

## **Towards Integrated Spatial Planning for Sustainable Management of Coastal and Marine Resources in Kilifi County, Kenya Demo Project Progress Interview**

### **Meeting minutes**

**Date: 02 September 2021**

**Venue: Microsoft Teams**

### **Opening**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 hrs (EAT) with Angela welcoming all in attendance and thanking them for creating time to attend the meeting. This was followed by a brief introduction of all in attendance.

The purpose of this meeting was to get the updates of the Towards Integrated Spatial Planning for Sustainable Management of Coastal and Marine Resources in Kilifi County, Kenya, challenges they are facing and support they may need from the Convention.

### **Min 01: Project Progress**

- On progress implementation:
  - Objective of project was to finalize the spatial plan that was already in existence and so far, they have managed to obtain the draft from Technical University of Kenya and Kilifi County- who partnered to develop it
  - Successfully brought together key persons including representatives from the National Lands Commission, CEC and Technical University of Kenya to work on developing the draft plan further and filling in gaps
  - TUK presented baselines and conducted a situation analysis.
  - They have also developed a roadmap to fill in gaps in the spatial plan- established teams to be responsible for the different components: database and GIS
  - Have developed maps that show ecological sensitivities
  - The County has delayed the completion of a GIS lab – the process has started but is not complete
  - They will be acquiring high performance computers and servers. Setting up the lab will cost 2.8 million shillings. Mr. Zachary also said he would share photos of the GIS lab layout, which should be complete and operational in about 4 weeks.
  - GIS training for GIS colleagues will be carried out so that they are able to track implementation of projects
  - Held a technical workshop with partners, stakeholders and sector-specific organizations like Cordio East Africa and Nature Kenya, where they discussed the plan. This process edged them closer to the finalization of the plan. They also involved partners in the environmental conservation field, who brought in data – that is being used by GIS colleagues who have built the database, updated it and developed maps. They will share a report of the workshop.

- As the County does not have the mandate to do 200 nautical miles of the exclusive economic zone, they have done 12 nautical miles of the territorial waters where county has oversight to enforce zoning
- They are now yet to package the document, after which they will share it with the executive, and the Kilifi county committee in charge of lands and planning for review.
- Looking to launch it in November 2021
- **Min02: Communication Needs**
  - Mr. Maritim mentioned that they would need help from the Convention with packaging of the County Spatial Plan
  - In order to get the plan approved and gazetted, they will need advocacy materials such as infographics showing how important the county spatial plan is to decision makers.
  - They also need community participation (along with advocacy work) – communication that would enhance this would be helpful
  - There is also a need to demonstrate to the county assembly why a spatial plan is important to help them approve it.
  - It would be helpful for them to show comparisons that show how communities have changed/transformed by spatial planning in 5 years
  - Zach to share photos of people and places since the inception of the project. He can also share workshop reports.
  - Simplified, popular versions of the whole plan, in maps and pictures only, to show the communities how their territories have been zoned out. For example, the structure plan of the whole county, on a poster (have it in GIS, could send in Illustrator or whatever is useful)

### **Min03: Impact of COVID-19 to the project implementation**

- There has been a challenge with active community participation, especially with validation of the CSP
- They usually carry out a 2-step engagement plan:
  - 1. Zoning and; 2. Validating - Lack of validation from the community has been constant risk- they have had issues before at Lake Kenyatta\*, where zoning was not consistent with community expectations, and they fear a repeat scenario
- Their options have been:
  - Forcibly removing people from buffer zones
  - Implementing a resettlement action plan
  - Capacity building with the private landowners – this is the only viable plan they have

### **Min04: Lessons learnt**

- It is very important to engage public institutions, non-state actors and the community in activities, because then you stand a chance of doing it better and in a shorter time. TUK

conducted a lot of desk work, which caused a lot of gaps to be filled in on the first draft of the Spatial Plan

- Spatial plans shouldn't be expensive to prepare

Closing

There being no other matter the meeting came to a close at 11:20Hrs.

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