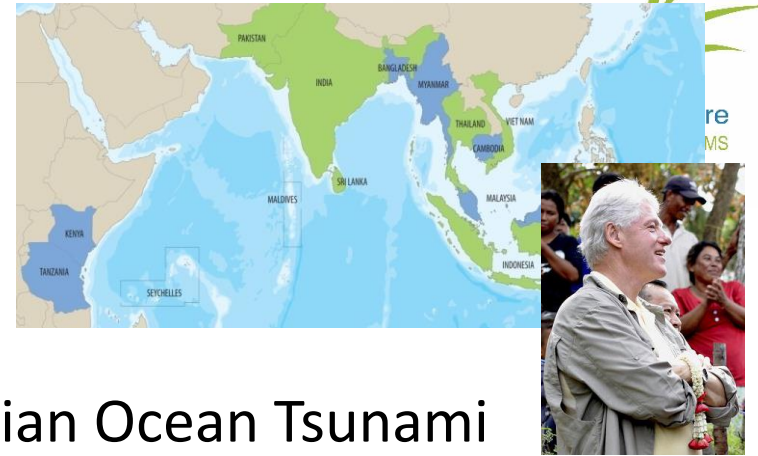


The Resilient Coasts Initiative

A Partnership Response



Origins



- Catalysed by the December 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami
- Established by the IUCN Asia Regional Office & UNDP with assistance from the Office of the Special Envoy for Tsunami Recovery (OSE) through
- Establishment of a Regional Platform for Action in 2006
- Expressed interest by Kenya & Tanzania who officially applied to become dialogue countries
- Decision made to establish an independent MFF in the Western Indian Ocean, with the support of MFF Asia




Why Resilient Coasts ?




