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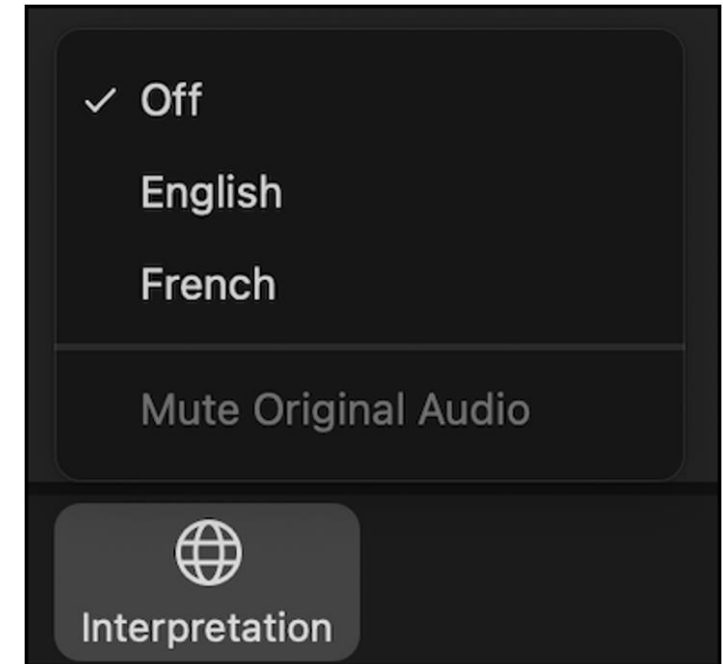
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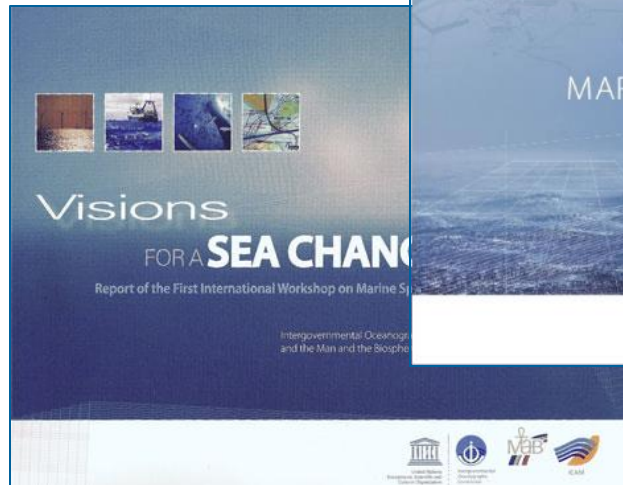


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UNESCO-IOC experience with MSP

- International guidance
- Capacity development

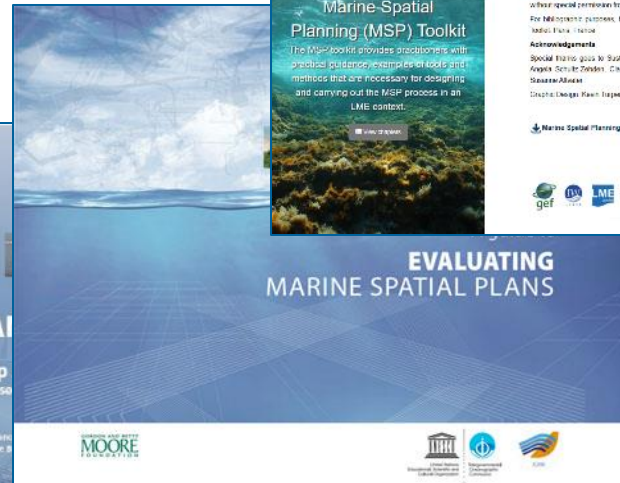
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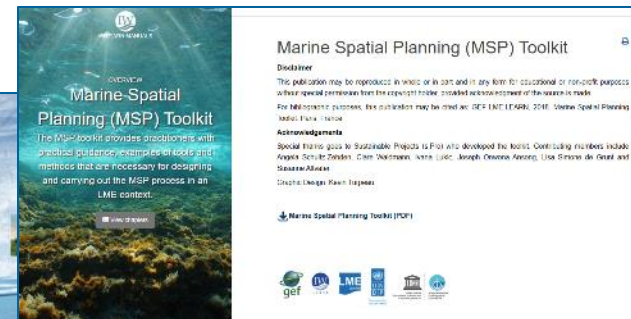
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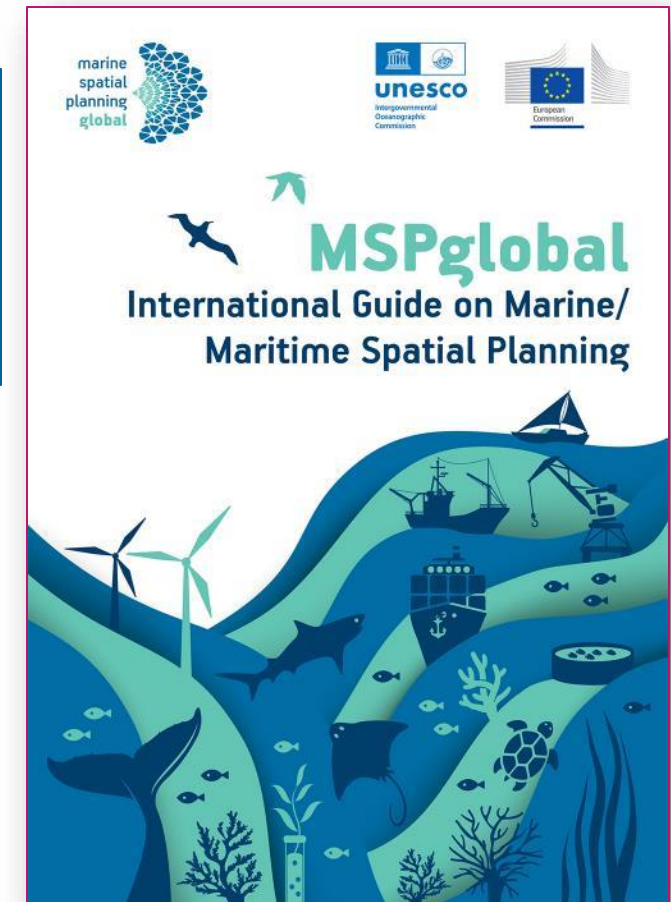
2009



2014



2018



Joint initiatives by UNESCO-IOC and European Commission since 2017

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2017

2022

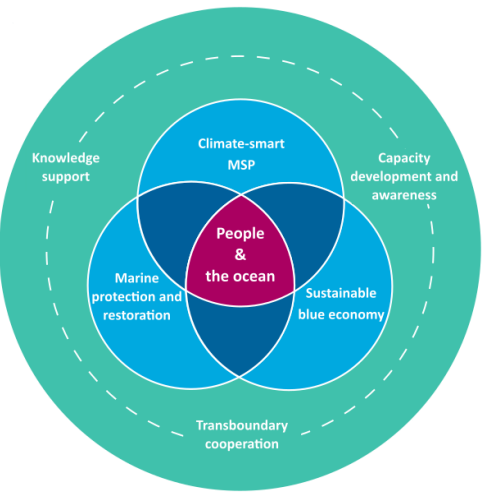


FRAMEWORK



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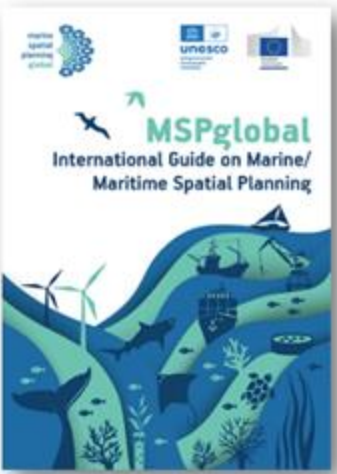
2022-2027



PROGRAMME



*New Knowledge & Tools +
Reg. & Nat. Activities*



COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE



2018

2019

2019

2019

2022

2024



Theory of Change

Impact

Outcomes

Outputs

Activities

Desired Impact:

Strengthened national Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) processes

as well as improved regional ocean governance

contributing to sustainably managed and protected marine and coastal ecosystems towards the achievement of 2030 Agenda SDG 14.2

14 LIFE
BELOW WATER



MSPglobal Activities

(1.0: Nov 2018 to Oct 2021 / 2.0: Jul 2023 to Jun 2025 / 3.0: 2 years)



At global level

Co-developing new knowledge & tools

- Guides and good practices
- Trainings

At regional and national level

Implementing activities

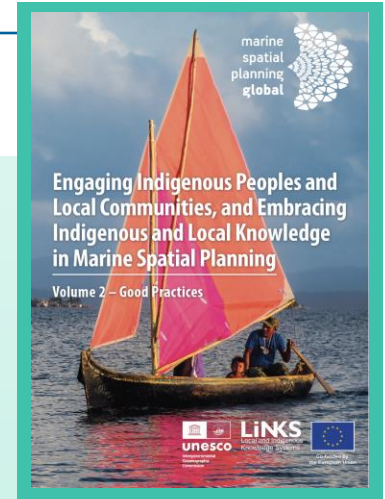
- Southeast Pacific (1.0)
- Western Mediterranean (1.0)
- Atlantic Coast of Africa (2.0)
- Western Pacific (2.0)
- + other regions and countries together with other partners (e.g., Government of Sweden, GEF IW projects, GIZ, World Bank, etc.)



