

**Mission to Mozambique WIOSAP Demo Projects Implementing Partners
6th to 14th Feb 2023
Concept Note**

1.0 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. The WIOSAP project has also supported production of a number of technical guidelines currently being applied in the implementation of project interventions in Mozambique and throughout the region.

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)

2.0 Objective

The objective of the mission is to assess progress made by IPs in the implementation of the 3 demo projects for Mozambique. No site visits have been made to project sites, hence the need for these visits. The Focal Point will facilitate the planning and execution of the different aspects

of the mission from the NIC, courtesy call to the Hon Minister, meeting with MIMAIP and project site visits.

3.0 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.

4.0 Expected Outcomes

1. Appreciation and confirmation of progress made in the implementation of demo projects supported by the Convention
2. Identification of any challenges obtaining and discussions with NIC Chair and IPs on resolution mechanisms
3. Understanding on the progress made by Mozambique in her MSP and Blue Economy ambitions and potential synergies with interventions from the Nairobi Convention
4. Shared learning between regional experts and IPs
5. Capturing relevant information for public stories from the engagements above

5.0 Summary Schedule of visits and consultations

	Date	Activity	Objective
1.	6 th Feb 2023	Meeting with Chair NIC and IPs	Technical appraisal on the overall and specific progress made in the implementation of demo projects, including challenges and opportunities.
2.	7 th Feb 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attend NIC Meeting for national engagement on progress of demo projects being implemented in the country and linkages to national policy and management interventions. - Courtesy call to the Hon Minister - Courtesy call to the Director MIMAIP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussions on progress on demo projects with NIC/IPs - Discussions on Mozambique's biodiversity conservation, status of MPA management in respect to 30/30 and MSP process
3.	8 th to 14 th Feb 2023	Field visits to demo project sites of the projects above with Chair NIC, WIOSAP National Officer and IPs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. First hand assessment of progress made in implementing on ground project interventions against targets in respective project proposals 2. Engagement with communities and other partners on the ground on their participation in the projects including expected short-term and long-term benefits as a result of applicable project interventions 3. Debrief meeting with Chair NIC and IPs and discussions on next steps to expedite project implementation at the end of the field visits

**** Focal Point to advise on time requirements for field missions before finalization of travel plan.**

6.0 Detailed Schedule

6th Feb	<p>Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review meeting with Focal Point and WIOSAP National Project Officer of planned schedule of activities for the mission <p>Focal Point and Project Officer will coordinate ground logistics and contacts.</p>
7th Feb	<p>Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attend NIC Meeting for national engagement on progress of demo projects being implemented in the country and linkages to national policy and management interventions. - Courtesy call to the Minister/PS or Director MITA - Courtesy call to the Director MIMAIP
8th Feb	<p>Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Travel to Limpopo the site for the project: Mangrove Restoration and Livelihood Support through Community Participation in Limpopo River Estuary, - Meeting with local communities, implementing partner representatives, local government officers to understand partnership arrangements and engagements - Visit restoration sites to observe progress in restoration and potential sustainability strategies. - Observe and progress made in implementation of community livelihoods: beekeeping, aquaculture, woodlots meant to reduce pressure on mangroves etc. - Note any challenges in the restoration interventions and development of mangrove management plan
8th to 9th Feb	<p>Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Travel to Inhambane and Inhambane Island, which are sites for the project: Undertake seagrass restoration for Sustainable Shellfish and drafting a management Plan Action guideline for seagrass restoration - Meeting with local communities, implementing partner representatives, local government officers to understand partnership arrangements and engagements - Visit restoration sites to observe progress in restoration and potential sustainability strategies. - Note any challenges in the restoration interventions and development of seagrass management plan
10th Feb	<p>Activity</p> <p>Return to Maputo through Xai Xai to observe mangroves impacted by cyclone Elline and recovery to-date</p>
11th Feb	Rest Day
12th to 13th Feb	<p>Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Travel to Inhaca Island for the 2nd site for the project: Undertake seagrass restoration for Sustainable Shellfish and drafting a management Plan Action guideline for seagrass restoration - Meeting with local communities, implementing partner representatives, local government officers to understand partnership arrangements and engagements - Visit restoration sites to observe progress in restoration and potential sustainability strategies. - Note any challenges in the restoration interventions and development of seagrass management plan
14th Feb	<p>Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Travel to Maracuene another seagrass project site. - Debrief with NIC Chair and IPs
15th Feb	Travel back to Nairobi