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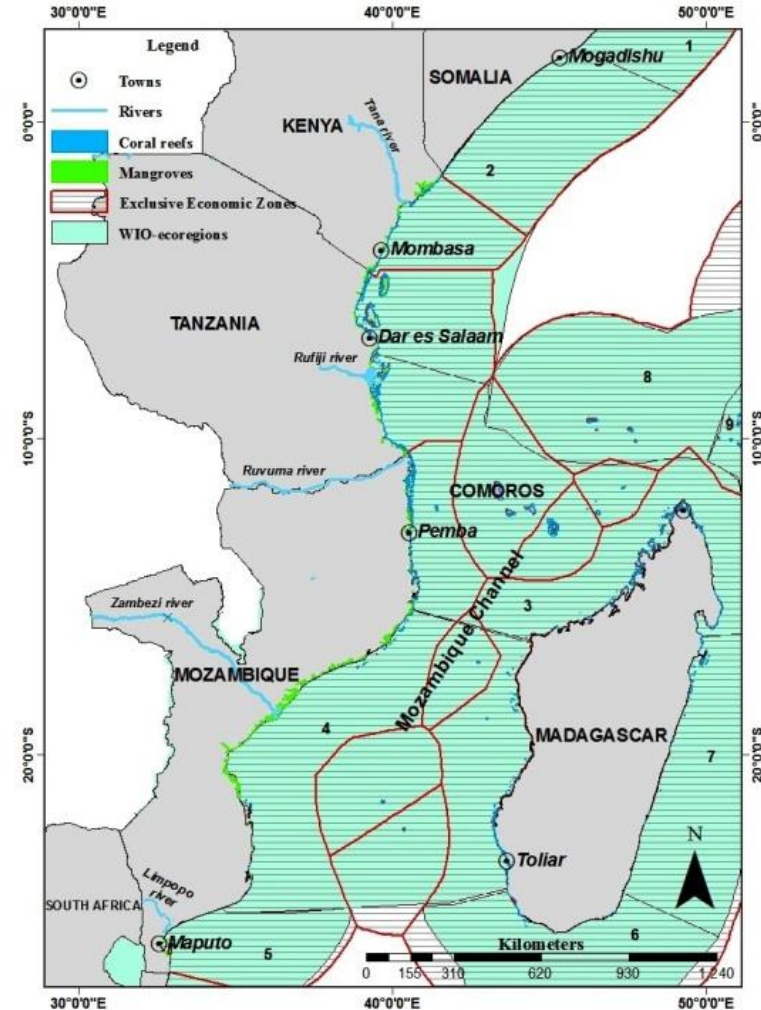
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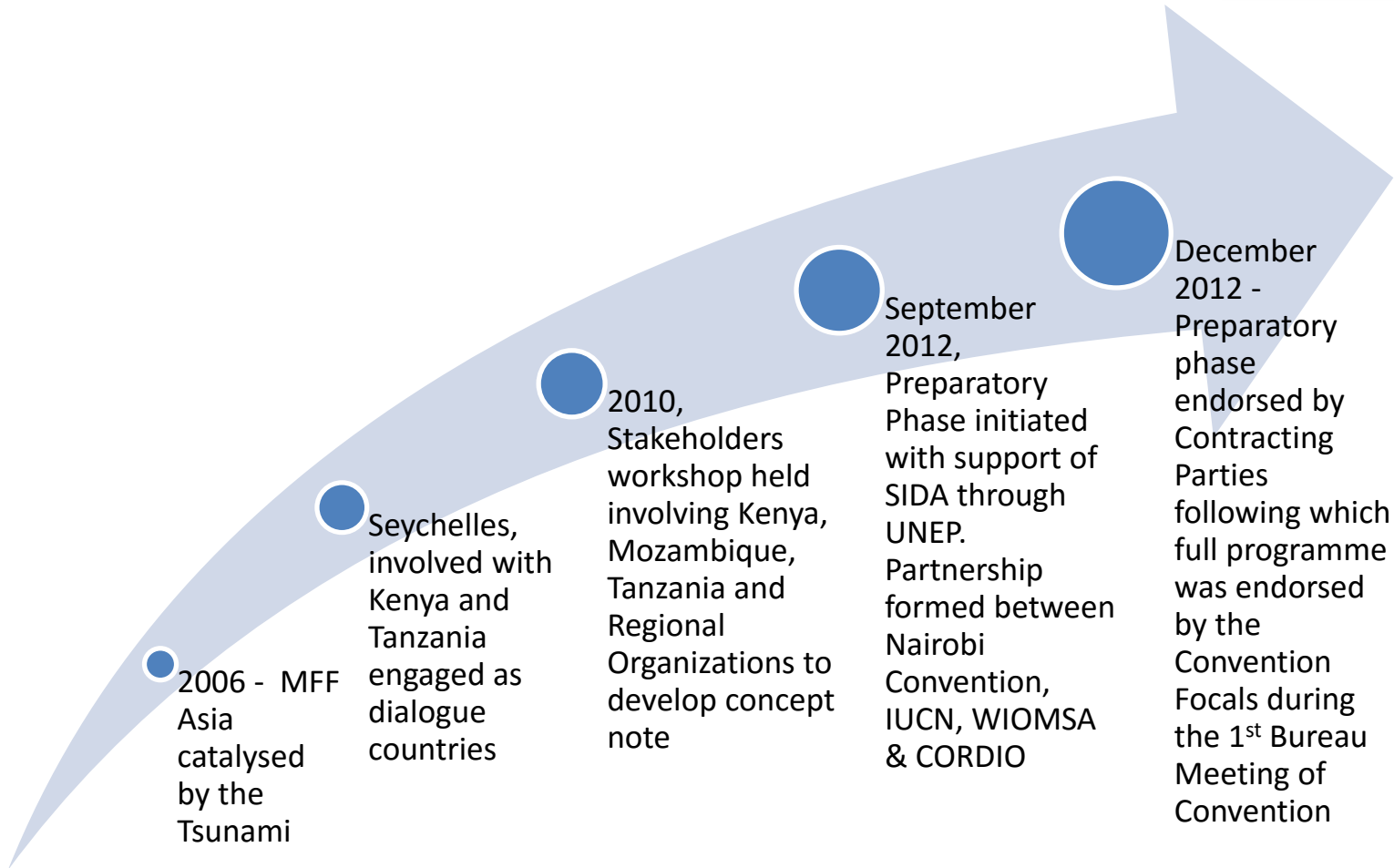
Rapidly changing demographics, economies & climates – Increasing complexity & uncertainty