MSPglobal - *At global level*

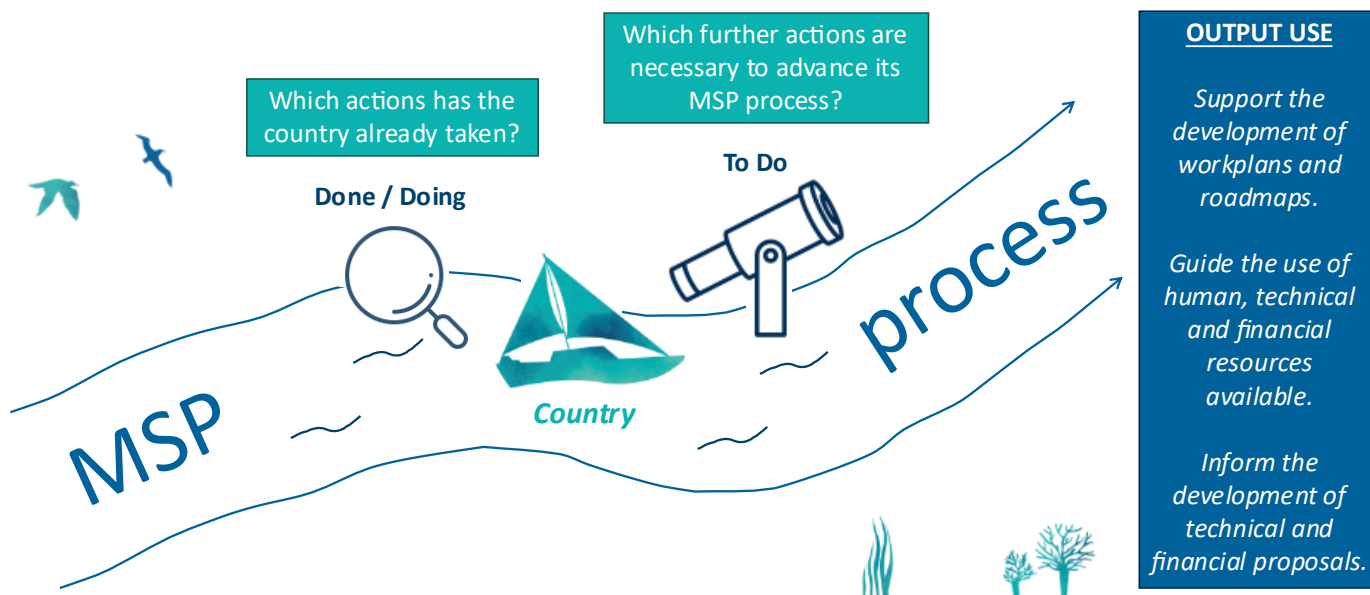


- **Rapid Assessment Methodology (RAM)** towards the development of Action Plans to advance MSP
- **Complementary Guides UNESCO-IOC & European Commission:**
 - ➔ Biodiversity inclusive MSP (w/UNEP; reviewed by CBD Secretariat & OBIS)
 - ➔ Climate-smart MSP (reviewed by UNFCCC and IOC/OSS)
- **Data Toolboxes**
 - ➔ How to develop a Spatial Data Infrastructure for MSP (w/IODE)
 - ➔ How to integrate ocean observation into MSP (w/GOOS & OBIS)
- Engaging **Indigenous Peoples and local communities** (w/LINKS)
 - ➔ Basic concepts
 - ➔ Good practices
- Engaging **Offshore Wind Sector** (w/UNGC)
 - ➔ Sector overview
 - ➔ Good practices



Rapid Assessment Methodology (RAM)

Supporting Member States to navigate through the phases of MSP towards the identification of concrete actions to advance their processes.



Step 1: Identifying existing MSP-related initiatives including capacity development



Step 2: Understanding the status of MSP phases



1
SETTING
THE SCENE



2
DESIGNING THE
PLANNING
PROCESS



3
CONDUCTING
ASSESSMENTS
FOR PLANNING



4
DEVELOPING
THE MARINE
SPATIAL PLAN



5
ENABLING
IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE MARINE
SPATIAL PLAN



6
MONITORING,
EVALUATION AND
ADAPTATION OF THE
PROCESS & THE PLAN



Step 3: Co-developing an MSP Action Plan

MSPglobal - *At national and regional level*



Technical support to advance MSP at national level

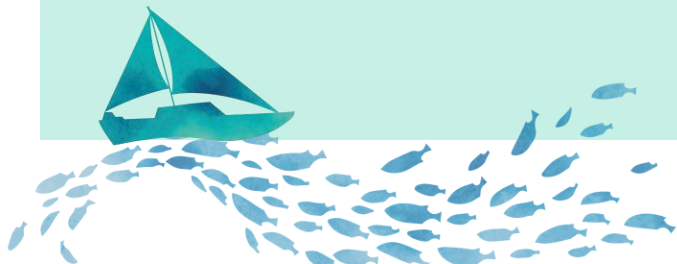
Implement the MSPglobal RAM

Organize MSP Challenge/MSPglobal trainings
+ workshops

Technical support to strengthen regional dialogue and partnerships

Organize regional meetings

Co-develop regional roadmaps



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John Ngatia Ndarathi (UNESCO-IOC / IOCAFRICA)

