

Annex 2 – Interim Progress Report *(to be submitted together with the Interim Financial Report)*

1. Identification:

Partners Name: **WWF - Kenya**

Budget line: **BAC SSFA/2019/2442**

POW 2014-2015 Sub-programme: **GEF Project ID:4940**

Expected Accomplishment(s): **Kilifi County Spatial Plan developed and incorporated local, national, and global conservation priorities**

Output(s):

- **Marine spatial planning framework influenced (ICZM incorporated in the County Spatial Plan)**
- **Digital data management systems strengthened (with the establishment of GIS Lab and installation of Geodatabase)**
- **Approved land use zonation and CESA maps (as part of the gazetted County Spatial Plan)**

Title of the approved PRC project: **Towards Integrated Spatial Planning for Sustainable Management of Coastal and Marine Resources in Kilifi County**

SSFA starting date: **13th /12/2019**

Reporting period: from **31st /01/2022 to 30/11/2022**

2. Summary of Status:

Brief description of the status of implementation of the SSFA at the time of reporting and progress towards achieving SSFA's objective

The project's implementation took longer than planned due to the Covid-19 pandemic, which led to a lockdown. The WWF Kenya office was placed under a lockdown and staff were not allowed to travel for activities. However, we managed to virtually undertake most activities which did not require physical meetings and also covered some literature review to prepare the team in getting the required information and data required to achieve the set objectives.

Bearing in mind the need to conduct a robust stakeholder engagement process, we also reached out to the county to liaise with the various Sub-County and ward administrators to communicate the intent to finalize the Kilifi County Spatial Plan and the need to have their input. This enabled public participation and timely completion of the plan ahead of the general elections.

Partnerships is key in spatial planning. Having reviewed the draft plan and identified the marine component gap, we reached out to CORDIO East Africa with an intention of having their technical input. This was due to the fact that, CORDIO has been doing a lot of research along the Kenyan Coast and would provide a lot of data required to plan for marine resources within

the jurisdiction of the County. We also engaged Nature Kenya to provide input to Key Biodiversity Areas.

The County Government played a very active and positive role led by the technical officers who provided leadership, coordination, and invaluable information to having the plan improved and finalized. Eventually the County Assembly carried out their constitutional role of debating, approving and handing over the Spatial Plan for gazettment.

Additional funding of USD 60,000 enabled the process of supporting county assembly planning committee sessions as well as the county executive teams to scrutinize the Plan, engage in public participation, and draft the approval notice. These resources also provided for the publication of the gazette notice in the national newspapers and the Kenya Gazette. In the end, with these resources, we were able to design and print the final full spatial plan and popular version and prepare material and merchandise for the eventual launch of the plan by H.E. The Governor assisted by WWF Kenya’s CEO and Board Member. The launch was well attended by persons from all walks of life including politicians, partners, and members of the general public. There was wide media coverage of the event and copies of the plan were distributed for public consumption.

3. Activity delivery status

Activity	Description of work undertaken during reporting period	Deliverables	Delivery date	Status of Activity (complete/ on-going/ delayed)	Comments - brief description of implementing challenges, strategy/actions which have been adopted to address these challenges and planned actions to mitigate any identified risks
Meeting of the County Assembly Planning Committee	Development of the Roadmap for finalizing and approving the County Spatial Plan	Roadmap for CSP finalisation	3 rd Feb 2022	Completed	Tight timelines with general elections approaching. Mitigated by solidly agreeing and giving full responsibility of tasks to the individual members of the committee
Procurement of GIS lab equipment and setting up of the GIS Lab	Procuring computers, screens, server, large format scanner and plotter, furniture and networking equipment and subsequent setup of the GIS Lab at Kilifi County’s Ardhi House	Established Modern GIS Lab	17 th June 2022	Completed	The setting aside of the GIS space in a new building took so long. Mitigated by purchasing equipment and keeping them at WWF offices as the space was being completed.
Technical work session for the final approved version and popular version	After approval (with amendments) of the Spatial Plan by the County Assembly, the Technical (core team) of WWF, TUK, County, met to incorporate the comments and produce a final CSP for design and printing	Final CSP and Popular version	23 rd June 2022	Completed	Went smoothly without any challenges

Design and publication of the Final CSP and accompanying material for Launch	Production of CSP materials for the launch and for dissemination to the public through wide circulation	Final CSP and Popular version + Posters and Banners for launch	4 th July 2022	Completed	Was completed within tight timelines.
Launch and dissemination of the CSP and GIS Lab launch	Official launch of the completed CSP and its dissemination for the public to be made aware that they have a document against which to hold their leaders to account in its implementation	Launch Event	25 th July 2022	Completed	Logistical challenges due to late communication of launch date (with Nairobi Convention not being able to attend) and impeding general elections. Mitigated by having in place an event planner working with the core team, though it could not cure inability to attend by key partners who required sufficient lead time to participate
Translation of the Popular version of the CSP into Swahili	Translation services by competent firms for purposes of wider dissemination of the CSP to a coastal community that mostly speaks Swahili	A Swahili Popular version of the CSP	20 th December 2022	Ongoing	Procurement delays. Mitigated by direct follow-up of the bidders though still delayed but now on course

4. List of attached documents

(for example, publications, meeting reports, participants list, reports of workshops, etc.)

1. The full version of the County Spatial Plan
2. The Popular Version of the County Spatial Plan (CSP)
3. County Assembly CSP Approval Notice
4. Numerous materials produced and used during the official launch of the CSP

Signature:



Date: 7th December 2022

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