

## Session V. NOCAMO project workplans

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### Summary

During 2023, the PMU has been undertaking various project activities in line with the follow-up meetings which took place during the year. Nevertheless, the fact that the project was delayed due to delayed contractual agreements, this has slowed down the implementation of the whole project.

Activities undertaken include:

#### COMPONENT 1

##### NCS level

**Activity 1.1.4 Facilitate experience exchanges with relevant regional conventions (e.g. HELCOM) as well as other ongoing regional IOM processes (regional seas, EBSAs, Oceanscapes, etc.):**

Communications have been initiated via the Regional Seas Unit weekly newsletter providing updates for the NOCAMO project (i.e. Partner meeting of June 23rd 2023) to all the Regional Seas Conventions.

It is a continuous process.

NCS is also working with the Regional Seas Coordinator at global level (Ecosystems Integration Branch). This activity is undertaken with the guidance of the coordinator of Regional Seas. An important meeting during which the Regional Seas Secretariats were convened was during the Marine Region Forum in Dar Es Salam on 5 to 7 of November 2023. A side event for NOCAMO, was an opportunity for NCS and implementing partners to showcase the project to stakeholders and interested parties such as other Regional Seas Conventions that were invited. Another meeting convening all the Regional Seas Secretariats had taken place in Barbados, the Global Annual Meeting for the Regional Seas (20 to 23 November 2023), all Secretariat's projects were showcased.

**Activity 1.1.3 Establish links with relevant regional bodies, including Regional Economic Commissions (IOC, SADC, EAC, COMESA, RFMOs)**

No input during 2023. The meetings with the RECS are taking place every 2 years, the next one will take place on December 4th 2023, back to back with the 2023 Western Indian Ocean Science Policy Platform Meeting in Maputo, Mozambique.

### **Activity 1.1.5 Support additional capacity in the NCS for a regional coordinating role in support of project implementation and guiding the MSP process**

Regarding the technical consultant, advertisement of TORs via UNON during 3 weeks has been done and thirteen candidate applications were received.

It will be discussed with the Nairobi Convention team during a technical meeting to select the most appropriate coordinator.

### **Activity 1.2.1 - Establish a dedicated online atlas that collects data across natural, social, economic and governance capitals**

A procurement process has been initiated to find a GIS specialist to conduct and develop the activity.

The Corporate Services Division of UNEP will select the vendor upon competitive quotation.

### **Follow-up meetings with implementing partners and coordination**

Several follow-up and partners meetings have taken place, to create cohesion in the team and stay aware of what has been developed, noting the technical dialogue and the side event during the Marine Region Forum (5-7 November 2023), during which the opportunity was given to build awareness of the importance of the NMC region and to ensure commitment for regionally and nationally aligned MSP processes, and which is aligned with regional voluntary commitments to SDG 14. It is also a continuous process.

### **MDCO level**

### **Activity 1.1.1. Support the national consultations in Madagascar, Mozambique, Comoros and Tanzania to build commitment for a regionally and nationally aligned MSP processes, and which is aligned with the regional voluntary commitments to SDG14.**

A Side event and technical dialogue were organised in collaboration with NCS during the Marine Regions Forum in November 2023. The aim was to build awareness on the importance of the NMC region and to ensure commitment for regionally and nationally aligned MSP processes, (also aligned with regional voluntary commitments to SDG 14) and having the opportunity to meet the focal points of the NMC region. A discussion paper on the same will be presented during the 2023 WIO SPP.

### **Activity 1.3.1 Assess the appropriateness of existing spatial and temporal management tools and institutional arrangements, their potential gaps and points of conflicts.**

Completed in December 2021 for Madagascar and February 2022 for Tanzania.

### **Activity 1.2.3 Develop a set of scenarios for the NMC with respect to future developments in key economic sectors, demographics and climate change patterns.**

This activity was completed around 2017-2018.

## CI and TNC levels

### **Activity 1.2.2 Map and value coastal and marine goods and services of the NMC, and link with the national Natural Capital accounts and processes (CI activity).**

Concerning CI, TORs were developed but it is expected that the Steering Committee will provide guidance and give clearance for NCS to hire a consultant to proceed with CI activity.