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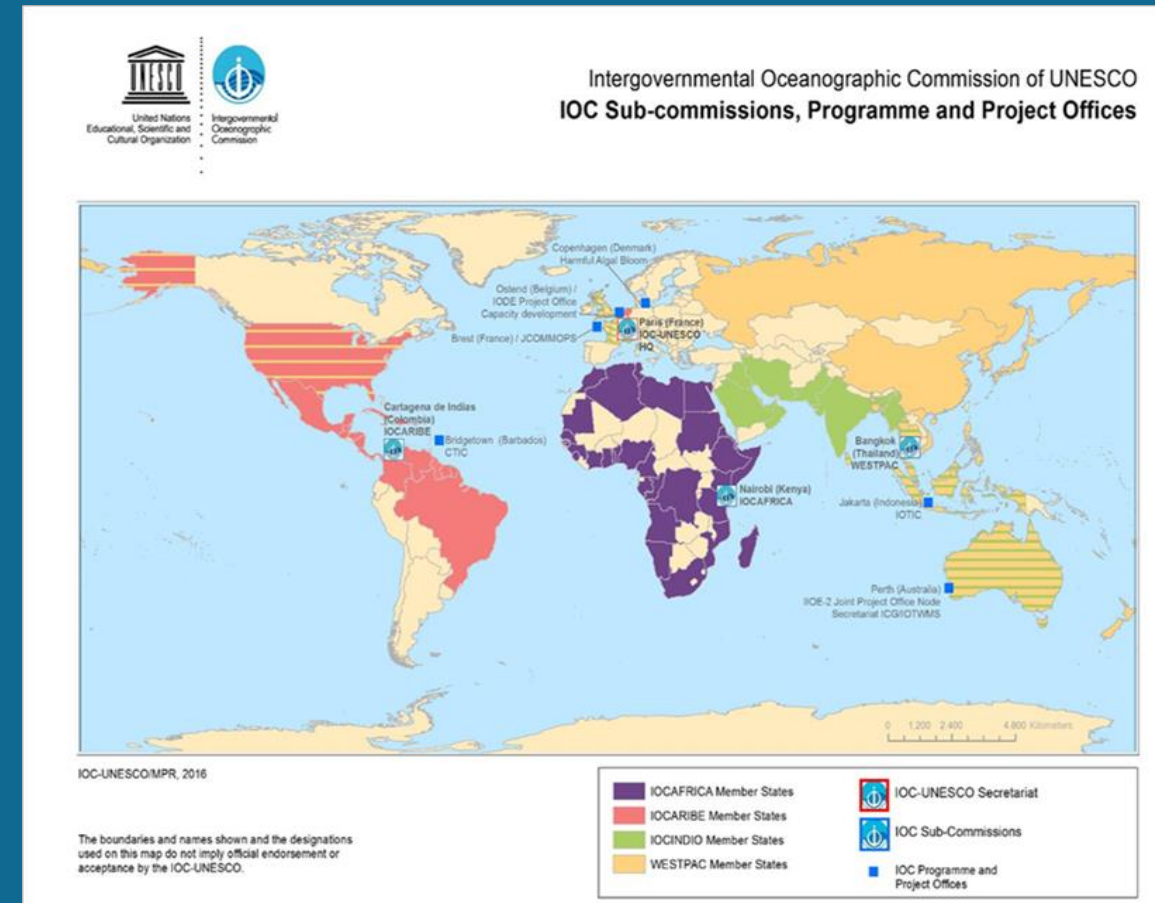
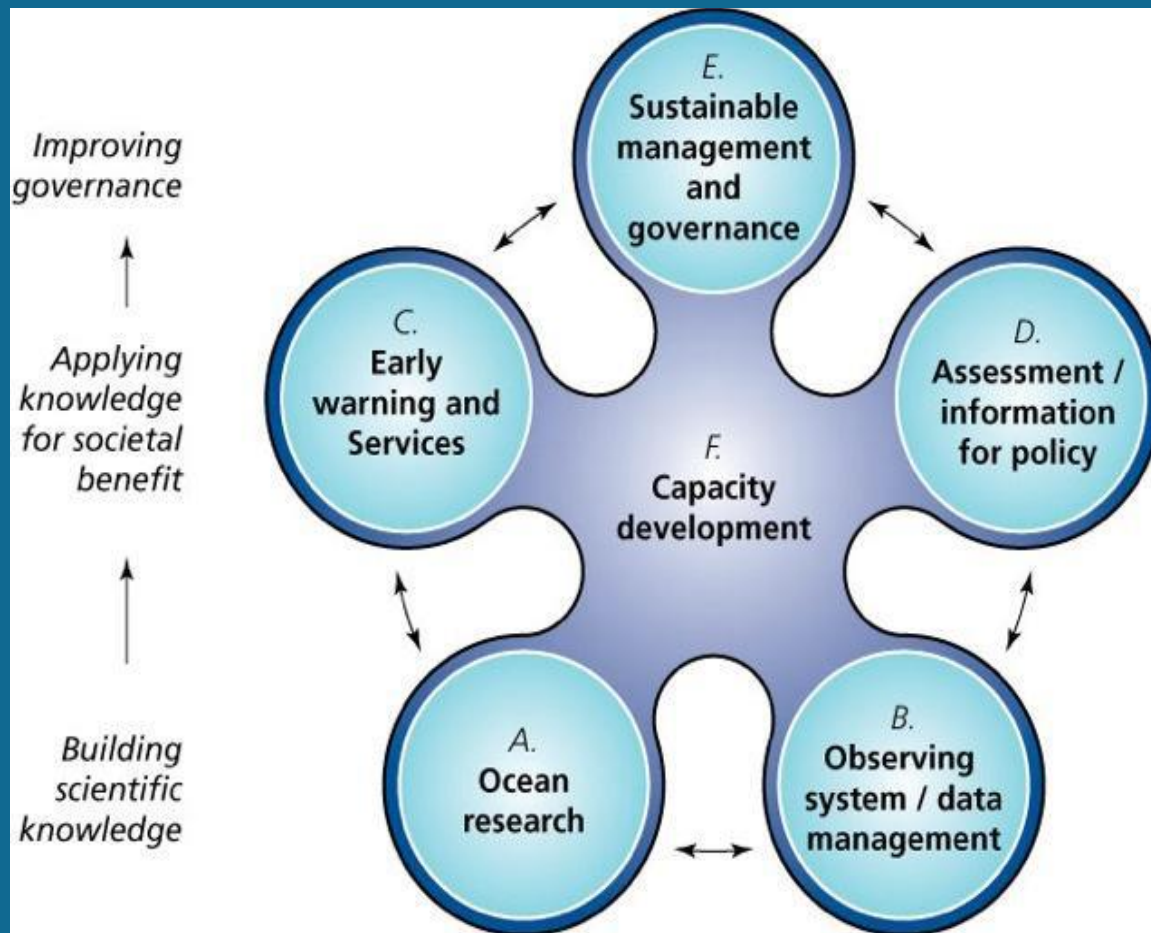
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The Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO, 1960->, 150 Member States

- Intergovernmental body of the UN system for **ocean science, observations, data exchange, services, capacity development, and science-to-governance work**

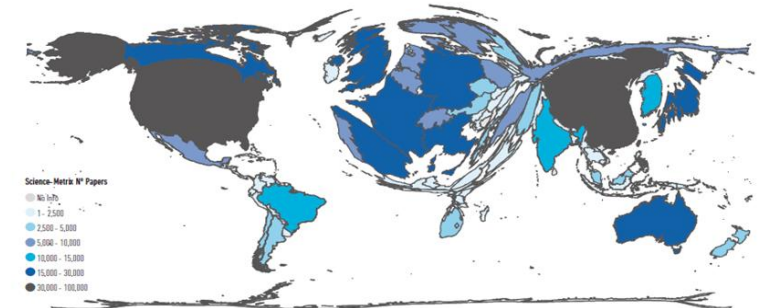


FOCUS AREAS OF IOCAFRICA.

- **Ocean Observations and Data and Information Management:**
 - ✓ Oceanographic Expeditions & Coastal Observation platforms
 - ✓ Climate variability and climate change (weather forecast & extreme events)
 - ✓ **Marine Spatial Planning, Coastal/ Marine Atlases, Marine Biodiversity**
- **Ocean Science and its Application to Management:**
 - ✓ Modeling and forecasts of ocean state
 - ✓ Assessment of marine and coastal ecosystems in Africa
 - ✓ Vulnerability & adaptation of marine/coastal ecosystems to climate change
 - ✓ Harmful Algal Bloom: Detection and Early Warning
 - ✓ Ocean Acidification: Observation and Research
 - ✓ Marine Pollution: Survey and assessment
- **Capacity Development for Marine Science and Technology and Ocean Literacy:**
 - ✓ Continuous Professional Development (Focused workshops, Regional Training Centres, Fellowships,
 - ✓ Ocean Literacy (Artwork/Essay competitions, exhibitions, conferences,
 - ✓ Partnerships and collaboration (WIOMSA, UNEP, National Institutions)

AFRICA BLUE ECONOMY STRATEGY

- PORT AND SHIPPING
- FISHERY
- AQUACULTURE
- SUSTAINABLE BLUE ENERGY
- COASTAL TOURSIM
- BLUE CARBON AND OTHER ECOSYSTEMS