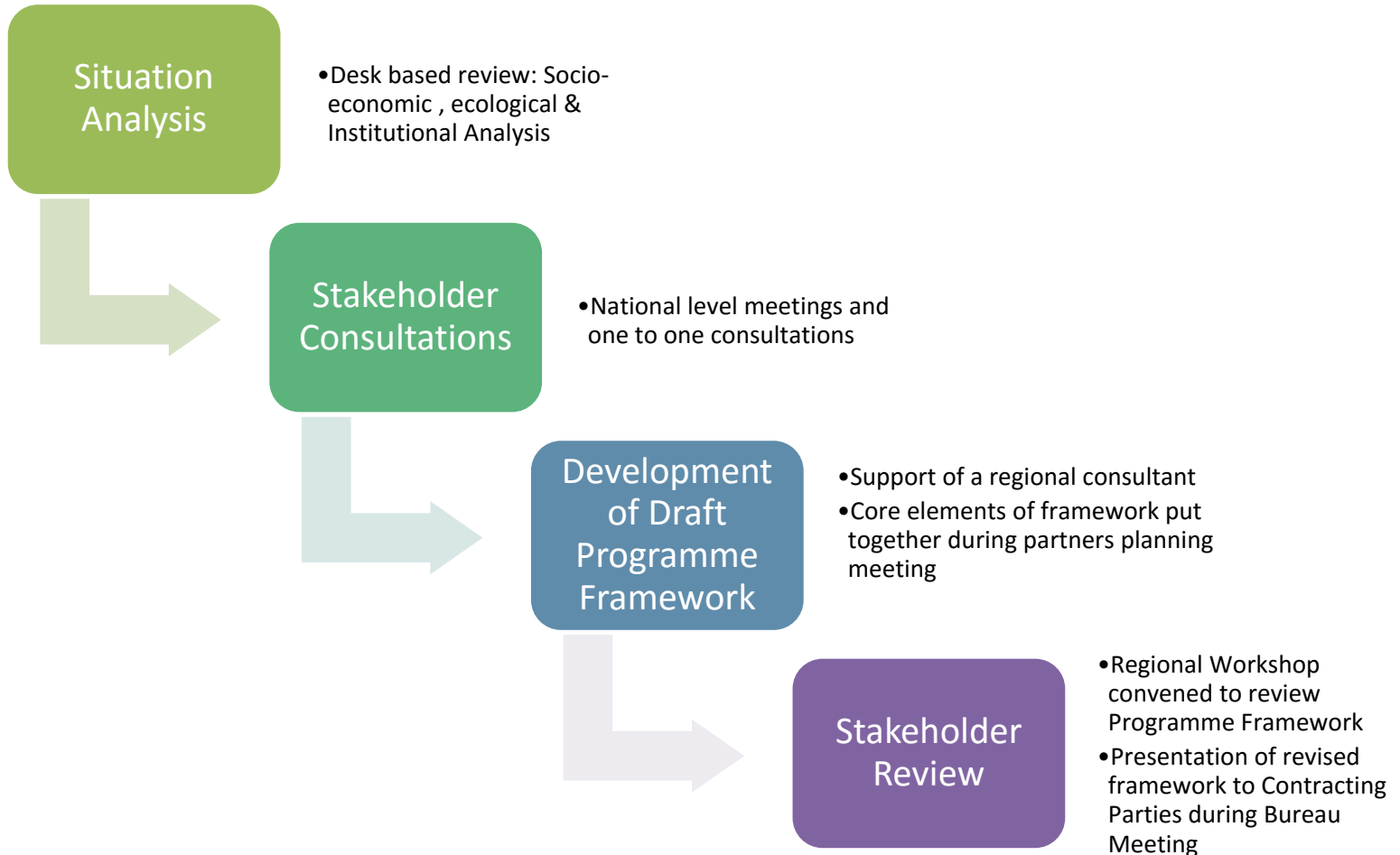
Business as usual – Sectoral/Programmatic Silos often resulting in poor management & over exploitation of resources