### **Activity 1.2.4 Assess the specific implications for each scenario in terms of blue economy potential and the SDG 14 targets (using, among others the INVEST scenario assessment toolkit) (TNC activity)**

It is requested that the Steering Committee approves that the NCS hires a consultant to undertake this activity as the partner pulled out.

**For the 2024 implementation period, the major focus will be on:**

## NCS level

### **Activity 1.1.4 Facilitate experience exchanges with relevant regional conventions (e.g. HELCOM) as well as other ongoing regional IOM processes (regional seas, EBSAs, Oceanscapes, etc.):**

Communication has been initiated via the Regional Seas Unit weekly newsletter providing updates for the NOCAMO project (i.e. partner meeting of June 23rd) to all the Regional Seas Conventions. It is a continuous process.

There could be an opportunity of collaboration on a Regional Seas Unit project related to the accountability and governance component for GBF, in which MSP component could be partnered with NOCAMO. The project is entitled Regional Seas Programme Coordination Project to Support the UNEP Governance and Accountability for Biodiversity Programme

The objective of the project is to strengthen the governance/policy framework and capacity of the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans (RSCAPs) for achievement of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) Goals and Targets. One of the project Output (1.4.) “*RSCAP strategies, protocols and action plans are updated with relevant GBF Goals and Targets and BBNJ*” includes a revision of regional and transboundary policies, strategies, and protocols addressing biodiversity loss and destruction of marine and coastal ecosystems, Marine Protected Areas (MPAs), integrated coastal zone management (ICZM) and marine spatial planning (MSP), in alignment with scientific data and information on biodiversity areas such as key biodiversity areas (KEBs), biodiversity hot spots, ecologically or biologically significant marine areas (EBSAs).

It will have to be discussed internally with the Regional Seas Unit and the NCS on this possible collaboration.

### **Activity 1.1.3 Establish links with relevant regional bodies, including Regional Economic Commissions (IOC, SADC, EAC, COMESA, RFMOs)**

The Nairobi Convention will convene the RECS on 4<sup>th</sup> of December 2023, in synergy with the Sapphire and ACP MEAs projects, with the goal to enquire about what synergies to be shared with RECS on different thematics (notably Blue Economy), and to give an overview of what NCS is implementing in terms of Ocean Governance. It will be an opportunity to showcase NCS projects and strengthen partnerships with RECs. The meetings with the RECS are taking place every 2 years.

Generally, NOCAMO could contribute to the ongoing partnership between the NCS and the RECs, which will help to achieve the long-term goals that all NCS projects are trying to achieve.

### **Activity 1.1.5 Support additional capacity in the NCS for a regional coordinating role in support of project implementation and guiding the MSP process**

Regarding the technical consultant, advertisement of TORs via UNON was done for 3 weeks and thirteen candidate applications were received.

The Secretariat will conduct an evaluation to get the most suitable candidate. The incumbent will pursue technical work on the MSP roadmap with the WWF team. Admitting that the consultant could start in January 2024, some various outputs will be expected all along the year:

#### January and February 2024

An inception report outlining the method and workplan for delivery of the consultancy  
The submission of a case for MSP in the WIO, concepts and methodology, drawing from the WIO MSP strategy, emphasising on readiness of MSP, institutional capacities, policies, and regulations, particularly in the NMC countries, giving examples of implementation where appropriate.

#### March 2024

An analysis report to showcase Component 1 activities and share best practices. Include in the report some elements about all MSP related training programs in the NMC countries, partners involved, participants and any resultant national MSP roadmaps.

#### April 2024

The submission of finalised geo-spatial analysis outputs related to the activities regarding MSP in the NMC region, showing spatial temporal maps and associated graphics.

#### May 2024

A report on key trends highlighting new or emerging issues to enrich the substantive work on the NOCAMO project and links with ongoing initiatives in the Western Indian Ocean region, to guide MSP in the NMC region

#### June 2024

A report on a common technical approach to support the Ocean Governance Strategy development process and blue economy in the WIO region, to be developed in synergy with the project managers of WIOSAP, SAPPHIRE, SWIOFC Partnership and ACP Meas projects.

