

# NAIROBI CONVENTION

*For the Protection, Management and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Western Indian Ocean*



Meeting on Area Based Planning Tools for Areas  
Beyond National Jurisdiction (ABNJ)  
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**Nairobi Convention Work on  
ABNJ**

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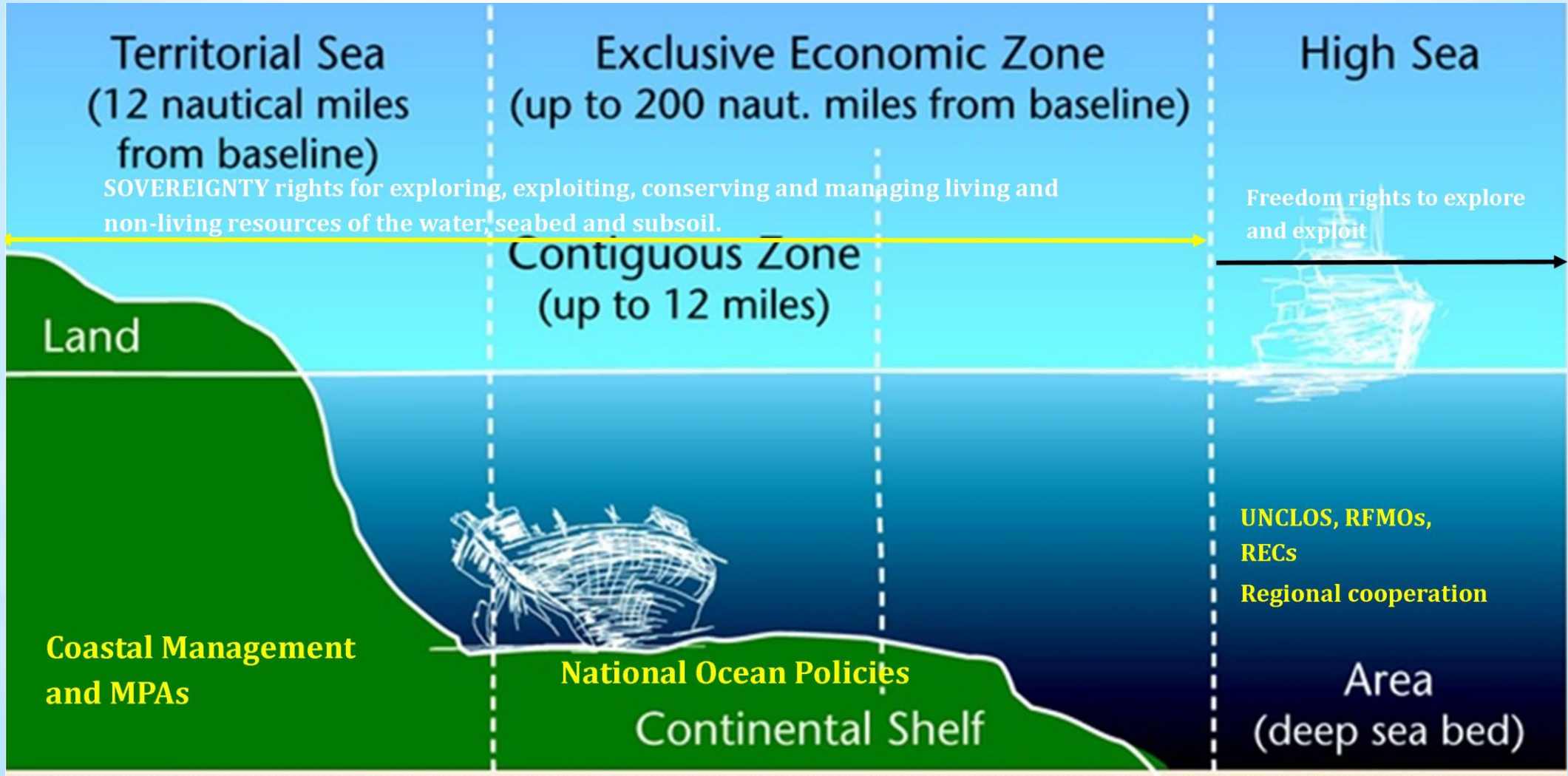
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# Sovereign rights + Freedom of access = challenges for ABNJ governance





