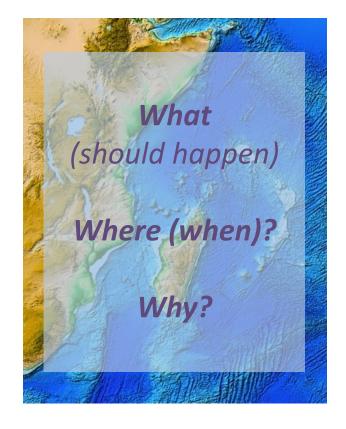
# Marine Spatial Planning in the Western Indian Ocean

### Aligning MSP in the WIO

**WIOC Operational Stratgy** 

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*Marine Spatial Planning* is defined as:

"a public process of analyzing and allocating the spatial and temporal distribution of human activities in marine areas to achieve ecological, economic, and social objectives that are usually specified through a political process"

### MSP in the WIO:

#### Regional (full WIO)

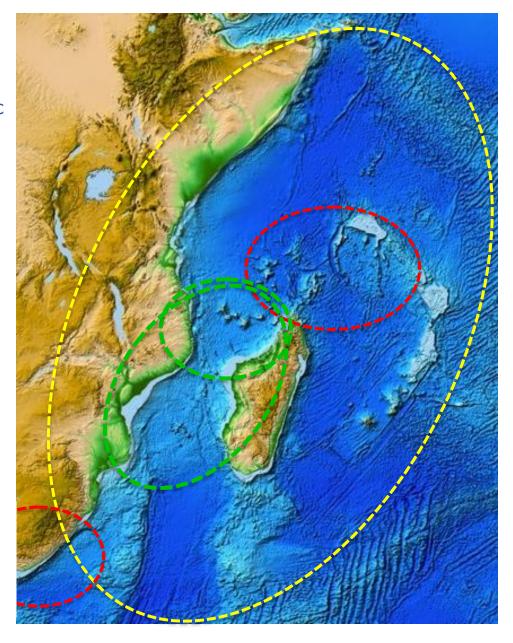
- WIOSAP (implementing the WIO Strategic Action Plan, UNEP/GEF)
- SAPPHIRE (support to policy harmonization, UNDP/GEF)
- CBD/Sustainable Oceans Initiative Partnership – capacity building.
- MSPWIO compiling data/demonstrator on MSP (IUCN, CORDIO, AFD)

#### Sub-regional

- Mozalink spatial analyses in the Mozambique Channel (IRD + partners, MASMA/WIOMSA)
- Northern Mozambique Channel initiative (NMCi)

#### **National**

- South Africa Operation Phakisa
- Seychelles Marine Multi-use Adaptation Project (SeyMMAP) (w. TNC)

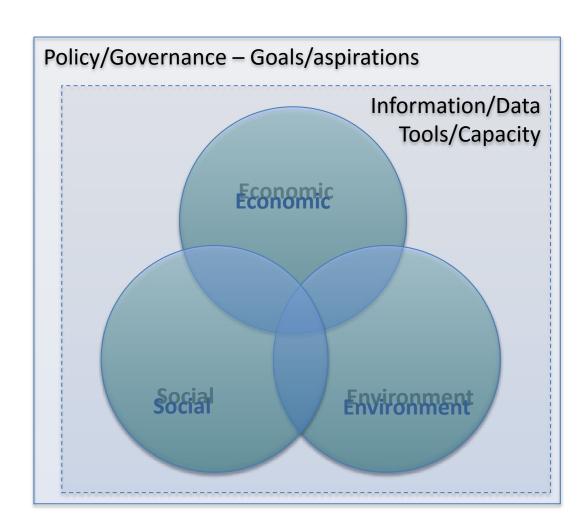


How to align these efforts and share resources?

### Why do MSP?

A **tool** that is well tailored to compiling and comparing very different sources of information in a decision-making context.

