



Coordinated Ocean and Coastal Ecosystem Management Approach in South Africa

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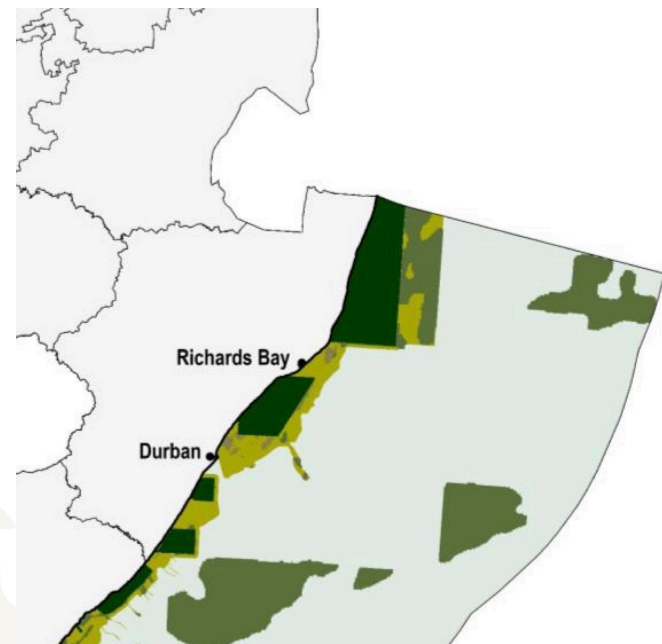
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INTRODUCTIONS

- The aim of the project is to support South Africa in implementing activities which will lead to a *Coordinated Ocean and Coastal Ecosystem Management Approach in the Country*.
- The agreement was to *develop three (3) integrated oceans and coasts* demonstration site plans as pilots to contribute to the broader implementation of the South Africa's **Marine Spatial Planning Framework**, and potential replication in other WIO countries.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- The overall objective of the project is to contribute to the SAPPHIRE principal goal of achieving effective *long-term marine and coastal ecosystem management in the Western Indian Ocean LMEs* in line with the Strategic Action Programme as endorsed by the participating countries.
- Specifically, the project contributes to attainment of the SAPPHIRE project's **Component 1** on *Supporting Policy Harmonization and Management Reforms towards improved ocean governance*.

PROGRESS

Start (PCA 1 – 1st Year)

End (PCA 1 – 1st Year)

