

WIOSAP VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE PSC FOR CONSIDERING RECOMMENDING OF PROPOSALS ON DEMO PROJECTS

Preamble

During the 2nd and 3rd sitting of the WIOSAP Project Steering Committee (PSC), the members recommended that to facilitate fast tracking of project implementation, they would consider giving virtual recommendations of key and urgent decisions including recommending of demo project proposals, pending full approval during the physical sitting of the subsequent PSC. The PM under such circumstances needs to prepare short and concise documentation in support of the agenda and guidance required from the members of the PSC, present it online to the members and under the guidance of the Chair of the PSC, members review and consider the requested recommendation.

Pursuant to the recommendation above, the PM on 11th of March 2020 prepared the summary below and made a request to the members of the PSC to give online recommendation and further advice on the 5 demo projects proposals which had been approved by NICs from respective countries and recommended by respective Regional Task Forces.

Proposals submitted for consideration as WIOSAP demo projects – 3rd Round

Explanatory Notes

1. Up to the last quarter of 2019, PSC had approved 15 demo projects. Funds disbursement for SSFAs for these projects is currently underway.
2. 3 countries requested for technical support in the development of their demo project proposals i.e. 1 proposal on MPAs from Comoros, 1 proposal for Tanzania (Zanzibar) on improved water quality, 2 proposals from Madagascar on mangroves and E-Flows respectively. Mozambique requested to submit one additional proposal on E-Flows.
3. For Comoros, Madagascar and Tanzania, the PMU working with the countries contracted consultants who worked with the Focal Points and other stakeholders in respective countries to develop the requested full proposals.
4. On submission, the full proposals went a minimum of 2 rounds of review by regional experts through relevant Task Forces to ensure technical competency, feasibility and regional relevance.
5. Five proposals are ready for consideration by members of the PSC after recommendation by Regional Task Forces.
6. PMU now submits a summary of the 5 proposals to PSC for consideration.

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| 1. | A: Sustainable management of critical habitats | Sustainable management of shallow marine habitats in the Comoros through improved management planning and rehabilitation of degraded sites. | <p>Overall objective: The overall objective of this project is to strengthen the management of critical shallow marine habitats in the Comoros.</p> <p>Immediate/specific objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The preparation of site management plans for four formally designated MPA sites, • The rehabilitation of degraded mangrove and seagrass habitats and, • The engagement of the local communities in environmental conservation. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthened management of four Marine Protected Areas in the Comoros through improved management planning. • Enhanced ecosystem integrity of mangrove and seagrass area resulting from restoration activities. • Improved efficiency and collaboration in environment conservation project implementation among key organisations and local communities operating in the coastal areas of Comoros. | 120,000 |
| 2. | | Developing Collaborative Strategies for Sustainable Management of Mangroves in the Boeny Region Littorale, Madagascar | <p>Overall objective: The overall goal is to promote the sustainable conservation, utilization and restoration of mangroves in the Boeny Region through development of viable collaborative and integrated management approach.</p> <p>Immediate/specific objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To develop a sustainable co-management mechanism to strengthen the governance of the | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed sustainable co-management mechanism to strengthen governance of mangroves as a renewable natural resource. • Developed and demonstrated sustainable measures to restore degraded and lost mangroves areas of Boeny Region. | 118,861 |

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| | | | <p>mangroves as a renewable natural resource.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To promote community-based mangrove restoration to compensate for the degraded and lost resource and secure the future of ecosystem services they provide. To appraise and promote viable alternative livelihood options to enhance local community socio-economic welfare and safeguarding of the environment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explored, promoted and demonstrated viable alternative livelihood options that are acceptable to communities. | |
| 3. | B: Improved water quality | Upscaling and Amplification of the Msingini Wastewater Treatment Facility Model in Chake Chake Town, Pemba. | <p>Overall objective: To reduce land based sources of pollution to the Pemba Channel Conservation Area (PECCA) and associated coastal and marine ecosystems from Chake Chake municipality using Constructed Wetland Systems.</p> <p>Immediate/specific objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide additional wastewater and stormwater drainage capacity for Chake Chake Town to support the existing Mtoni-Msingini Wastewater Treatment System To enhance effluent reduction and discharge efficiency through | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An increased number of HH are connected to the existing sewer line and the storm drain network is extended Local organisations trained to effectively run and manage the CWS CWS modified to operate with increased adaptive capacity Updated Wastewater Discharge Regulations Payment for ecosystems services scheme created and introduced | 298,500 |