**Green/Blue Economic Development** 



### **Key dimensions of MSP**

#### 1) Policy

- A decision-making process, based on consensus/joint consideration of evidence
- Requires commitment to a process, and the ability to negotiate add compromise

### 2) Capacity building

- Trained GIS and spatial analysis technicians/experts
- Mediiators/facilitators
- Software and tools

#### 3) Information/data

- the right/appropriate information
- high/adequate quality
- appropriate coverage (temporal & spatial)

### 1) Policy

#### **Nairobi Convention**

### **WIOSAP/LMESAP**

- Crititcal coastal habitats
- Water quality
- Living Marine resources
- Stakeholder collaboration/engagement

### **CBD Aichi marine targets**

- 6 fisheries
- 10 climate sensitive ecosystems
- 11 Marine Protected Areas & management

### **Sustainable Development Goals**

- 14 Oceans, conserve and sustainably use
- 12 sustainable consumption & production
- 17 partnerships in sustainable development

#### Other policy alignments needed:

- Indian Ocean Commission
- Regional Economic Commissions: SADC, COMESA, East Africa, AU, etc.
- Regional Fishery Management Organizations (IOTC, SIOFA, etc.)
- Other sectors ...

### 2) Capacity building

### Projects supporting capacity building

- UNESCO-IOC MSP programme
  - ♦ Training materials and courses
  - Online and OceanTeacher/International Coastal Atlas Network, etc.
- SAPPHIRE, WIOSAP
  - Capacity building will be focused on pilot/selected sites for implementation
- Sustainable Oceans Initiative (CBD)
  - building on EBSA description and training in July
     2012 (Mauritius)
  - ♦ WIO regional Capacity Building workshop late 2015.
  - CBD Secretariat contribution to Nairobi Convention countries and parties to the CBD COP.

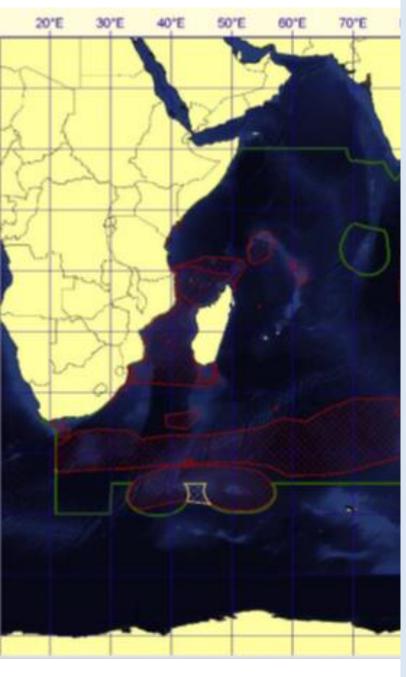
### Software and technical tools

- Spatial planning software
- EBM tools
- Obtain through partnerships (e.g. Seychelles/TNC collaboration.
- A variety of software tools depending on the objectives and type of data inputs.

### 3) Information/data

### Many existing resources

- UNESCO-IOC MSP programme
  - Manual and technical resources –
     Ehler and Douvere
  - Africa Marine Atlas/ODINAFRICA
  - Training materials
- CBD experiences and tools on MSP
  - EBSA data and capacity building
- NGO programmes and online resources
  - www.marinespatialplanning.org
  - Multiple NGOs, e.g. The Nature Conservancy
- Datasets and information
  - Africa Marine Atlas (UNESCO)
  - ASCLME
  - UNEP/GRID Arendahl
  - UNEP/WCMC
  - Other sources ...