#### July 2024

The submission of a succinct report providing guidance on potential activity extension from the technical reports received from technical partners, advising on the exhaustiveness of their contents, in component 1

#### August 2024



A finalised report showing the progress made on implementation of Marine Spatial Planning strategic framework at national levels.

**Activity 1.2.1 - Establish a dedicated online atlas that collects data across natural, social, economic and governance capitals**

Launch of the online atlas in 2024 with the expertise of a GIS company.

**Follow-up meetings with implementing partners and coordination**

Several follow-up and partner meetings to be planned next year on a basis of every 2 months, as a continuous process.

1. In January, a follow-up meeting will be organised with WWF jointly with NCS to organise the 2 day workshop led by WWF MDCO.
2. A two day workshop will be organised to develop a vision and roadmap for MSP in the NMC region, in February 2024
3. A Partner meeting will be planned in March 2024.

**MDCO level**

<b><u>Outcome 1.1. The institutional bases are laid; the countries are engaged in the MSP process and share the same vision for the region's future</u></b>				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
1.1.1. Support the national consultations, as appropriate, in Madagascar, Mozambique, Comoros and Tanzania to build commitment for a regionally and nationally aligned MSP processes, and which is aligned with the regional voluntary commitments to SDG14	Two-day workshop for the development of regional MSP roadmap and vision (February)	Joint workshop with Component 2 leader (WCS) to present the regional MSP roadmap and vision	Submission of regional MSP roadmap and vision to Nairobi COP	
1.1.2. Guide and support national multi-sectoral and multi-actor platforms to mainstream sustainability	Two-day workshop for the development			

principles in their respective MSP process; and support the future regional MSP platform to ensure coherence of national approaches on MSP	of regional MSP roadmap and vision (February)			
1.3.1. Assessing the appropriateness of existing spatial and temporal management tools and institutional arrangements, their potential gaps and points of conflicts	-	-	-	-
1.3.2 Based on the assessment of the specific implications for each scenario and the content of the future regional MSP strategy (and guidelines), develop and propose a more technical guideline designed to support the development and implementation of MSP by the NMC countries	Consultancy to update the scenarios			Consultancy to develop technical guideline based on updated scenarios and feedback from Nairobi Convention COP
1.3.3 Support national and regional level consultative processes to validate the regional MSP technical guideline, with a particular focus on integration with national level (MSP/ICZM) decision processes				Validation workshop for the NMC regional MSP roadmap and vision, as well as technical guideline

### CI and TNC levels

#### 1.2.2 Map and value coastal and marine goods and services of the NMC, and link with the national Natural Capital accounts and processes (CI activity).

The partner has pulled out, the Steering Committee should decide what could be done for that activity. In case this activity is continued and the budget allocated to it could be used, a consultant could be hired by NCS:

**In that case, several inputs will be expected all along the 7 month period of work:**

January 2024: a detailed workplan outlining the methodology and horizon scanning of the NMC region and an analysis of potential market-based and investment opportunities suited to goals of the NMC region.

February 2024 : the presentation of a list of the ecosystem's goods and services and their value

March 2024: An analysis report of the value chain of ecosystems goods and services based on existing economic data for NMC countries, considering both market and non-market values.

April 2024 : a risk assessment report and prioritised set of ecosystem services at risk.

May 2024 : a risk mitigation strategy, emphasising on the major threats to these marine ecosystems, including human activities and environmental stressors

June 2024: a financial model for analysing investment opportunities in the NMC region

July 2024: the submission of a recommendation report for sustainable management and conservation of marine ecosystems in the NMC region

**1.2.4 Assess the specific implications for each scenario in terms of blue economy potential and the SDG 14 targets (using, among others the INVEST scenario assessment toolkit) (TNC activity)**

The Steering Committee should decide what could be done for that activity as the partner pulled out.