History



Design Process



PROGRESS TO DATE

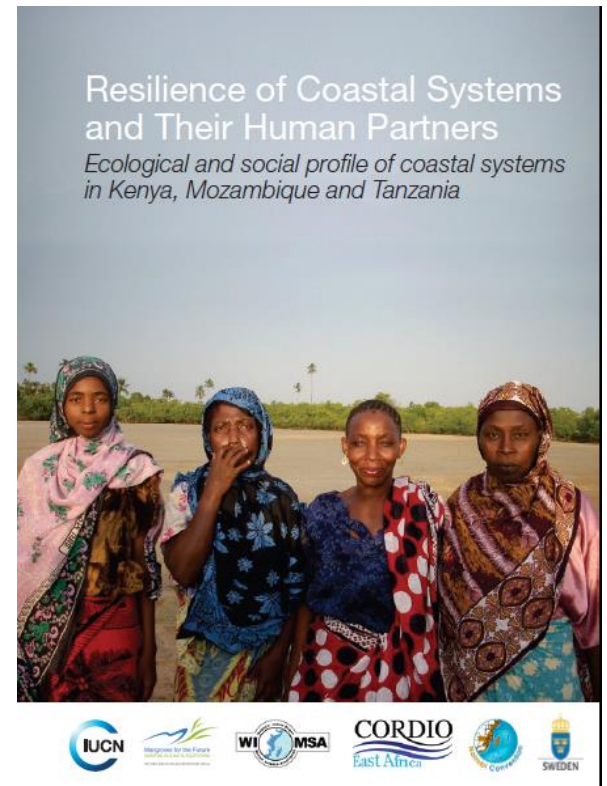




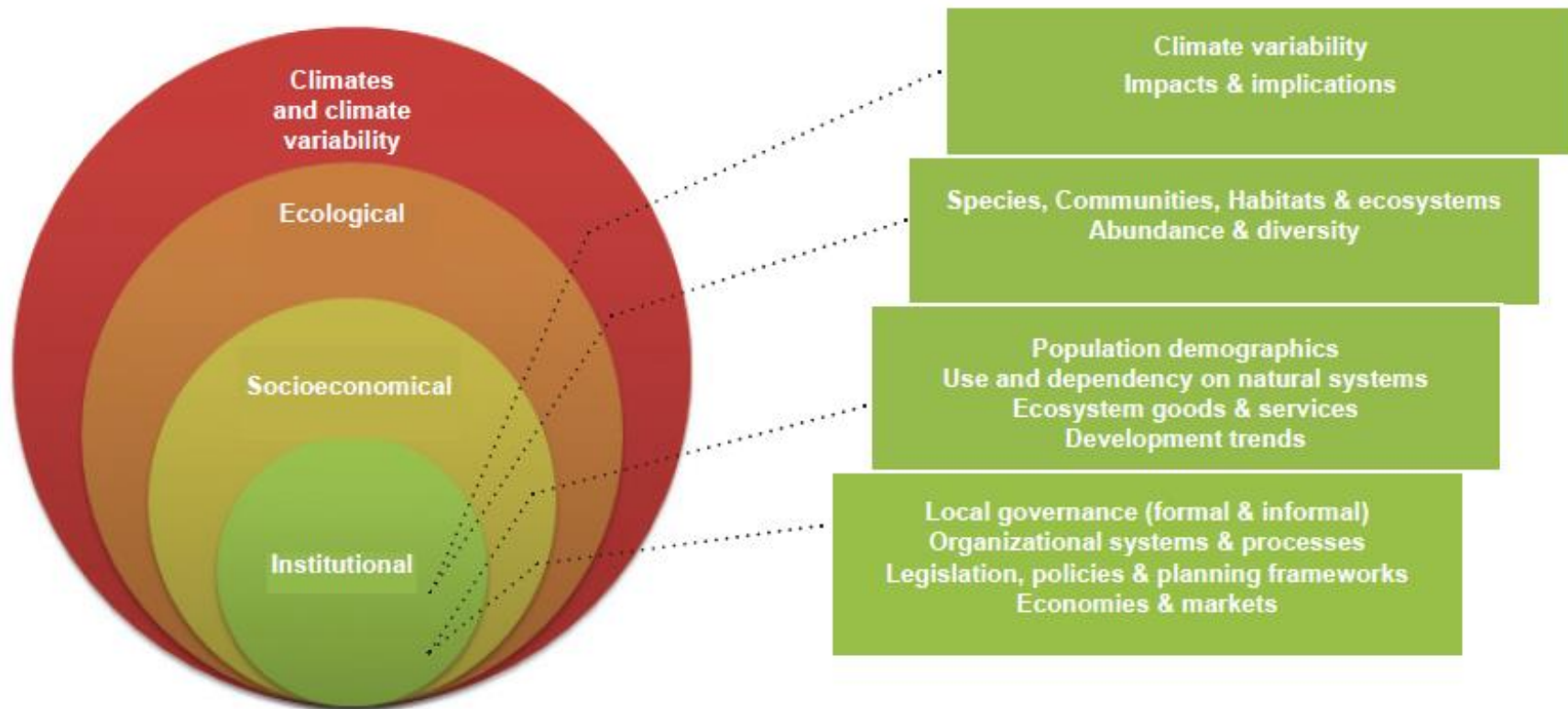
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SITUATION ANALYSIS



