

SAPPHIRE Project - Progress with workplan for 2021

Component	Planned Activities	Timeframe												Progress update
Component 1: Supporting Policy Harmonization and Management Reforms towards improved ocean governance	Outcome 1.1. Policy, legislative and institutional reforms and realignment in support of the SAP are implemented at national and regional level as appropriate, with emphasis given to strengthening and supporting existing processes and mechanisms including regional bodies (such as Conventions, Commissions, and Regional Scientific Bodies). Coordination and management mechanism are strengthened at both national and regional levels													
	Ongoing activities	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	
	1.1.1 MEDA update													Timelines extended. First drafts received from Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius and Seychelles. Good progress in Comoros, South Africa, Tanzania. Mozambique to provide progress update. Somalia about to begin. Mada and Comoros to be assisted with translation of MEDA outputs. WIOMSA to lead review process with FARI, WIO-C.
	1.1.2 Demonstration Projects: on review of national policy, legislative and institutional reforms and facilitate realignment in support of SAP implementation (Madagascar, Comoros, Mozambique)													Good progress in Mada and Comoros and interim reports received. Delays in Mozambique. Work to start in June 21.
	New Activities													
	1.1.3 Annual Science to Policy preparation and meetings													Complete – recommendations for decisions to be discussed with FPs and drafted for COP 10 later in 2021. During the Science-to-Policy dialogue held from 23 – 25 March 2021, 33 papers on issues of importance in the WIO region, ranging from Ocean Governance and Ocean Finance to Ecosystem Management and the role of private sector in management of ocean resources, among others, were discussed. Shared activity with Component 4.
	1.1.4 3 rd Annual PSC Meeting													Complete, March 21 – Workplan and Budget for 2021 approved.
	1.1.5 10 th NC COP													Delayed to November 2021 – Possibly virtual
1.1.6 Support the update of ASCLME Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA) and development of combined SAP for WIO region													TORs for WIOMSA being adapted to include MEDA review process	

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	1.1.7 Demonstration Projects: on review national policy, legislative and institutional reforms (South Africa, Tanzania mainland, Somalia - component 1 and 4)															PCA for SA completed; TZ proposal under review; Somalia proposal to be developed.
Outcome 1.2: Technical and institutional capacity developed to deliver Knowledge-Based Governance approaches by delivering scientific results to management and policy makers for adaptive management decision-making																
Ongoing Activities																
	1.2.1 Conduct assessment and develop regional Ecosystem Monitoring indicators and framework															Draft completed, to be reviewed by relevant regional task teams before finalisation.
	1.2.2 Develop Regional Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) Strategy for WIO region															Draft Strategy and Policy Brief completed. Final editing and endorsement pending.
New activities																
	1.2.3 Support pilot studies on ecosystem goods and services and deliver cost-benefit analyses at both national and regional level (TBCA between Kenya and Tanzania)															SSFA signed 26 May 21.
	1.2.4 Support to RECs to develop Blue Economy mechanisms (Component 1 and 4)															SADC proposal developed and under review.
Outcome 1.3. Collaborative and cooperative mechanisms agreed and strengthened between national, regional and global partners and stakeholders																
New Activities																
	1.3.1 Support countries to participate at different appropriate coordination meetings in the interests of SAP implementation	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Virtual engagements encouraged in the absence of face to face meetings		

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	1.3.2 Organize a series of consultation workshops with IGOs (RECs and AU and others) on ocean governance and blue economy to support the implementation of SAP in the WIO region														First meeting of 'Core Group' held on 26 April where draft action plan for the way forward was discussed. Series of virtual meetings focusing on specific sectors or subjects planned to inform strategy development process.
	1.3.3 Knowledge and communication products prepared and disseminated														Led by our communication team, various communication materials are prepared and shared to promote the activities listed here, including newsletters and news bytes on social media. Publication of various Strategies and Frameworks planned for 2021.
Component 2: Stress Reduction through Community Engagement and Empowerment in Sustainable Resources Management	Outcome 2.1. Integrating the Ecosystem-based Management approach into existing Local Economic Development Plans at selected communities Pilot level and stress reduction demonstrated and captured for replication														
	Ongoing activities	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D		
	2.1.1 Demonstration project on strengthening sectoral policy and co-management of natural resources for better conservation of marine and coastal ecosystems in Comoros														Good progress, interim reports received for review.
	New Activities														
	2.1.2 Demonstration project on Community Based Mussel Aquaculture on Inhaca Island-Maputo Province to Promote Ecosystem Based Resources Management in Mozambique														Proposal under review, requires improvement.
2.1.3 Demonstration project on Climate-Smart Design for Diani-Chale Marine Ecosystem management and Improved Livelihoods of the Coastal Communities in Kenya														SSFA in process of being signed with KWS	