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| | | | <p>capacity building and improved cross-sectoral management.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To amplify the existing wastewater treatment system through increased adaptive capacity, modified hydraulic operation and more effective plant species. To enhance enforcement and legislative framework, community awareness and payment for ecosystem services schemes by upscaling public and spatial outreach. | | |
| 4. | <i>C: Sustainable management of river flows</i> | Sustainable management of EFlows for west coast rivers of Madagascar: a case of Betsiboka River | <p>Overall objective: To promote sustainable management of the river basins in the west coast of Madagascar to maintain a healthy flow and reduce sediment load to minimize detrimental impacts on coastal ecosystems.</p> <p>Immediate/specific objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To increase awareness on EFA and sustainable practices for reduced sediment pollution and downstream impacts. To conduct the EFA in the pilot rivers catchment of Betsiboka to inform sustainable management of river flows. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The capacity of the stakeholders on EFA and sustainable practices for reduced sediment pollution and downstream impacts increased. The EFA for the pilot catchment of Betsiboka conducted and used for sustainable flows management. Improved quality of the water and ecosystem condition through the EF implementation | 182, 044 |

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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To implement the recommendations of the EFA for sustainable river management: | | |
| 5. | | Environmental Flows for enhanced Biodiversity and Poverty alleviation in the Incomati delta, Mozambique (EFlows-Moz) | <p>Overall objective: The purpose (overall objective) of the project is to design environmental flows that would maintain and enhance biodiversity values and the functioning of the estuarine and deltaic ecosystems of the Lower Incomati in order to optimise the delivery of a number of key ecosystem services to a range of stakeholders and with the well-being of vulnerable user groups a priority.</p> <p>Immediate/specific objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Constitution of a multi-disciplinary, multi-institutional and participatory research team for observation, monitoring, analysis and eflow scenario-development Development of a comprehensive mapping of the key habitats and biodiversity values of the Lower Incomati and their evolution in the past 70 years Analysis of the current freshwater flow pattern (as a driving indicator): the aim is to analyse the quantity, | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participatory observatory of the Macaneta wetland environment is in place. Jointly designed Eflow methodology and collective result discussions Report detailing the assessment of methods applied in eflow determination with key recommendations Map of the current land uses, with special emphasis of key habitat and their biodiversity value. Diachronic maps Economic valuation of key resources (fisheries, agriculture, livestock, collection of wild plants and animals, tourism, etc.) Hydrological model of the Incomati River basin | 199,649 |

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| | | | <p>quality and the spatial extent of the freshwater entering the key habitats of the Macaneta wetlands in the Lower Incomati (and their interaction with the tidal rhythms)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification and quantification of the relationships between the freshwater flow pattern and the coastal wetland productivity using biological proxies (plants, fish, birds) • Ecosystem services analysis including a semi-quantitative analysis of links between the natural resource produced by the delta and the user livelihoods, at the household level and comprehensive analysis of the stakeholders' natural resource use strategies (including the policy context) and their interactions, tensions and trade-offs • Jointly develop and discuss Eflow scenarios that could optimize the wetland productivity, meet the downstream user needs and strategies and alleviate poverty | | |

Request from PMU to the PSC

- *Consideration for recommendation for funding of the 5 proposals above which have been recommended by Regional Task Forces after prioritization at national level by respective countries.*

Discussions by Members of the PSC

1. Mozambique wanted to know how the budget limits on the E-Flows proposal from the country will be addressed. The PM informed Mozambique that the project by University of Eduardo Mondlane has already gotten meaningful co-financing from the French GEF under a new regional project through IRD called DDEM and thus alleviating the expressed budget limitation.
2. Madagascar argued that the proposals are the priorities of the Contracting Parties and reviewed by the regional experts appointed by countries. They seem well developed and he made reference to the 2 proposals from Madagascar as an example. So the member proposed that the proposals be considered for funding.
3. Kenya seconded the proposal, followed by Tanzania, Seychelles, Comoros. Tanzania further acknowledged the long and rigorous process of screening, evaluating, reviewing and appraisal of the WIOSAP demo project proposals - from the national approval process, regional review process, and down to the development of the full project proposals on behalf of the proponents - and subsequent review. The member said that he was certain that all the checks of the project reviews have now been fulfilled and well exhausted in line with highest peer review quality. In view of the above, he reiterated the country's support to the proposals above for positive recommendation for funding to expedite implementation --- and for PSC to fully endorse the process during its physical meeting later this year.
4. The Head of the Nairobi Convention (Executing Agency of the WIOSAP), further clarified that comments by members of the PSC on any proposal is indicative of the position they will take at the formal PSC, when it is organized later in the year. Their comments at this point enables the Project Manager to anticipate and plan better for each proposal, aware that he has the backing of the PSC membership on the proposals even as they progress to funding.
5. Their being no other further discussions, the Chair of the PSC thanked the members for their confidence in the process and subsequent recommendation of the 5 proposals to proceed to funding to expedite their implementation.