# ABNJ Deep Seas Project - Four components



**Component 1: Improved application of policy and legal frameworks**



**Component 2: Reducing adverse impacts on VMEs and components of EBSAs**



**Component 3: Improved planning and adaptive management for ABNJ deep-sea fisheries**



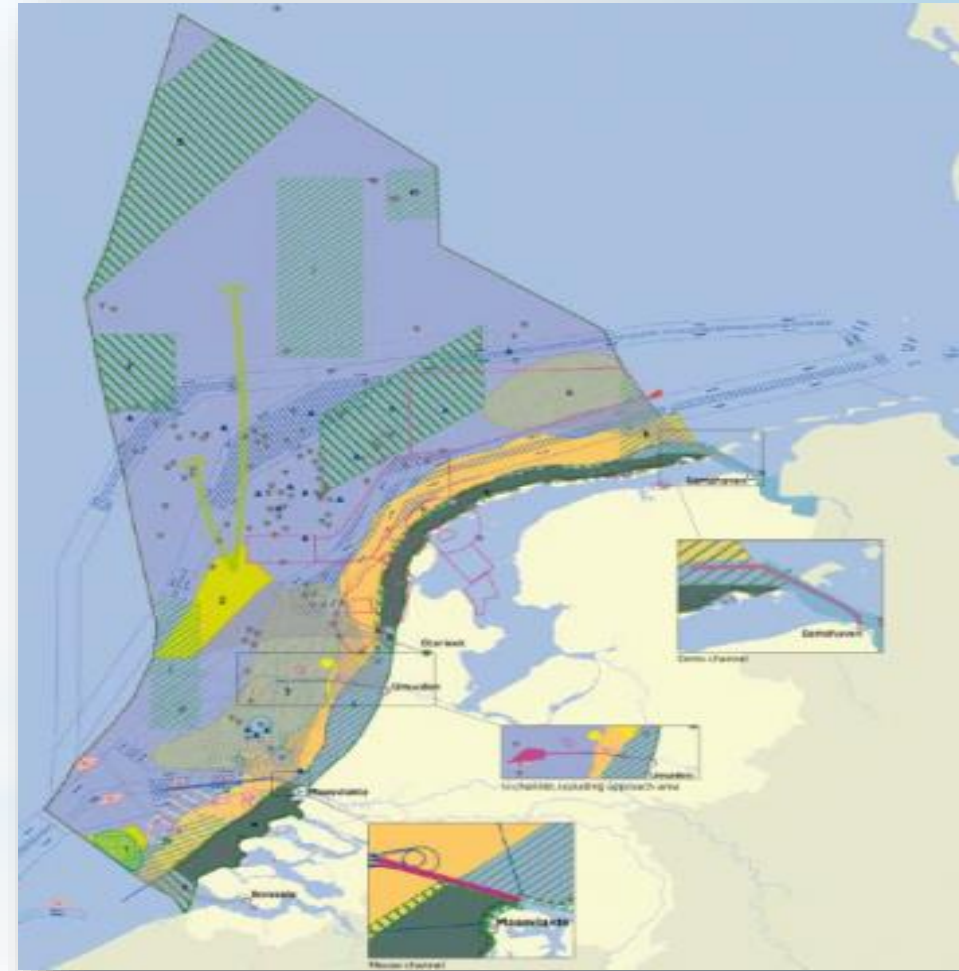
**Component 4: Development and testing of a methodology for area-based planning**

# Area Based Planning

- Area-based planning is a process through which resource management spatial regulations are designed
- Spatial planning allows activities competing for the same space to be managed reducing risks and supporting sustainable use

