which include marine parks through WWF.

Discussion.

- Tuqa mentioned the need to plan for activities for each country and start implementation of the activities. Tuda mentioned the need for learning in the region and asked for next steps on how the two organizations could work to support the new initiatives that the TNC was rolling out.
- Tuqa highlighted that the MSP strategy to be produced by the NCS would be important in starting some of the activities in the region.
- Theuri mentioned that the Mozambique was already having MSP and was doing local level marine spatial planning.
- He noted that there was need to ensure that the regional MSP strategy is implemented at the national level in all the project countries.
- Timothy mentioned that the project would be very useful in taking the work that the convention has involved in other countries.
- Dr. Jared mentioned that there need to prepare a matrix on the countries that the TNC is working on then Nairobi Convention can crystalize the synergies on common areas that collaboration would be possible.

Closing

There being no other business the meeting ended at 16:00Hrs with Dr.Jared thanking all for creating time to attend the meeting

In attendance

No.	Name	Affiliation
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1.	Tuqa Jirmo	TNC
2.	Tuda Arthur	WIOMSA
3.	Timothy Andrew	UNEP
4.	Jared Bosire	UNEP
5.	Theuri Mwangi	UNEP
6.	Nathan Majwa	UNEP