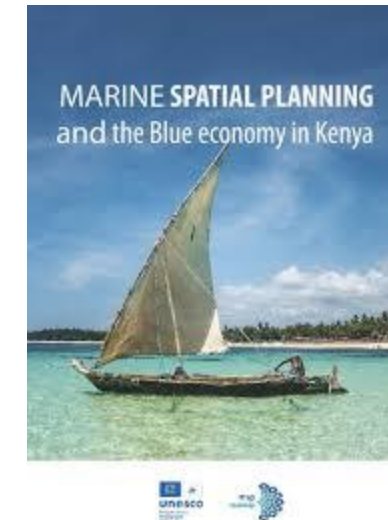
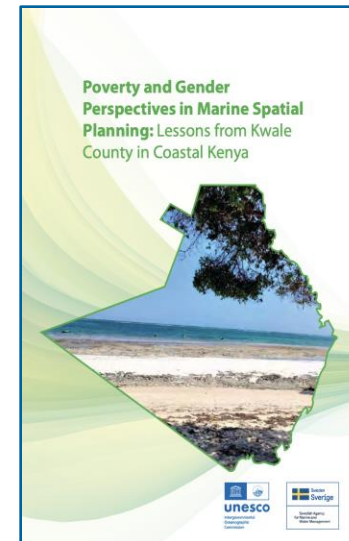
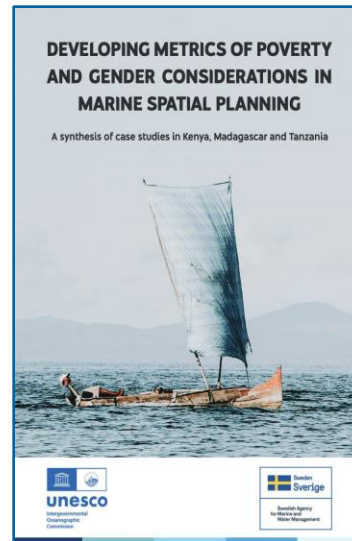
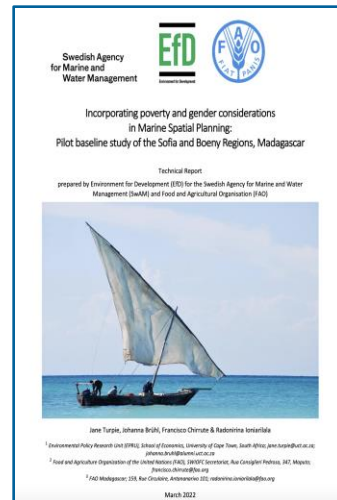
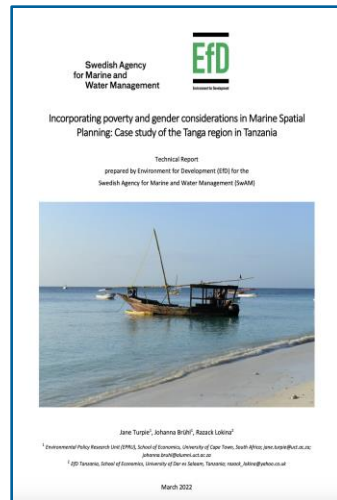
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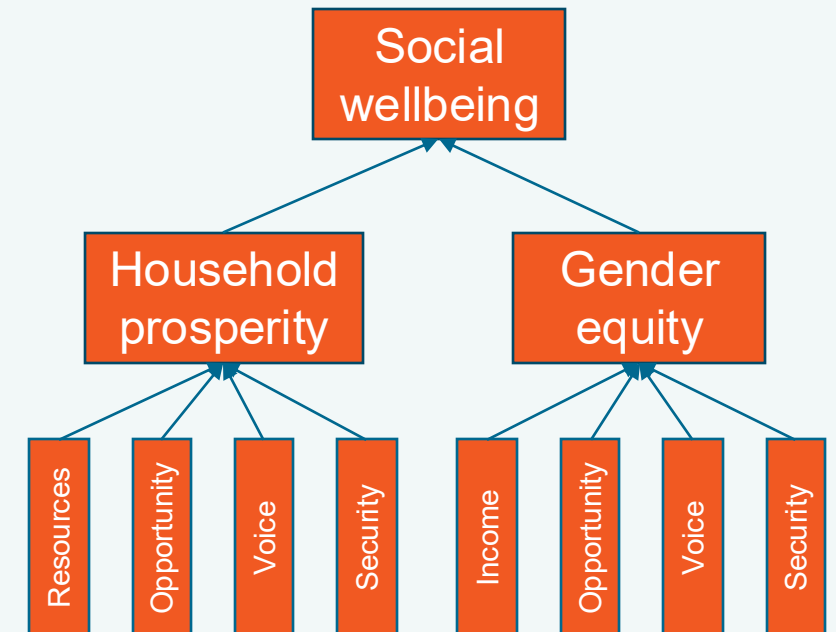
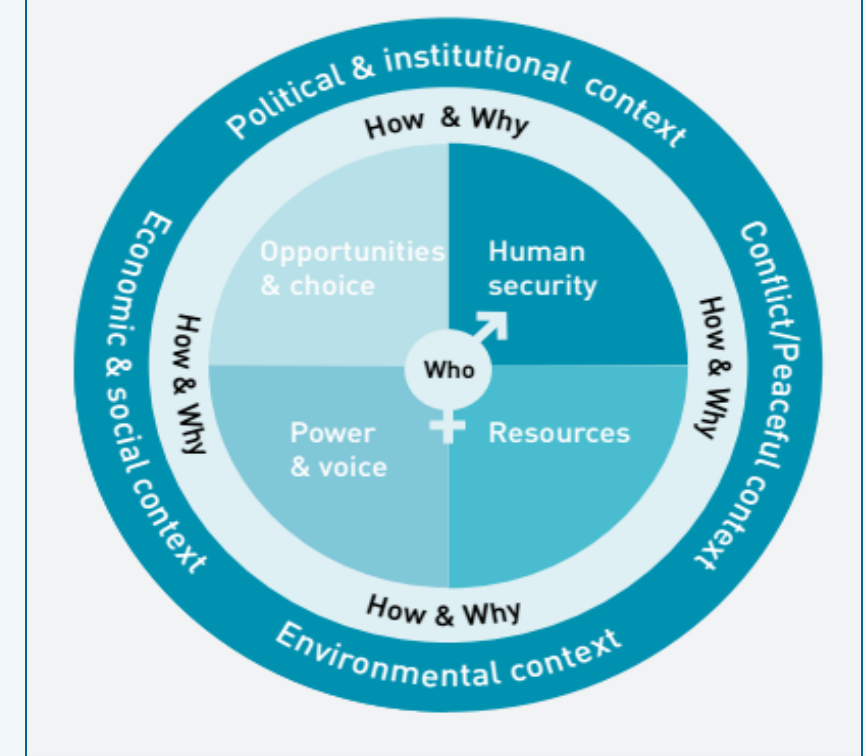
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1. Knowledge generation/support and dissemination



Framework for assessing social wellbeing

- » Needed for the description of the baseline, scenario analysis, and monitoring
- » Guided by Sida's multidimensional poverty analysis (MDPA) framework, which has four elements:
 - **Resources**
 - **Opportunity and choice**
 - **Power and voice**
 - **Human security**
- » Used this to devise indices of household wellbeing:
 - (a) from a household prosperity perspective
 - (b) from a gender equality perspective



MSPforum for Africa



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Regional Community of Practices.

2nd edition
(Nov 2023)

- **Host Country:** United Republic of Tanzania
- **Organizing Committee:** IOC + AU + UNEP Regional Seas
- **Participants:** 74 people from 24 countries

3rd edition
(2026)

- **Host Country:** To be confirmed



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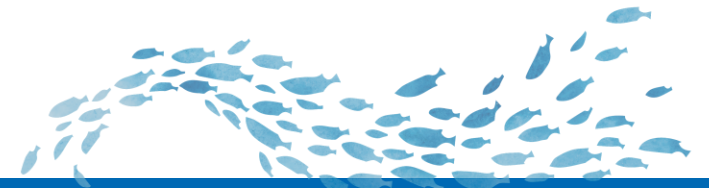


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Engagement with National Network of African National Human Rights Institutions (NANHRI)

- Indigenous Peoples and local communities (IPLCs) are not always engaged in MSP
- Indigenous and local knowledge (ILK) is also not always considered in MSP processes
- There was a lack of guidelines specific for MSP about engaging IPLCs
- IPLCs are not always aware of the regulations regarding marine resources, how to contribute and what are the benefits of the policy to them
- *MSP is usually a national policy, thus, how to integrate the national and local scales, including traditional management systems?*





RELEVANT PROGRAMMES IMPLEMENTED BY IOCAFRICA



One Planet, One Ocean

- **Ocean Data Management:** (i) retrieving data sets collected in the region and available in data centers outside the region, (ii) working with member states and partners towards developing interoperable databases.
- **Oceanographic Collection:**
 - ✓ Installation of tide gauges and other equipment at various locations along the African Coastline
 - ✓ Organized regional oceanographic cruises with countries owning research vessels in the region, and supported participation of experts in the region in International oceanographic research expeditions
- **Survey and strengthening of the Ocean Observations Network**
 - ✓ Ongoing comprehensive survey of the status of ocean observations in the region



SEAWARD Programme Layout

Science and Knowledge for a Resilient and Sustainable Ocean Economy in Africa (SEAWARD Africa)

Sustainable
Management
of Marine
Resources

Climate
Change
and Marine
Biodiversity

Tackling
Ocean
Pollution for
enhanced
human
health

Extreme
Events and
Disaster
Risk
Reduction

ENABLERS: 1. Capacity development 2. Technology Innovation and Blue entrepreneurship 3. Knowledge generation and dissemination 4. Ocean Literacy