### **MSPWIO Project**

### A demonstrator for fostering MSP and regional cooperation

- Seed funding project
- Drawn up on interconnectivity & common needs

### Objectives/activities:

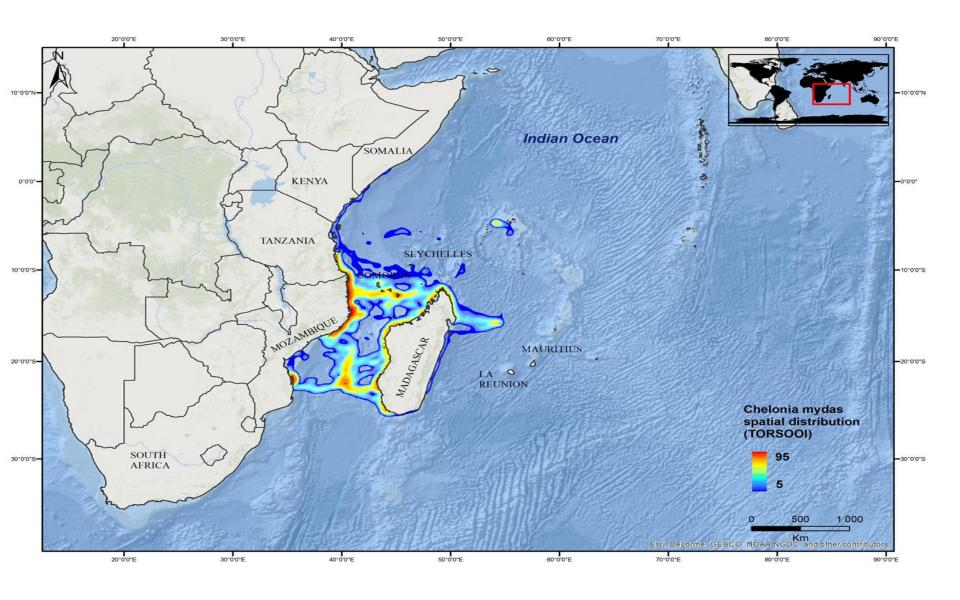
- Compiling data Supporting information exchange, synergy and fostering coordination
- Contributing to build regional capacities :
   1rst Workshop 2015
- Mapping Highlighting areas of interest + integrated vision of challenges and opportunities
- Co-designing scenarios and Facilitating and sustaining dialogue:

2d workshop 2016

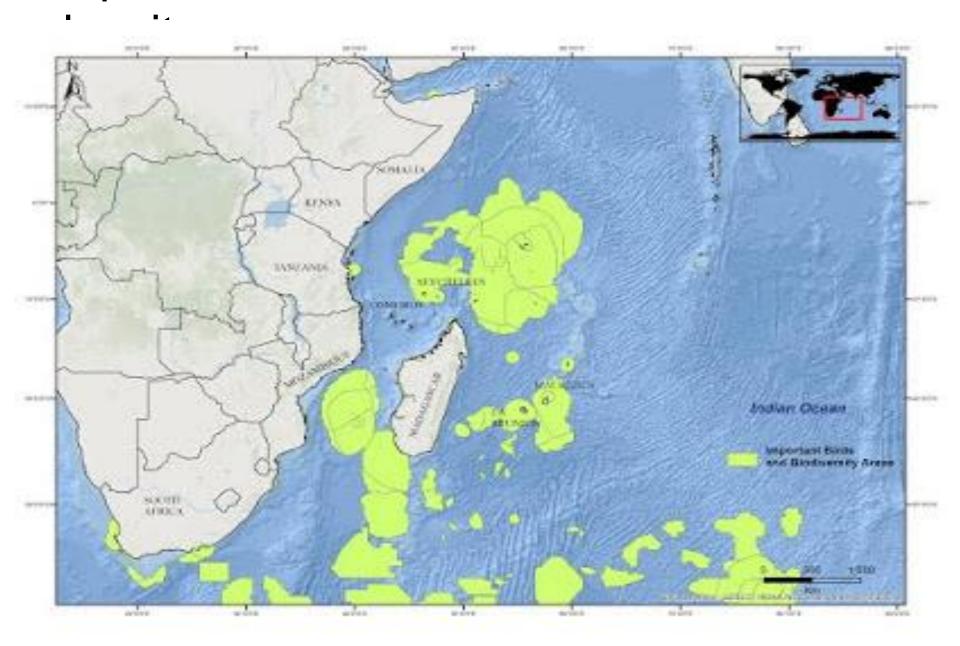
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### Partnership and Collaborative approach

