



WIOSAP MTR RECOMMENDATIONS ACTION PLAN

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Recommendation 1

- Revise the WIO-SAP Project Results Framework (PRF).
- There are inconsistencies between the description of the outputs and activities in the Project Document and the quantitative end-of-project targets in the PRF.
- The changed targets reflect the current implementation status of the demonstration projects.

Strategy:

Revised PRF is ready, final review and presentation during PSC for approval

When: Done



Recommendation 2

Develop indicators on gender mainstreaming and integrate them into the PRF and the monitoring system.

- The PRF does not contain disaggregated indicators showing participation of women in the project's activities.
- The PRF should develop quantitative end-of-project targets within the existing indicators.



Strategy:

To be presented as part of the revised PRF above.

When: At the PSC

Recommendation 3

Review all pending activities and outputs and decide on how best to implement them, and which institutions could assist them.

Although the PMU is fully staffed, it should be considered to hire additional assistance to secure the full implementation of the planned activities



Strategy:

- ✓ Prepare a matrix of pending activities,
- ✓ Determine resource requirements, timelines
- ✓ Ensure appropriate capacitation for effective delivery
(Jared/Jane/Nathan)

**Status: Workplan for 2022 and 2023 already revised/developed,
budget revision underway**

When: 1 month

Recommendation 4

**Improve reporting on co-financing.
Prepare annual co-financing reports containing, as a minimum, the information on the amount of annual co-financing provided by each partner;.**

- The current system of co-financing reporting is very basic and it contains only the figure of reported co-financing by the implementing partner with no further analysis.

Strategy:

Direct engagement with FPs and assigning a team of two colleagues internally to follow up on this and offer FPs any necessary support

When: 3 months and beyond



Recommendation 5

Step up efforts towards implementing partners to provide co-financing in accordance with their pledges.

Current level of co-financing is below expectation, and a large number of implementing partners has reported no co-financing at all.

Strategy:

Regular follow through with IPs as part of reporting schedule

When: Until the closure of the project



Recommendation 6:

Prepare exit/sustainability strategy for WIO-SAP. This should include a strategy for sustaining all the WIO-SAP partnerships, as well as national implementation committees and local communities that have participated in demonstration projects.

- Important to facilitate uptake and sustainability of the project results.
- The strategy should consider the post-WIO-SAP activities and consider new financing in addition to those already secured.



Strategy:

1. Already 3 projects secured bringing in about US\$19M co-financing to WIOSAP
2. Pipeline funding (GEF, GCF);
3. Hire a consultant to work with IPs and partners to develop exit/sustainability

Status:

1. GEF 8 consideration;
2. GCF;
3. Should explore more bilateral funding from Public sector to complement SIDA

When: 12 months

Recommendation 8

Raise awareness on the value of demonstration projects for the local communities.

- The project has integrated many local communities in implementation of local demonstration projects, with tangible results achieved.
- The project's communications products do not specifically target the local population and explain the value added of the initiatives that they participate in.

Strategy:

Hire a comms consultant to develop human stories on project success targeting local communities in beneficiary countries (Angela/Melissa working with IPs);

When: 4 months



Recommendation 9

Accelerate efforts towards Nairobi Convention Contracting Parties to adopt/sign the ICZM protocol and target several countries that might ratify it.

- This activity has been delayed, partly because of the complexity of a negotiation and development process and impacts of COVID-19.

Strategy:

Convening a physical meeting of Plenipotentiaries by Q4

When: Until the closure of the project



Recommendation 10:

Implementation of the Water Quality Monitoring Framework/Guidelines and associated capacity building at national level.

This should be ramped up in the remaining period in order to achieve this outcome's major end-of-project target.