Outstanding



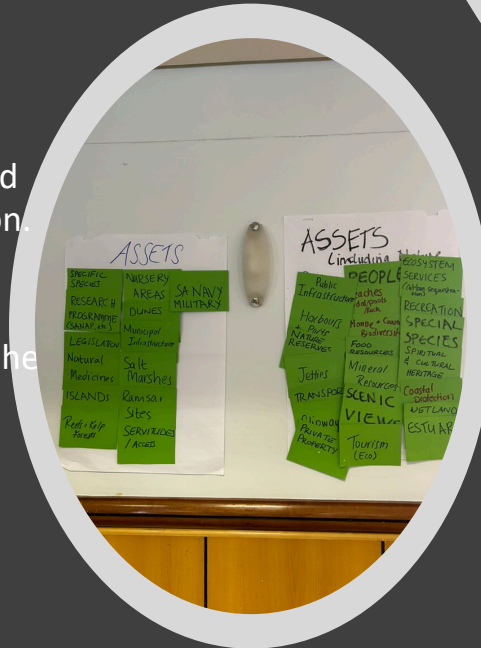
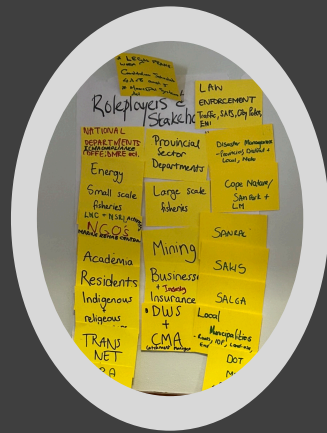
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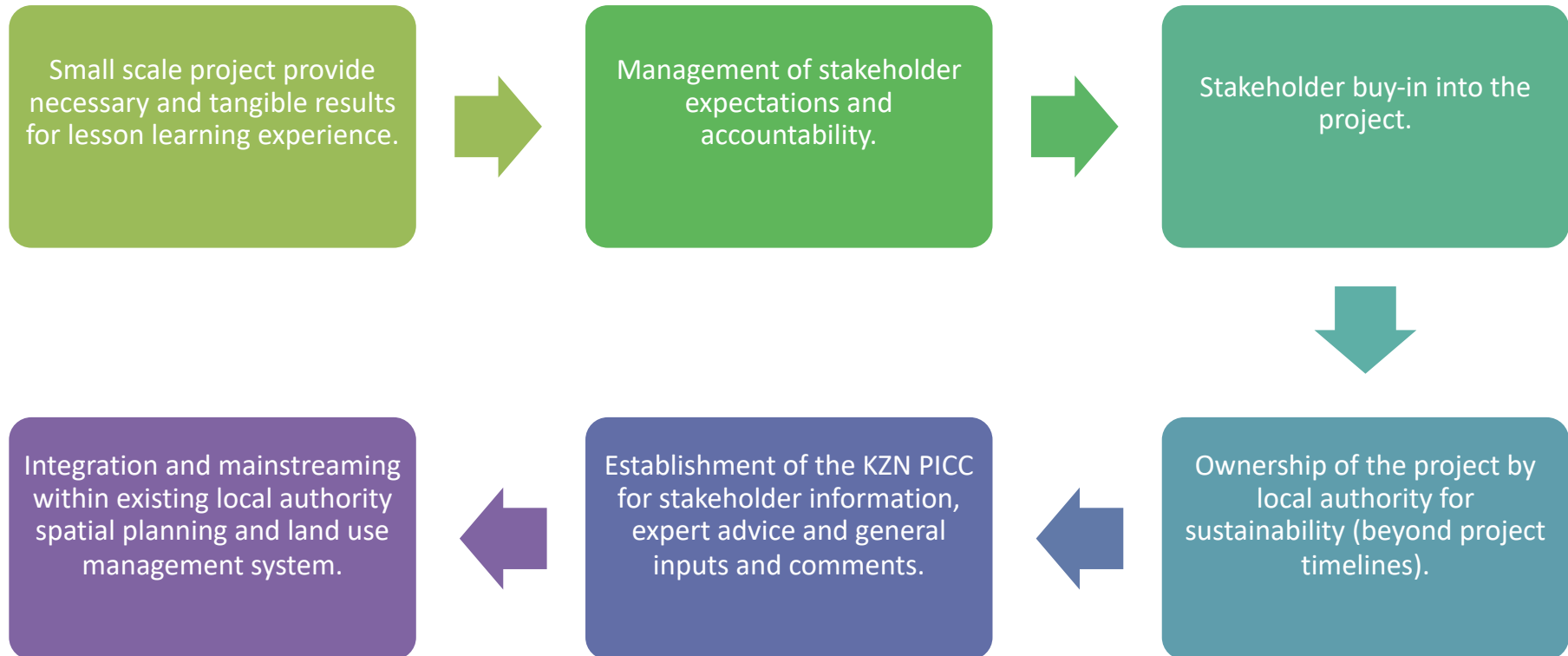
Start (PCA 2 – 2st Year)

LESSON LEARNED

- Creating multi stakeholder working group at a site specific focus area (National, Provincial, Local authority involvement) in KwaZulu Natal.
- Willingness to collaborate, participate, share information and ownership of the project.
- Inclusion of management authorities, Entities and Agencies, communities and non governmental authorities.
- Indepth understanding of legislative implications and fragmentation, including lack of policy harmonisation.
- Wealth of knowledge and information from stakeholders on sector management issues.
- Institutional Mandates and conflicts which hinders the implementation of programmes



BEST PRACTICES





CHALLENGES

- Two year not enough for comprehensive lesson learning on MSP process.
- Lack of climate change information in the MSP process.
- Slow pace of integrating LSI within MSP / ICM process.
- Contract splitting – from 2 years to 1 year contract. Further creates lack of continuity.
- Contract negotiations taking too long to finalise.
- Miss alignment of the UNDP & UNEP agreement and the service provider time frames.
- Inconsistencies of project management team (especially finance team members).
- New project requires lots of engagements to have a buy in from stakeholders, which results in more meetings than anticipated.
- Many approaches of MSP undertaken in South Africa – thus creates confusion.

WAY FORWARD

- The PSC to note the progress and appreciate the work done thus far.
- The PSC to note that the PCA 2 has been submitted and await finalization.
- The PSC to agree on the continuation of the PCA 2 and approve it for implementation.
- Fast track the approval of the PCA 2 to commence work early January 2024.
- Fast Track contract agreement for PCA 2 with appointed service provider (extension addendum).
- The PSC to note that there's an outstanding request of support for the NICC in South Africa for national level implementation.

THANK YOU!

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