Ecological and social profile of coastal systems in Kenya, Mozambique and Tanzania



COMPREHENSIVE FRAMEWORK FOR ACTION DEVELOPED & ENDORSED



Mission:

To use a partnership-based approach that builds knowledge, supports action on the ground and enhances governance and policy processes to strengthen the resilience of coastal systems against global change, including climate change

Adaptive capacities of coastal communities

- Increased understanding of vulnerabilities of local communities and opportunities for enhancing adaptive capacities
- Improved access to and use of technologies and methods for diversifying sustainable and resilient livelihood options
- Sustainable mechanisms for supporting adaptation of coastal communities established

Critical Coastal Ecological systems & Habitats

- Knowledge base on the resilience of coastal ecological systems and habitats strengthened
- Promote conservation, restoration and rehabilitation of critical habitats through the engagement of multiple sectors and stakeholders
- Investments and partnerships for ecosystem restoration promoted

Influencing Coastal Economic Development

- Enhanced understanding of the trends/implications of coastal economic development and the resilience of coastal social & ecological systems
- Environmentally sustainable and socially equitable approaches better integrated into regional and national development strategies and processes

Good Governance mechanisms

- Effectiveness of local governance in managing and influencing coastal ecological and social systems improved
- More integrated institutional frameworks and processes better enabling conservation, restoration and rehabilitation of coastal ecological systems
- Improved integration and use of practical mechanisms promoting environmental sustainability and social equity in development initiatives



A Partnership Response to Enhancing Resilience of coastal systems

A cohesive programmatic framework geared towards:

- **Enhancing Partnerships** between multiple stakeholders and sectors through innovative programme governance structures
- **Leveraging and scaling out initiatives** making a difference on the ground or cutting edge research – ensuring that necessary levels of influence are enabled to bring about lasting change
- **Taking a long term perspective** by catalysing investments; and
- **Promoting innovation** through mobilizing resources to allow for testing and further development of nature based solutions OR scaling out of existing solutions