Strategy:

Contracting CSIR in the next 2 months as key partner to:

1. Support development of national WQ monitoring frameworks barring country requests/engagements,
2. then national level capacity building (Jared/Tim/Theuri)

Actions:

1. Regional WQ workshop on the framework and guidelines held in Nov last year focusing on RTF on WQ and regional WQ experts, some countries requested for national level support

When: Until the closure of the project



Recommendation 11

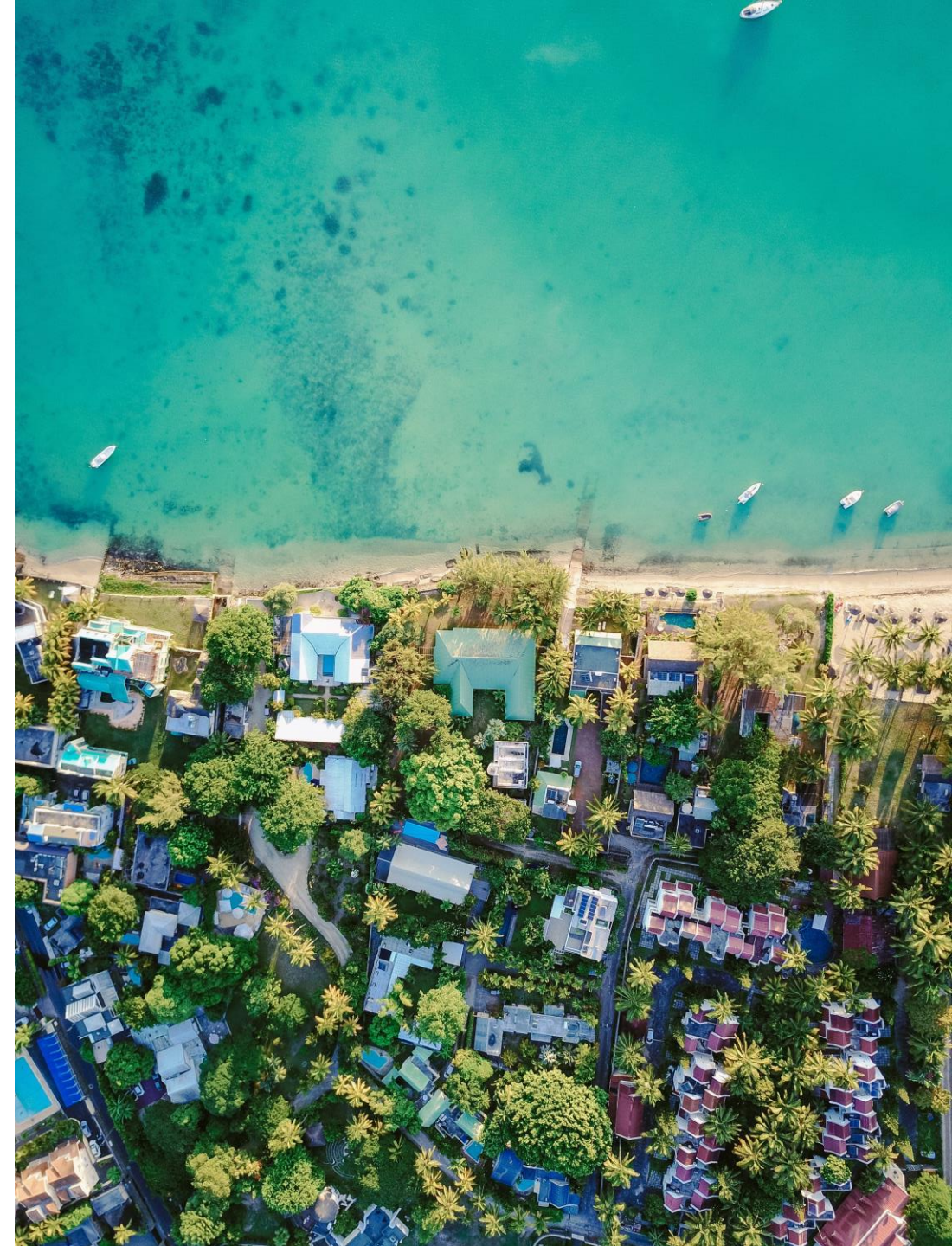
Accelerate efforts towards all Nairobi Convention Contracting Parties that have not signed the LBSA Protocol yet to sign it, and towards 2 countries to ratify it.

Full implementation of the LBSA Protocol will be possible when the majority of Contracting Parties ratify the protocol.