Ocean observations including data and information (Physical, Chemical, Biological, environmental, Social-Economic)



NEXT STEPS

- ✓ **MSPforum for Africa - 3rd edition (2026)**
- ✓ **Regional Training – Data management and ocean observation (esp. biodiversity) to inform MSP**
- ✓ **Replication of gender and poverty studies in other parts of Africa (West and SIDS)**



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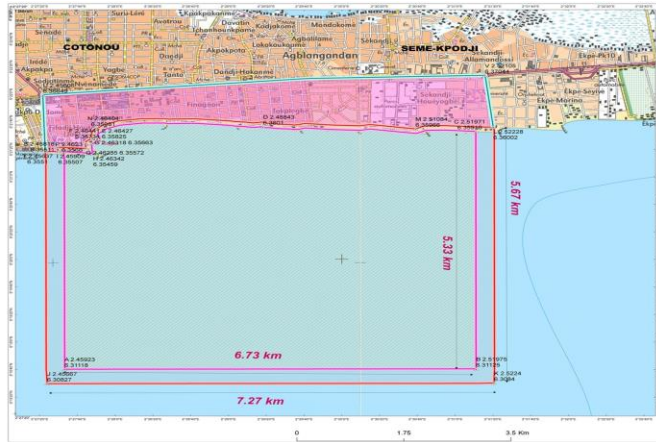
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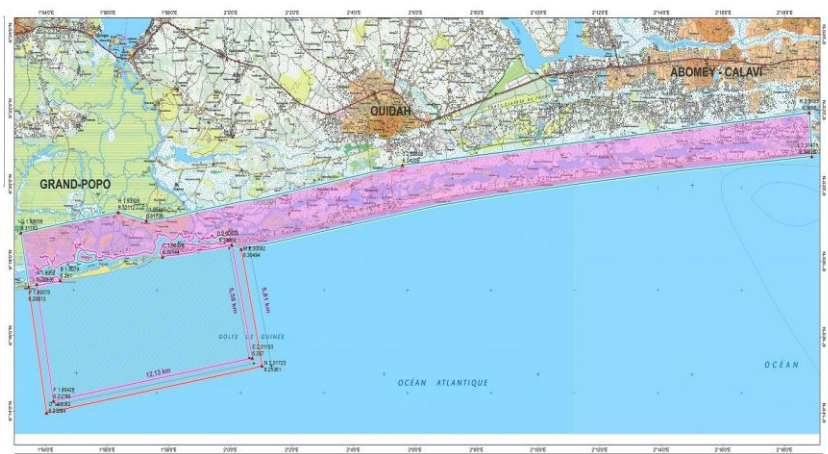
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MSP-RELATED INITIATIVES / INITIATIVES LIÉES À LA PEM

CRÉATION DE 02 AMP AU BÉNIN



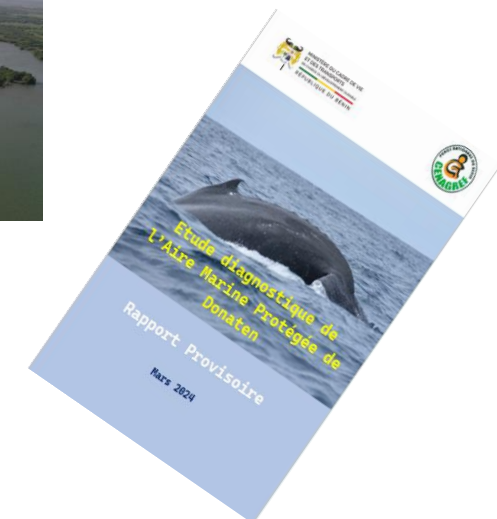
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MSP-related initiatives / Initiatives liées à la PEM



- ☐ In Cameroon, several initiatives related to Multistakeholder Platforms (MSPs)
- ☐ These include the National Action Plan for the Management of Marine and Coastal Areas, projects on Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM),
- ☐ Nation plan of the management of Environment
- ☐ National Strategy on Biological Diversity
- ☐ National Plan on the Management of Marine Areas
- ☐ Creation of some Marine Protected Areas

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MSP-related initiatives / Initiatives liées à la PEM



Questions clés	Initiative
Gouvernance de l'océan	• GCLME : Gulf of Guinea Large Marine Ecosystem
PEM / Economie Bleue	• Projet MAMI WATA : Gestion Intégrée de l'Aire Marine et Côtière d'Abidjan à Assinie (GIAMAA) • MSPglobal 2.0 : Soutenir la mise en œuvre mondiale des lignes directrices internationales en matière de planification de l'espace marin/maritime • Projet MarEcoplan : Utilisation de la PEM dans le GG pour le paiement pour les services écosystémiques et des solutions basées sur la nature côtière • Côte d'Ivoire Economie Bleue : Cadre Stratégique Unifié pour l'Économie Bleue (CaSUEB); Plan National d'Investissement pour l'Économie Bleue (PNIEB); Programme de Développement de l'Économie Bleue (PRODEB)
GIZC	• WACA-ResIP : Investissement de Résilience des Zones Côtières en Afrique de l'Ouest • WA BiCC : Résilience au changement climatique dans le paysage côtier de Fresco • Projet Benkadi : Amélioration des politiques en matière d'érosion côtière et de dégradation des aires protégées
AMP	• AMP – Bereby : Conservation et protection de la nature (4 autres à créer)

MSP-related initiatives / Initiatives liées à la PEM

Questions clés	Initiative
Données et information	• ODINAFRICA : Réseau d'Echanges de Données et d'Informations Océanographiques • GoGIN et GoGIN+ : Gulf of Guinea Inter-Regional Network • MarCNoWA (GMES & Afrique) : Gestion des zones marines et côtières (Afrique Nord et Ouest) • SEACOP : Coopération sur Port Maritime (Seaport Cooperation Project)
Pêche	• Task Force Afrique de l'Ouest (WATF) du Comité des pêches pour le Golfe de Guinée (FCWC) • EAF-NANSEN : Approche Ecosystémique des Pêches • PESCAO: Amélioration de la gouvernance régionale des pêches en Afrique de l'Ouest • IPC-AO : Initiative Pêche Côtière – Afrique de l'Ouest • Projet TéléSIG-Pêche : Informations spatiales pour les pêcheries
Pétrole et Gaz	• GI-WACAF : Initiative Mondiale pour l'Afrique occidentale, centrale et australe

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Gabon



Situated at the center of Africa's west coast; straddles the equator, and bordered by Equatorial Guinea and Cameroon to the north, and the Republic of Congo to the east and south:

- ❖ 268,670 Km²
- ❖ 1.5 - 2 M habitants (50% in Libreville)
- ❖ 10,000 km² of interior waters
- ❖ 258,670 km² land surface
- ❖ 950 km of coast-line
- ❖ Tropical humid climate (+ 2m rainfall/yr and 80-90% humidity)
- ❖ 4575 \$ GDP per capita