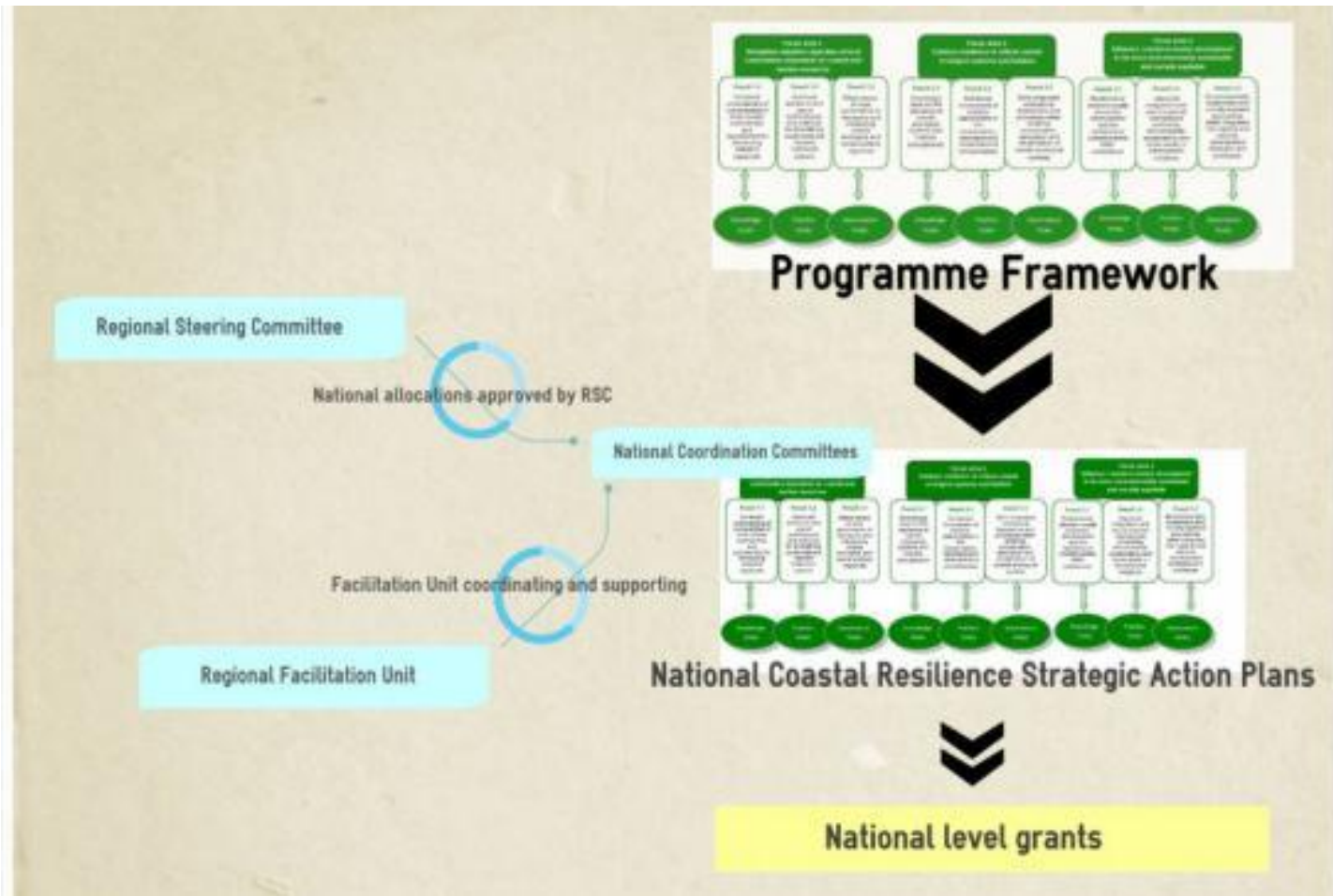


Scope



- Initially piloted across Kenya, Tanzania and Mozambique with a view to scale out the region
- Action to focus on 3 levels:
 - Regional: Knowledge & Awareness
 - National: Capacity building & policy support
 - Local: Practical and sustainable action

Governance



EXAMPLES OF ACTION



Examples of Action

- **Regional:**
 - Knowledge – Enhancing understanding of resilience and factors affecting resilience
 - Convening Policy ↔ Science dialogue focusing on the role of coastal ecosystems as natural solutions to contemporary challenges (economic growth, food security & climate change) [*Concept Stage]
- **National:**
 - Support to ICZM related processes – For example, Mozambique Mangrove Restoration Strategy and Action Plan;
 - Integrating natural solutions & adaptation into local and national level development planning processes [*Concept]
- **Local:**
 - Restoration & conservation of critical ecosystems & habitats (Coral Reefs, Sea Grass, Mangroves) in areas of high economic & social vulnerability
 - Supporting farming communities inclusion and sustainable green growth [*Concept]



KEY MESSAGES



Increased recognition of the values of natural capital & nature based solutions

- Conservation, restoration and sustainable management of coastal & marine biodiversity and ecosystems generate significant and practical *nature-based solutions* that can simultaneously contribute towards national development objectives across multiple levels, yielding important economic, social and environmental co-benefits.
- Harnessing the full value of nature based solutions requires *integrated and harmonized approaches* which support:
 - Practical and sustainable action at field level;
 - Integration of natural capital in development planning & investment decisions
 - Concrete mechanisms for aligning development aspirations across multiple sectors



Joining the Partnership

Mission:

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Sharing & consolidating existing methods, tools & approaches

Knowledge

Adaptive Capacity

Practice

Policy

Directing practical action towards strengthening our understanding of and increasing resilience

Collaborative provision of technical advice to Governments & decision-makers



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