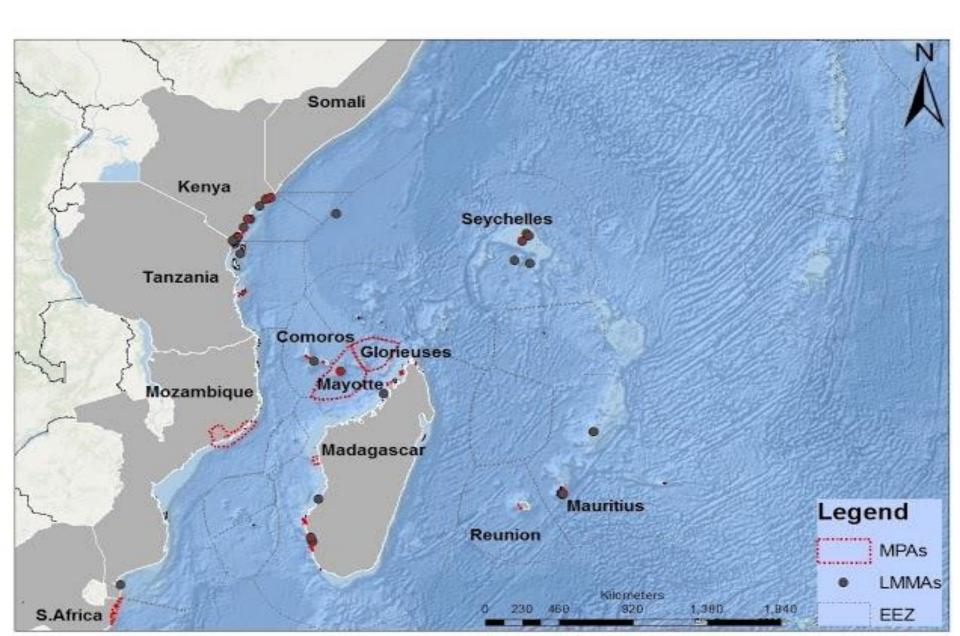
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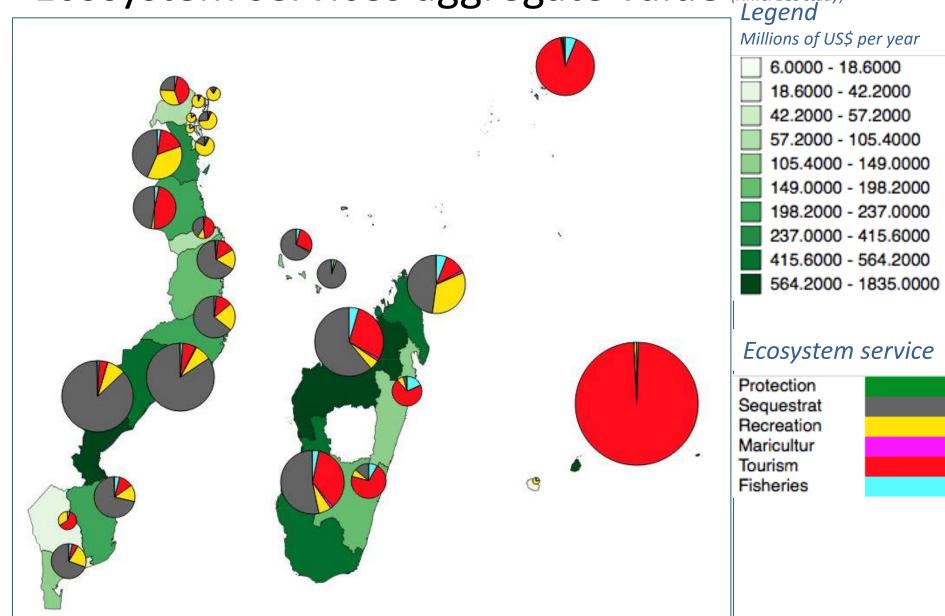
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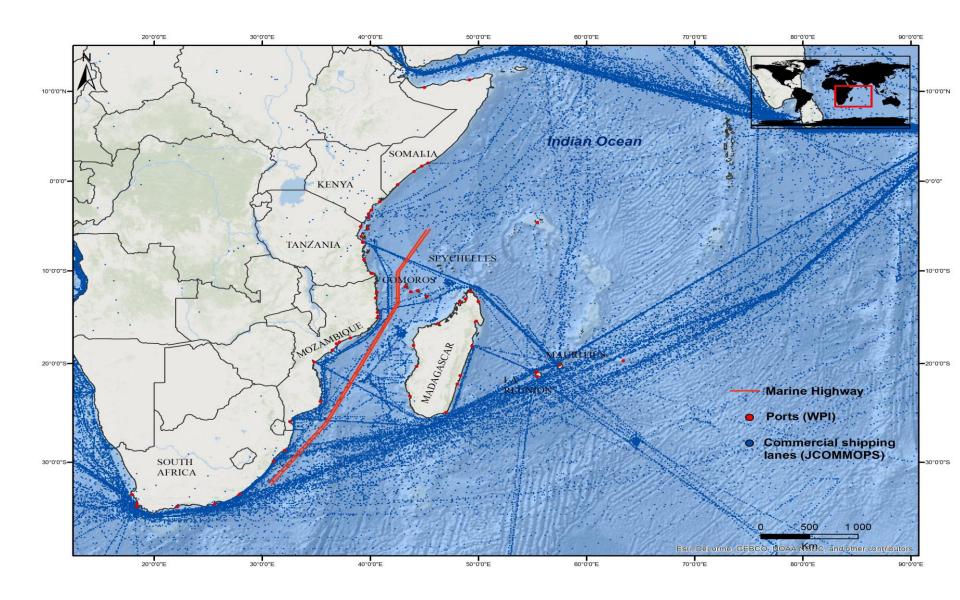
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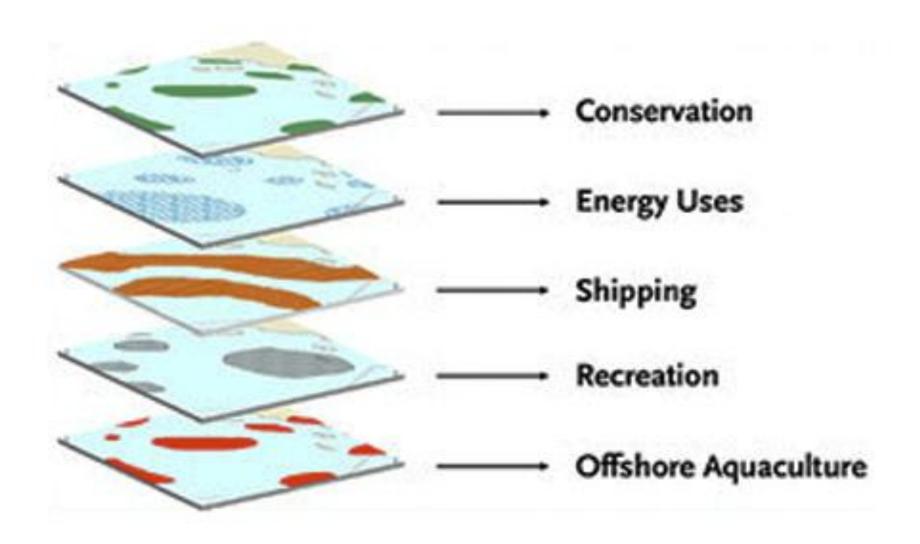
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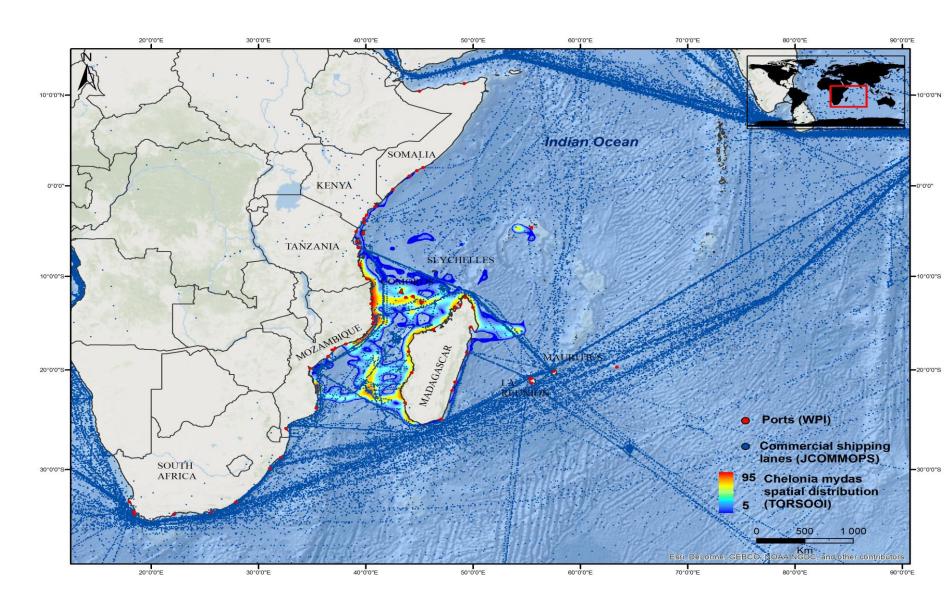