Strategy:

Actively engage South Africa, France, Kenya and Madagascar to track progress and any support for ratification (Jared/Jane)

When: Until the closure of the project



Recommendation 12

Implementing partners should begin consolidating and documenting lessons, good practices, and experiences, and increasing interaction with each other. The WIO-SAP PMU should promote opportunities for systematic sharing of knowledge and experiences through Clearing House Mechanism, for example, regular webinars and workshops and exchange visits of project participants.

- Lessons, good practices, and experiences are already being generated, particularly by some of the national and local demonstration projects. Implementing partners can benefit from sharing of these outputs during ongoing project execution.



Strategy:

Three actions proposed:

1. Hiring MEL expert to capture lessons learnt and ensure uploading to the CHM;
2. Organising thematic webinars with relevant partners to promote project success and share lessons learnt; and
3. Organize targeted exchange visits e.g., between WQ projects, EFAs, restoration and community livelihoods; 4. 12th WIOMSA Symposium

Actions:

1. Regional Marine Litter Workshop with WIOMSA, UNEP GPA;
2. Special session at 12th WIOMSA Symposium (FARI and WIOMSA);
3. Mini-symposium on S2S with SwAM, SA Government, SUA, Southern Waters;
4. MPA capacity building and WIO MPN

When: Until the closure of the project



Recommendation 13

The countries should consider further actions to accelerate implementation of MSP in the region, possibly by developing a project proposal to be financed by GEF. The MSP projects should be implemented nationally or in the transboundary context.

- Under the assumption that an enabling environment was created with the implementation of the MSP Strategy, capacity building, management plans and mapping of resources, the desirable future step would be to develop concrete planning projects that will include all relevant stakeholders and will consider, among others, **Marine Protected Areas and the accelerating action towards integration of the Blue Economy in the WIO Region.**





Strategy:

- GEF 8 proposal focusing on MSP, MPAs, LLMAs, Ocean Governance (Combining targets in ASCLME and WIOSAP SAPs;
- Engage GEF IWs for advice on submission

When:

- 12 months

Recommendation 14:

Develop a proposal for a “no-cost” extension of the project for 12 months until December 2023 to allow sufficient time to achieve outcomes that have been delayed.

- The project had a slow start and was affected by the COVID-19 pandemics. In addition, some activities have been over ambitiously planned.

Strategy:

- Convening of 6th PSC and present on project progress and MTR report for consideration and approval
- 2022/23 workplans/budgets revised to reflect pending work and requested extension of the project to Dec 2023



Recommendation 15

Expedite disbursement of additional support approved by PSC to qualified IPs:

Eleven IPs qualified to receive additional having successfully met the PSC approved criteria to enhance success/impact of respective demo projects. Project extension is critical for successful utilization of the additional support.



Strategy:

Convening of PSC for extension as already advised by IA. Preliminary consultations on this extension already held with IA for concurrence but PSC action required for formal request to IA and GEF.

Status: SSFAs amendments in drafts already awaiting extension approval

When: 2 weeks

Amplification Of WIOSAP Outcomes

The strong point of the project is integration of a large group of stakeholders in its implementation, thus raising the opportunities for the project's long-term sustainability.

- Local communities have a strong say in the management of the demonstration projects.
- The PMU is efficiently managing this complex project.

Immense Support:

Internal, regional experts, NICs, FPs, PSC, strategic partnerships



Strategies

1. Strengthening/deepening of these partnerships
2. Ensuring institutional custody of developed frameworks, guidelines, strategies: 20 regional outputs either singly or in collaboration with other NC projects
3. Cascading these regional outputs to national level
4. Partners owning project interventions for enhanced ramped up awareness
5. Exchange programmes between IPs.



Requests to the PSC

1. To note the Action Plan on implementation of the MTR recommendations
2. **Offer advice and approve** the Action Plan to guide project implementation in this final phase
3. **Approve project extension to Dec 2023** as recommended by the MTR due to the unprecedented COVID disruption during which more than 1 year was lost and over ambitious nature of some of the project interventions.



Thank You