**COMPONENT 2**

<b>Outcome 2.1. Policy and application of law are strengthened to implement regulation of the oil and gas sector in countries in the NMC region</b>		
	<b>Q1</b>	<b>Q2</b>
2.1.1 Development of an online Marine Biodiversity Atlas that can support decision-makers (relevant Ministries) to adequately implement the environmental and Oil & Gas regulations (Mozambique)	Official launch of the platform	-
2.1.2 Undertake a national policy gap analysis related to development of marine infrastructure and industry (Madagascar)	Revise the draft policy gap analysis as needed	-
2.1.3 Undertake a national policy gap analysis related to development of marine infrastructure and industry (Tanzania)	Revise the draft policy gap analysis as needed	-
<b>Outcome 2.2. Tailored guidance of best practices leading to the protection of priority biodiversity and ecosystem services of the NMC area, are proposed for the development and evaluation of environmental case law for oil and gas exploration and exploitation (baseline, EIA, SEA,...), and for the development of MSP related to oil and gas initiatives</b>		



	Q1	Q2
2.2.1 Selection of the biodiversity components for which the guidelines should be developed and support on its development (FFI)	-	-
2.2.2 Review of international best practices (FFI)	Complete the review of international best practice (desk analysis)	-
2.2.3 Develop best practice guidance adapted to the context of the NCM for EIAs, SEAs, MSPs and Biodiversity Action Plans for technicians from regulatory bodies, taking into account priorities for the protection of marine biodiversity and ecosystem services (FFI)	Complete the development of guidelines in line with best practice outlined above	Complete the development of guidelines in line with best practice outlined above
<b>Outcome 2.3: Governments, regional organizations and CSOs/NGOs have increased capacity to implement best-practice policy and guidelines for oil and gas developments in the NMC region</b>		
	Q1	Q2
2.3.1. National training of regulatory agencies, project developers, Oil & Gas companies and other sectors on how to apply the mitigation hierarchy to avoid significant impacts of development projects on priority marine and coastal biodiversity, with focus on the guidelines developed under activity 2.2.1. (Mozambique)	-	Conduct at least one additional training
2.3.2. Training to the national civil society platform for the extractive industry to increase its capacity on impact mitigation on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (Mozambique)	-	Conduct at least one additional training
2.3.3. Build capacity of government, private sector and civil society personnel on use and implementation of good practice guidance (Madagascar)	-	Conduct at least two trainings, including a field visit
2.3.4. Build national capacities to adopt best practice guidelines and improved policy (Tanzania)	-	Conduct at least one training



2.3.5. Development of a national roadmap on policy recommendations and adoption of good practice guidance (Madagascar)	Complete the development of the road map based on the policy gap analysis	-
2.3.6. Improve regional and global uptake of good practice related to marine infrastructure and industry through public outreach (WCS)	-	Identify key meetings and events at regional and national level where we have leverage to influence policy

### COMPONENT 3

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
<b>Outcome 3.1 Establish a CBNRM learning network across the SWIO region</b>				
Output 3.1.1 Map learning (or training) institutions and compile identified effective practice models.	Regional desktop review of CBNRM learning institutions and best practices			
Output 3.1.2 Assess capacity building needs of the coastal communities	Make Elinor tool available for partners to conduct needs assessments		Use of Elinor tool by implementing partners	
Output 3.1.3 Convene a regional workshop to establish a learning network and share effective practice models		Regional workshop to bringing learning institutions together and share on best practices		
Output 3.1.4 Establish an online		Determine an effective online	Make tools and learning materials available on the portal	

portal and platform to enable access to learning material, tool kits, guides, etc and access to a community of practice		sharing portal	
<b>Outcome 3.2 Undertake learning activities to accelerate impact beyond the project timeframe</b>			
Output 3.2.2 Establish a shared vision of CBNRM through a shared Theory of Change		validate the shared vision during the regional workshop	
Output 3.2.2 Summarise evidence to support the ToC, identify key assumptions and summarise evidence to support these			
Output 3.2.3 Identify most promising CBNRM models and facilitate learning exchanges to learn together			activities to take place based on the outcomes of the regional workshop
Output 3.2.4 Write these up as case studies			produce a regional report compiling case studies - based on outcomes from the regional workshop

**Decisions requested from the PSC**

1. Noting of the 2023 progress report
2. Noting and approval of the revised 2024 workplan