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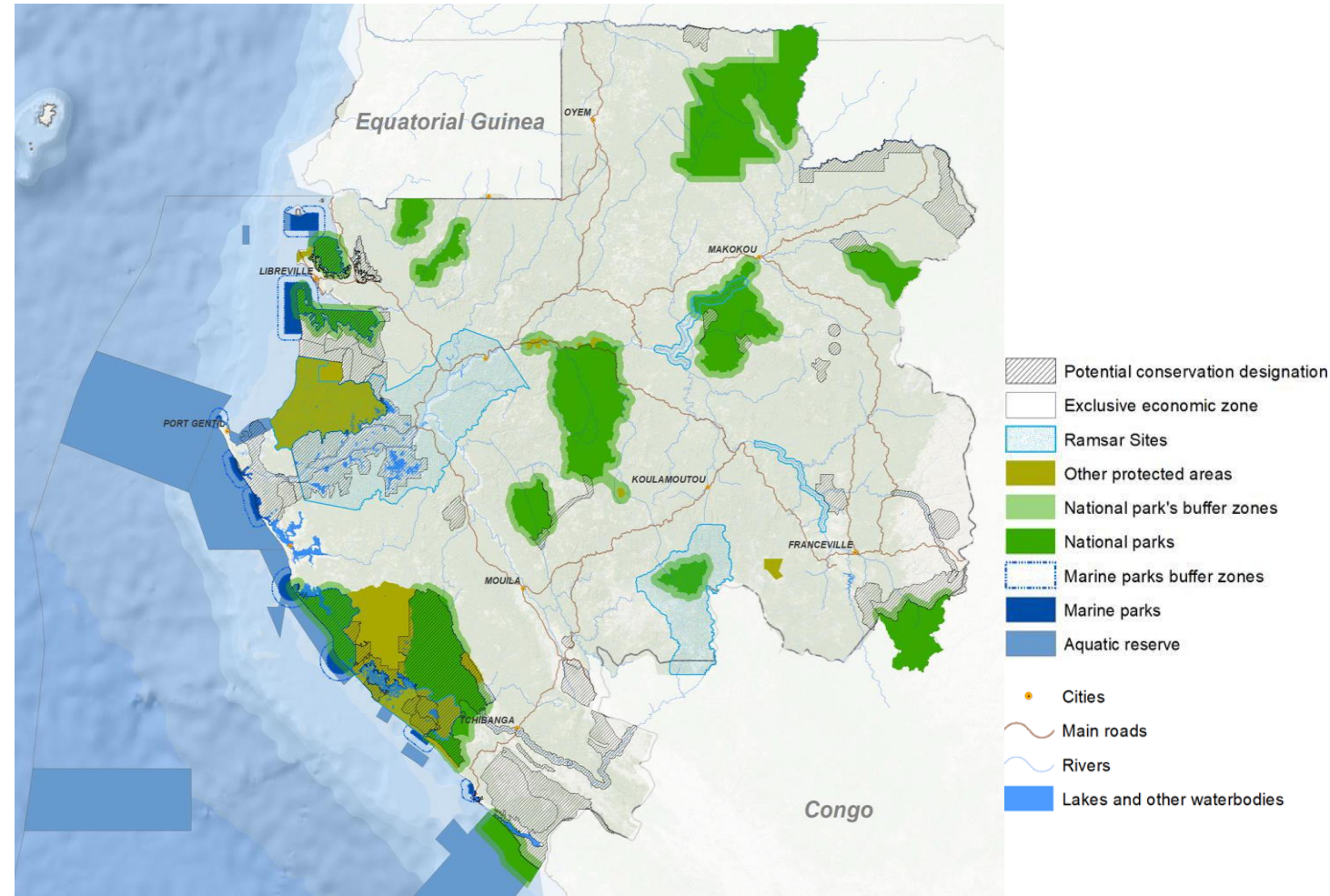
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MSP-related initiatives / Initiatives liées à la PEM

- ❖ La création du Conseil National de la Mer (CNM), en septembre 2014
- ❖ Création de vingt (20) Aires Marines Protégées en juin 2017. Celles-ci sont constituées de neuf (9) parcs marins d'une superficie totale de 1739 km² et d'onze (11) réserves aquatiques d'une superficie totale de 50766 km², le tout couvrant un total de 26,1% des eaux marines sous juridiction gabonaise.
- ❖ L'élaboration et l'adoption de la Stratégie Maritime Intégrée du Gabon (SMIG), en mars 2017 ;
- ❖ Signature du Blue Bonds en 2023
- ❖ Lancement du PSM en 2024.



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MSP-related initiatives / Initiatives liées à la PEM



- Sustainable Ocean Panel – Support from the SDG Secretariat under office of the President to Complete MSP
- Ocean Country Partnership Programme (OCP) – Support from the UK government
- UNESCO IOC – MSP capacity building
- Land Use and Spatial Planning Authority (LUSPA) - MSP for the Eastern Coast of Ghana
- Oceans Accounts – Africa Centre of Excellence in Coastal Resilience
- Marine Protected Areas (MSP) – Ministry of Fisheries & Aquaculture and Hen Mpoano
- Use of Marine Spatial Planning in the Gulf of Guinea for the Implementation of Payment for Ecosystem Services and Nature-Based Coastal Solutions (MarEcoPlan) – Fisheries Commission and FCWC

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- Elaboration du Plan Directeur d'Aménagement du Littoral Mauritanien (PDALM)
- Elaboration des Directives d'Aménagement du Littoral de Nouakchott et Nouadhibou
- Elaboration de la loi littoral
- Ratification des 4 protocoles additionnels à la Convention d'Abidjan
 - Protocole additionnel relatif à la réduction des pollutions d'origines terrestres
 - Protocole additionnel relatif à la Gestion Intégrée des Zones Côtières
 - Protocole additionnel relatif à la protection et la gestion durable des écosystèmes de mangroves
 - Protocole additionnel relatif aux normes de sécurité des activités pétrolières et gazières offshore

Initiatives liées à la PEM

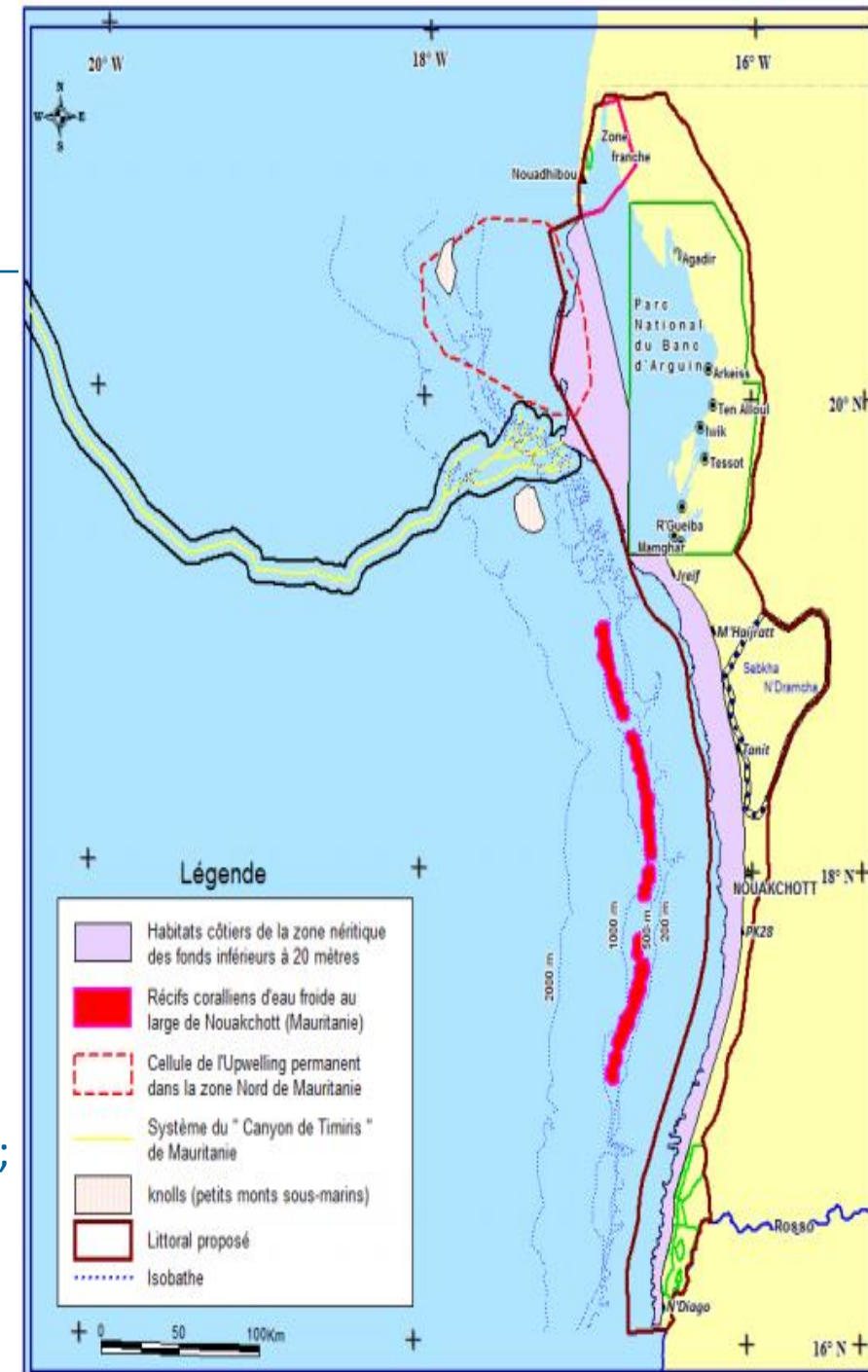
- Elaboration d'une stratégie nationale des Aires Marines Protégées

La **Stratégie Nationale de l'Environnement et du Développement Durable 2017-2030** de la Mauritanie (SNEDD), a fait de la gestion durable de l'environnement marin et côtier (environnement bleu) un des axes stratégiques d'intervention. La SNEDD prône la mise en œuvre de la **Stratégie Nationale pour la gestion des AMP et des Zones d'Intérêt Biologique (ZIB)**.