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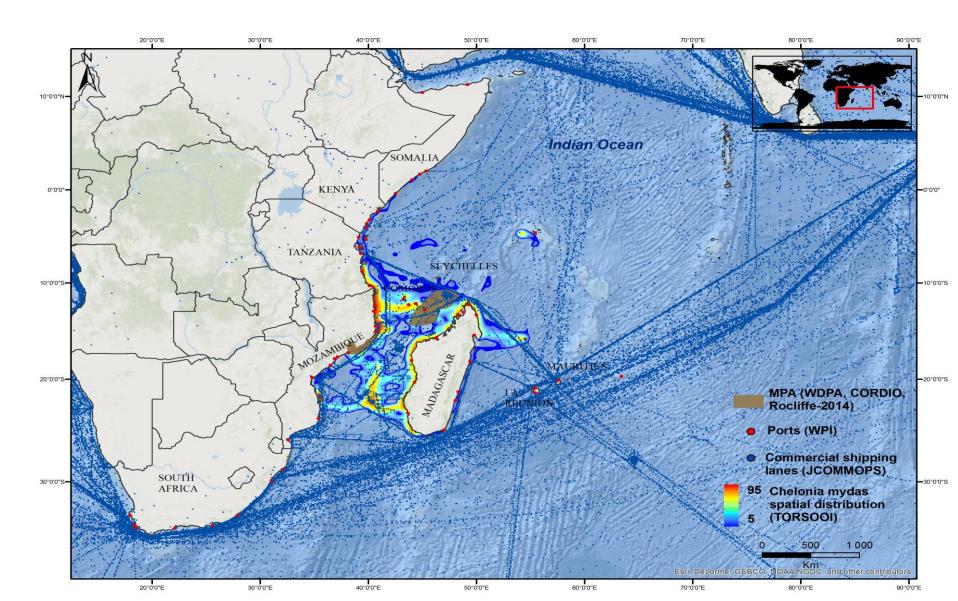
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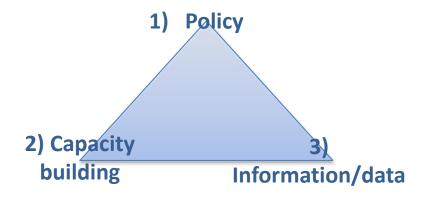
## 2 layers



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### Key actions for proposing to the COP:

- Establish mechanism for catalyzing initiatives and fostering alignment: i.e a working group, from NCSEC modus op) bringing together representatives of major programmes (governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental)
- Promoting synergies and coordination:
  - Shared information/datasets and technical procedures
  - Shared capacity building workplans to maximize integration and synergies for national actors

