

**Mission to Mozambique WIOSAP Demo Projects Implementing Partners
6th to 14th Feb 2023
Demo Projects Evaluation Template**

I. Introduction

The Contracting Parties to the Nairobi Convention with funding from the Global Environment Facility (GEF) are implementing the Project '*Implementation of the Strategic Action Programme for the protection of the Western Indian Ocean from land-based sources and activities*' (WIOSAP).

The Objective of the Project is '*to reduce impacts from land-based sources and activities and sustainably manage critical coastal and marine ecosystems through the implementation of the agreed WIO-SAP priorities with the support of partnerships at national and regional levels*'. The WIOSAP Project is partly implementing the WIO-LaB Strategic Action Programme (SAP) for the protection of the WIO Region from land-based sources and activities that was developed as part of the UNEP-GEF WIO-LaB Programme that was implemented in the WIO Region in the period 2004-2010. The WIOSAP Project is thus a response to a request made by the Contracting Parties to the Nairobi Convention and it has availed an opportunity to the governments in the region and their conservation partners to jointly implement strategies of protecting the coastal and marine ecosystems from land-based sources and activities to provide essential goods and services on a sustainable basis.

The Project is being implemented and executed through a 'Partnerships Approach' with the Nairobi Convention Secretariat being the Executing Agency. The participating countries include Comoros, France (La Reunion), Madagascar, Mauritius, Seychelles, Mozambique, Kenya, Tanzania, Somalia and South Africa. France isn't a beneficiary country.

The WIOSAP Project has funded 20 demo projects cutting across the three technical components: **Component A: Sustainable management of critical habitats**; **Component B: Improved water quality** and **Component C: Sustainable management of river flows**. There is also synergy with other projects of the Convention i.e. SAPPHIRE and SIDA Partnership project, where the projects are supporting complementary interventions in country.

Three demo projects have been supported for Mozambique and currently at various stages of implementation:

- 1) Undertake seagrass restoration for Sustainable Shellfish and drafting a management Plan Action guideline for seagrass restoration (Mozambique)
- 2) Mangrove Restoration and Livelihood Support through Community Participation in Limpopo River Estuary, Mozambique
- 3) Environmental Flows for enhanced Biodiversity and Poverty alleviation in the Incomati delta, Mozambique (EFlows-Moz)

Shared Learning

The Convention provides a platform for shared learning between and among partners across the region. Implementation of demo provides avails a such a huge opportunity for partners and regional experts implementing similar initiatives to share best practices and lessons learnt. Three regional experts with experience in mangroves (Dr James Kairo from Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute), seagrasses (Dr. Jackline Uku, Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute)

and eflows (Prof Japhet Kashaigili, Sokoine University of Agriculture Tanzania) will accompany the Head of the Convention and WIOSAP Project Manager on this mission. The experts will share lessons based on their practical experience with respective IPs and discuss potential opportunities for upscaling and replication across the region. In assessment of the progress made by IPs in the implementation of the respective demo projects, the experts will be guided by the following criteria upon which, they will also submit their mission reports.

Demo Projects Evaluation Criteria

Part A: Implementation arrangements

1. Implementation structures: Is there a committee and dedicated coordinator for the project? How effective is the implementation structure for the project? Any recommendations for improvement.
2. Partnerships: WIOSAP is a partnership project and strongly encouraged strategic partnership engagement during the development of demo projects proposals. Which key partners are engaged in the project and what is the level of their involvement?
3. Community engagement: How effectively is the community engaged in the project? Is it clear that the community will have material benefits from the project? Kindly provide details on engagement and actual community benefits.

Part B: Progress in implementation

4. Document progress made based on the overall and specific objectives of the project
5. Is the project on course towards successful completion by September of 2023?
6. Key impediments on successful project implementation and completion? Recommendations for mitigation within the remaining period?
7. What have been the key environmental and livelihood benefits achieved in the project this far?
8. How has the IP worked on disseminating outcomes and lessons learnt from the project? Any support which may be needed to ramp up communication of project stories?

Part C: Sustainability

9. What is the level of national ownership and ownership by other partners, which may enhance sustainability
10. Linkage between the project and other national initiatives
11. Regional relevance of the project and potential for replication and upscaling
12. Key lessons learnt from the project and how they can be shared nationally and across the region

13. Does the IP have potential (financial and technical capacity) to mainstream some of the project activities into their organizational operations beyond the lifetime of the project?
14. Any other recommendations on sustainability