Objectifs: Identifier les zones d'intérêt biologique (ZIB) dans la ZEE mauritanienne susceptibles d'être érigées en Aires Marines Protégées (AMP), de proposer leurs modes de gestion, d'évaluer les coûts de leur conservation et les modalités de leur classement. L'étude devra se baser sur les principaux aspects du fonctionnement de l'écosystème côtier de la Mauritanie et les principales valeurs écologiques, économiques et sociales associées à cet écosystème.

Le projet de stratégie a identifié les zones d'intérêt biologique suivantes :

- Les habitats des fonds de moins de 20 mètres (zone néritique) de la ZEE ;
- Les récifs coralliens d'eau froide au large de Nouakchott ;
- La cellule de l'Upwelling permanente dans la zone Nord de la ZEE ;
- Le système du « Canyons de Timiris ».



- Réalisation d'un Atlas Maritimes des Zones Vulnérables

Dans cet ouvrage, vous trouverez, entre autres, une présentation de la vulnérabilité de la côte, du plateau continental, du talus et des abysses. Bien que l'on pêche de façon très intensive au niveau du talus et qu'on y trouve du pétrole et du gaz, on connaît mal les écosystèmes de cette partie de la mer et le peu d'information qui existe reste mal vulgarisé.

- Un travail de cartographie des zones maritimes vulnérables
- Cartographie des activités socio-économiques

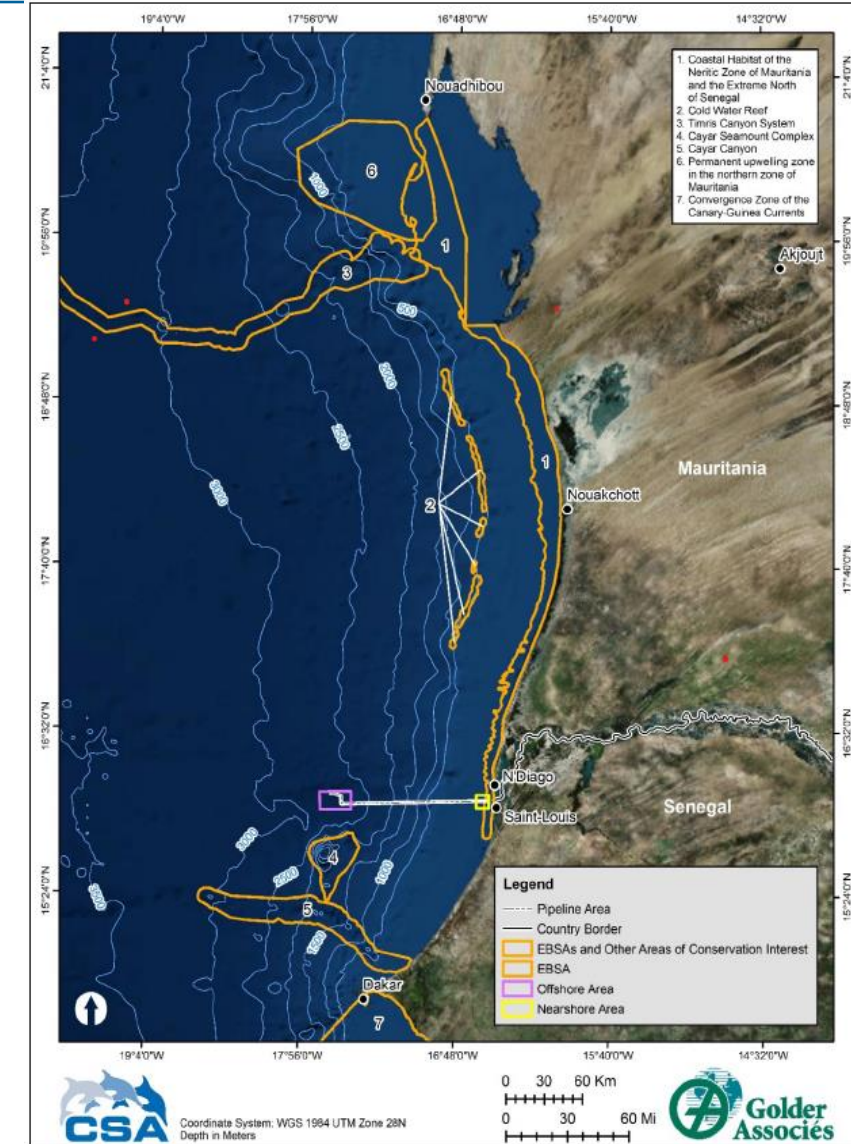
- Etat de référence du Milieu marin et côtier en Mauritanie

Caractérisation et Suivi des écosystèmes marin et côtiers pour la mise en place d'une situation de référence. Ce travail a été réalisé dans le cadre d'un projet entre le ministère de l'environnement et les opérateurs pétroliers et gaziers

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- Elaboration d'un état des lieux / diagnostic des dynamiques et évolutions du littoral mauritanien

Cette étude a permis de mettre à jour le trait de côte mauritanien et de réaliser un diagnostic des dynamiques et des évolutions de cet espace .



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- 1. National Contingency plan on Marine Environmental Management (Marine users, Shipping companies, Ministry of Environment, NIMASA, DPR, International Agencies; MacNowa, PoGo etc)
 - a. Monitoring Marine Protected areas in favor of settlers, water for livelihood and Artisanal Fishing
 - b. Monitoring and Educating Communities and Artisanal on safe captured Fisheries
 - c. Monitoring and Educating Communities on Marine mammals (Turtles and Manatees) Sanctuary
 - d. Engaging and Monitoring Marine tanks and vessels on STS, playing the role of onscene Commander in deploying of booms when necessary; and deploying of Skimmers and fast tanks for recovery purposes

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- 2. MSP on trawlers fishing grounds, Capture areas, netting, mesh sizes and IUU tracking and Reporting system
- Surface current and Bathymetric survey of the Commodore channel (Nigerian Institute for Oceanography and Marine Research passage areas)

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The country consists of an archipelago with two main islands, São Tomé Island which is 50 km long and 30 km wide, and Príncipe Island which is about 30 km long and 6 km wide. The coastal zone includes the slopes of extinct volcanoes, within which the environment is under stress from soil degradation and coastal erosion.

WACA Interventions

Ongoing activities focus on natural-based solutions through community approaches and hybrid solutions, when hard solutions are indispensable, beach nourishment, drainage, breakwaters, and coastal and river bank revetments. On policy interventions, a new law on sand extraction is being supported. Community-based adaptation is a center of the approach in Sao Tome and Principe, including support to schemes for routine maintenance of coastal protection infrastructure in collaboration with district governments.

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En tant Point focal de la Convention d'Abidjan, j'ai eu l'opportunité de disposer d'un appui du Secretariat de la Convention d'Abidjan et de la coopération allemande GIZ pour:

- Organiser des ateliers pour le lancement du processus de la PSM au Senegal.
- Ces ateliers ont permis de regrouper toutes les parties prenantes, les sensibiliser et les former sur la PSM (Concepts, outils, acteurs clés, approche et implication des autorités);

A travers ces ateliers les experts (représentants des ministères concernés) ont été formés et les décideurs politiques (élus locaux et députés) ont été sensibilisés.

- Mise en place d'un groupe de travail restreint (GTR) sur la PSM regroupant les structures clés.
- Elaboration d'une feuille de route pour le déroulement de la PSM au Sénégal.

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- MSP in South Africa is led by the Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment, Oceans, and Coasts
- The MSP process in SA started as far back as 2014 through Operation Phakisa Ocean Economy
- The framework was developed in 2017, and the MSP Act was gazetted in 2018.
- The 10 marine sector plans were gazetted in 2020 for public comments, and we are in the process of finalizing these plans. The aim of the sector plans is for different sectors to outline the current status and future aspirations of their activities. The sector plans will then be translated into Marine area plans.
- South Africa's marine areas have been separated into four marine spatial plans.
- The Western, Southern, and Eastern MSP areas have been defined for the South African mainland Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), and the Prince Edward Islands MSP area covers South Africa's Southern Ocean extent.
- The Western Marine Area Plan is the first marine area plan to start with, which will set the scene for other marine area plans.
- MSP is one of the priorities for the G20 Presidency.
- Extension of MPAs (by implementing the GBF target of 30x30) to increase the protection of the environment. OECM (Other Environmental Conservation Management).
- In the process of updating Ecosystem Classification and Mapping through the South African Biodiversity Institute.
- Oceans and Coasts Information System Management (OCISM) projection.
- Land-to-sea interface project.