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	Outcome 2.2. Stress reduction through ecosystem-based practices among artisanal and subsistence fisheries														
	New Activities														
	2.2.1 Demonstration project on a local governance method for fishing resources in ten villages from the Sofia Region-Madagascar: mangrove crab <i>Scylla serrata</i> sector's case														SSFA in process of being signed.
	2.2.2 Demonstration project on strengthening community-based EBM approaches in Subsistence and Small-Scale Artisanal Fisheries for Sustainable livelihoods and Management of Pemba Channel Conservation Area (PECCA), Zanzibar, Tanzania														SSFA in process of being signed. Additional fisheries related activities to be supported by SWIOFC/NC Partnership project.
Component 3: Stress Reduction through Private Sector/Industry Commitment to transformations in their operations and management practices	Outcome 3.1. Stress reduction within the LME through more effective and 'hands-on' Private Sector engagement and participation in SAP implementation and through risk reduction and contingency response mechanisms using public-private sector partnership agreements along with regional partners														
	Ongoing activities	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D		
	3.1.1 Development of a Framework for Private Sector engagement														Complete. In process of publication by NC Secretariat
	New Activities														
	3.1.2 Private sector engagement implementation														Support being provided to multi-stakeholder initiative led by WIOGI Project (GIZ and NC) designed to bring private sector and others together to support regional processes.
3.1.3 Process towards a regional oil spill response mechanism (consultant and meetings)														-Discussions are ongoing with IOC and IMO to collaborate in the implementation of actions and the way forward agreed to at the regional workshop on cooperation in preparedness and response to	

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															marine spills, which took place in Zanzibar, Tanzania from 03 - 05 March 2020 -The PMU shared a template with participating countries to share contact persons and addresses for future engagement. Responses have been received from Comoros, Kenya, Mauritius, Mozambique, Somalia and Zanzibar. -The first meeting on implementation of the action and way forward agreed to at the Zanzibar regional workshop took place on 05 May 2021.
	3.1.4 Support to Mauritius post Wakashio spill														Budget has been approved to assist Mauritius as required.
Component 4: Delivering best practices and lessons through innovative ocean governance demonstration	Outcome 4.1. Identifying innovative management options for High Seas areas within LMEs														
	New activities	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D		
	4.1.1 ABNJ Background paper development (consultancy)														Work with FFEM-funded DiDeM Project to prepare background information on ABNJs/BBNJ in the WIO to inform ongoing Ocean Governance dialogues.
	4.1.2 Regional ABNJ meeting linking MSP as a planning tool														Virtual regional workshop planned to discuss area based planning in terms of Ocean Governance in the WIO. JMA Demo project to provide practical examples of options.
	Outcome 4.2. Demonstrating innovative management options within specific marine space within the WIO LME														
	Ongoing Activities														
4.2.1 Support scientific research and capacity building initiatives for improved ocean governance and adaptive management															- Kenya – The work on oceanographic research is led by the Kenya Marine and Fisheries research institute. The partner has undertaken cruises at the North Kenya Banks to collect biotic and abiotic data which will be analysed and a publication developed. The research work will inform a policy brief to inform ocean policy task forces, water management authorities and other national/ environmental and marine policy bodies.

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															<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Due to delays caused by COVID – 19 restrictions, the project will be extended to 30 November 2021 to allow the partner to accomplish the planned activities. - Tanzania - The work on oceanographic research is led by the Institute of Marine Sciences. The partner has analyzed oceanographic data from the Agulhas II cruise as well as data collected between Tanzania mainland and Zanzibar Island during North and South East Monsoon periods. The partner will use the data to develop publications and a policy brief on mainstreaming oceanographic data in management of coastal and marine ecosystems. Due to delays caused by COVID – 19 restrictions, the project will be extended to 31 August 2021 to allow the partner to accomplish the planned activities.
	New Activities														
	4.2.2 Demonstration Projects: on review national policy, legislative and institutional reforms (South Africa, Tanzania mainland, Somalia - component 1 and 4)														These projects are shared between Component 1 and 4. PCA for SA completed; TZ proposal under review; Somalia proposal to be developed.
	4.2.3 Support to RECs to develop Blue Economy mechanisms (Component 1 and 4)														SADC has submitted a draft proposal for consideration for support to development of Blue Economy Strategy.
Component 5: Capacity Development to Realize improved ocean governance in the WIO region	Outcome 5.1. Capacity for improved Ocean Governance strengthened through training and support														
	New activities	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D		
	5.1.1 Capacity building on local fisheries management and ecosystem conservation initiatives in Seychelles														Concept received. Development of full proposal invited.
	5.1.3 MSP training at regional and local level as per MSP strategy recommendations														Training workshops ongoing with MSP Technical Working group in collaboration with SWaM.

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	5.1.4 IOI Regional Ocean Governance training (virtual)																																								Training for 25 practitioners from the WIO to take place through a 1-month online course scheduled for September 2021. This is designed to support the OG Strategy Development process.
	5.1.5 Women’s Leadership training #3 (in person)																																								Third training of Women Leaders scheduled for October/November 2021. Support provided for establishment of Women’s Leaders Network launched on 29 April 2021.

Note: Mid-term evaluation is not included in this Workplan but is proposed for June to August 2021. Draft ToRs developed. Consultant to be recruited by UNDP as Implementing Agency. Engagement expected between the Consultant and FPs and IPs to assess progress with the overall SAPPHIRE Project. Important process in adaptive management in the face of impacts such as Covid-19.