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ORGANIZATION OF THE MSP PROCESS

- ❖ Appointment of the High Council for the Sea by the PC to lead the MSP process in Togo;
- ❖ Establishment of the MSP Steering Committee;
- ❖ Establishment of the MSP Technical Committee;
- ❖ Training of various stakeholders on MSP
- ❖ Raising awareness of the MSP process.

ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT

- ❖ Technical workshop and high-level workshop to identify all projects carried out on the coast;
- ❖ Meetings of the Technical Committee and the Steering Committee
- ❖ National MSP global workshop organized;
- ❖ Technical workshop on the implementation of the MSP global rapid assessment;
- ❖ Publication on the MSP global rapid assessment for TOGO
- ❖ Action plan
- ❖ Development of the national MSP strategy in Togo (diagnostic studies on the governance of marine and coastal resources, development of the communication strategy, institutional support)

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PERSPECTIVE

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- ❖ Validation of the national MSP strategy
- ❖ Popularization of the strategy
- ❖ Defining a resource mobilization strategy

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Session 4. Validation of MSP-TEG-ACA ToR & Election process for Co-Chairs

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Validation of the ToR

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Context of the MSP-TEG-ACA



- The Abidjan Convention signed in 1981 to [cover 22 coastal countries](#) of the Atlantic coast of Africa African and [three large marine ecosystems \(LME\)](#): the Canary current LME, the Guinea current LME, and the Benguela current LME.
- The Abidjan Convention Secretariat [endeavours to foster and accelerate the regional mechanisms and instruments](#) to preserve the coastal and marine biodiversity under its coverage. The Convention has recognized the contribution of Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) processes and supported several national and transboundary MSP-related initiatives.
- Since 2017, UNESCO-IOC and the European Commission joined forces and adopted the *'Joint Roadmap to accelerate Marine/Maritime Spatial Planning processes worldwide (MSProadmap)'*. The updated version of the MSProadmap covers the period of 2022-2027
- UNESCO-IOC's *'Marine Spatial Planning Global Programme (MSPglobal)'* is designed to implement the Actions of the MSProadmap . At regional and national levels, MSPglobal aims to provide support towards [institutionally strengthened](#) MSP processes
- MSPglobal is currently [providing technical support to advance MSP at national](#) level in five countries of Western Africa (Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Togo, Benin and South Africa)
- MSPglobal also aims to [strengthen regional dialogue and partnerships](#) on MSP and sustainable blue economy among all countries of Western Africa in collaboration with the IOC Sub Commission for Africa and the Adjacent Island States (IOCAFRICA) and the Abidjan Convention Secretariat.
- Progress in this line remains strongly dependant on the collaboration between [regional MSP experts and communities](#)
- In order tap on and build a [community of regional MSP practitioners](#) that can significantly contribute to national and regional policy making, [the need to establish a regional Technical Expert Group has become relevant](#) .

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Objectives of the MSP-TEG-ACA



The ***‘Marine Spatial Planning Technical Expert Group for Western Africa (MSP-TEG-ACA)’*** will provide technical guidance and advice to UNESCO-IOC (IOCAFRICA and MSPglobal) and the Abidjan Convention Secretariat about their work to support Member States in MSP, geared towards informing policy and decision making on MSP at national and regional levels.

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Status of the MSP-TEG-ACA

The MSP-TEG-ACA has no institutional status but an advisory group as well as opportunity for knowledge exchange. In its role, the Technical Expert Group will develop non-binding recommendations and proposals.

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Specific outputs of the MSP-TEG-ACA



In collaboration and with the support of UNESCO-IOC and the Abidjan Convention Secretariats, **the MSP-TEG-ACA will:**

- I. [Support the identification](#) of country-level MSP priorities and goals;
- II. [Support the assessment](#) of the status of MSP knowledge and practice in Western Africa, including capacity development gaps and needs;
- III. [Provide policy and technical insights](#) to facilitate MSP processes in Western Africa (incl. transboundary dynamics) through the [development of an 'MSProadmap for Western Africa'](#) with recommendations and concrete actions on MSP and sustainable blue economy;
- IV. [Engage in and contribute](#) to the development and implementation of MSP initiatives led by UNESCO-IOC and the Abidjan Convention Secretariat in the region;
- V. [Provide inputs](#) to the organization of the MSPforum for Africa;
- VI. [Support the identification and establishment](#) of mutually beneficial collaborations and partnerships with relevant institutions, professional networks, working groups, and research centres/groups with respect to MSP;
- VII. [Promote the involvement](#) of relevant institutions and stakeholders in regional, national and local MSP initiatives, facilitating cooperation and communication.

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Expected institutional outcomes

It is expected that the MSP-TEG-ACA will support the following UNESCO-IOC and the Abidjan Convention Secretariats' roles:

Leading the Charge: Act as key UN organisations in guiding the development and implementation of ecosystem-based and knowledge-based MSP in Western Africa, ensuring that it aligns regional and national goals.

Building Bridges: Serve as facilitators for collaboration, bringing together different countries, stakeholders, and experts to work towards a shared vision for sustainable ocean planning and management in the region.

Enhancing Skills: Play a pivotal role in enhancing technical and operational capacities in Western Africa through targeted training and knowledge transfer.

Informing Decisions: Facilitate collection and use of data and knowledge that inform policy decisions, helping to create well-informed and participatory MSP frameworks.

Promoting Good Practices: Share good practices and successful examples of MSP among and beyond countries of Western African region, inspiring effective sustainable ocean planning and management.

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Membership – Composition of the MSP-TEG-ACA



The Technical Expert Group will be **comprised of prominent experts** who have strong knowledge, skills and practical experience in **MSP-related topics**, as well as a commitment to the MSP-TEG-ACA's activities outlined in these terms of reference.

- Members for the MSP-TEG-ACA will be **nominated through the national focal points** for UNESCO-IOC and Abidjan Convention in each country.
- Each country will be invited to **nominate up to 2 experts (principal + deputy)** to the MSP-TEG-ACA based on a rigorous assessment of the expertise and evidence of a track record of his/her involvement in MSP-related activities.
- Where they are already designated, it is **recommended that the national focal points (NFP)** of MSP initiatives led by UNESCO-IOC and the Abidjan Convention Secretariats are among the national representatives of the Technical Expert Group
- Official communication of the country nominated experts will **include a 2-page CV as evidence of the proficiency** of the nominated experts in MSP-related activities.
- The MSP-TEG-ACA members can be **representatives of national authorities leading MSP initiatives** in their respective countries, as well as representatives of academia/research communities, consultancies, NGOs, international organizations/programmes, etc. supporting these initiatives.
- If a member is **unable to contribute** to the Technical Expert Group's work, his/her **replacement will be sought from his/her country** to ensure active contribution.

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Operational modalities of the MSP-TEG-ACA



The logistical organisation of the meetings of the MSP-TEG-ACA will be led by UNESCO-IOC and the Abidjan Convention Secretariats.

- During the first Technical Expert Group meeting, two co-chairs will be selected by the members of the MSP-TEG-ACA to facilitate the meetings. They will be supported by MSP-related teams of UNESCO-IOC (IOCAFRICA and MSPglobal) and Abidjan Convention Secretariat.
- The MSP-TEG-ACA (at least 1 representative per country) is expected to meet three times per year (physically or virtually, depending on agenda items and resources available).
- The meetings will be conducted with interpretation service in English and French.
- For more efficient collaboration on specific tasks, the Technical Expert Group might be divided into specific thematic sub-groups.
- The MSP-TEG-ACA will have the possibility (via its co-chairs) to invite, consult and involve representatives of partner organizations and individual experts whenever needed, for achieving its goals.
- An online repository will be set up to facilitate information and document sharing amongst the group members and in between meetings.
- The MSPglobal communication channels will be used to communicate the MSP-TEG-ACA's outputs to a broader audience.

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The MSP-TEG-ACA is initially established for a period of two years (2025 to 2027), with the possibility to extend if required by UNESCO-IOC and Abidjan Convention Secretariats. The members will be nominated for a one-year term, renewable for a second term.

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Session 5. Group discussion about MSP challenges & needs

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