## Marine Spatial Planning (MSP)

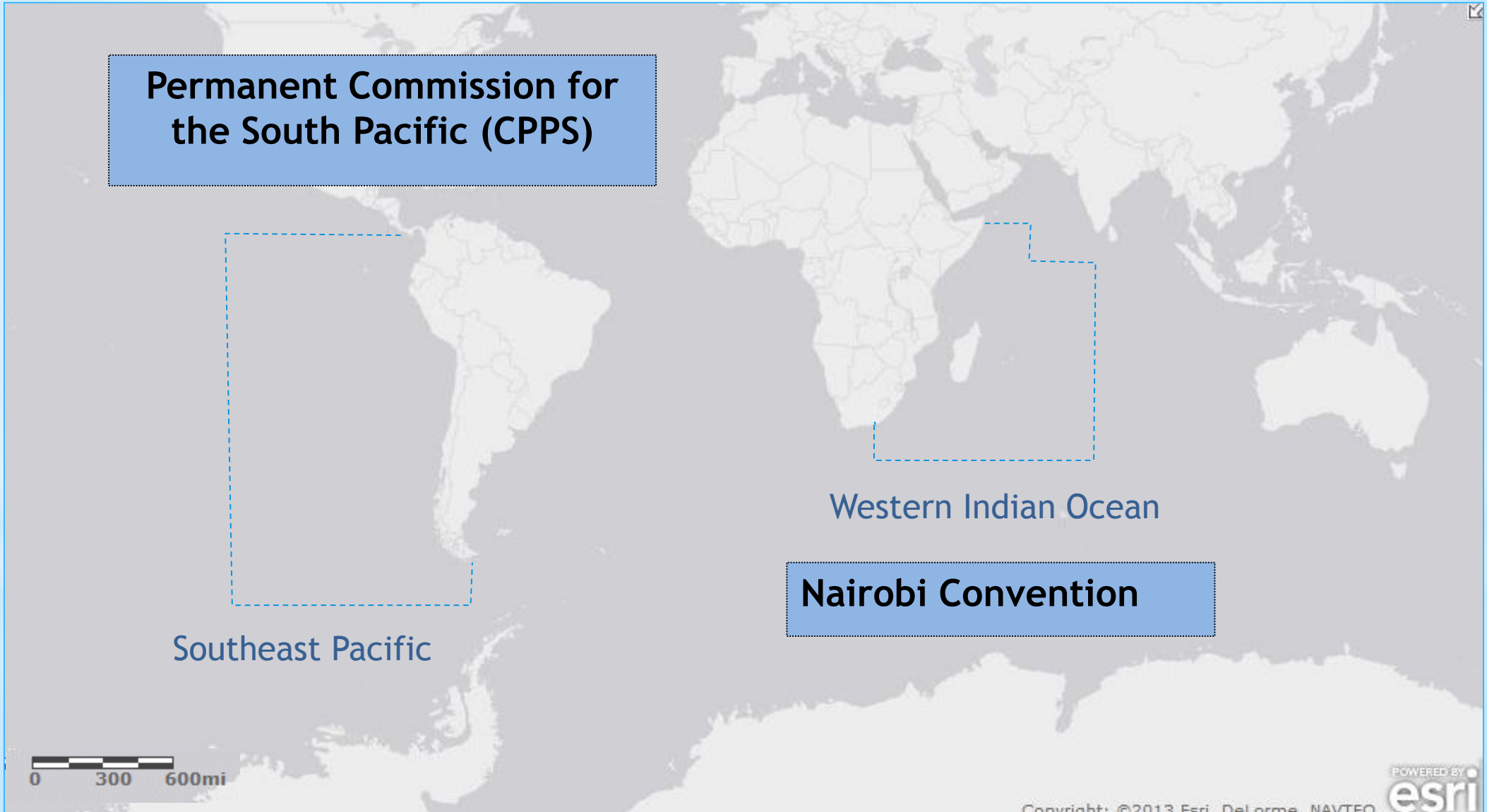
- **Networks of Marine Protected Areas**
- **Fishery Closure Areas**
- **? Are this applicable in ABNJ**







# Component 4: Pilot regions - Testing Area Based Planning Tools





# Area Based Planning tools and MSP



## ➤ COP 8/10 Decision CP in support of ABNJ

---Support - Sustainable fisheries management and biodiversity conservation of deep-sea living marine resources and ecosystems in the areas beyond national jurisdiction by the Food and Agriculture Organization & UNEP

To *urge* Contracting Parties to cooperate in improving the governance of areas beyond national jurisdiction, building on existing regional institutions including the Nairobi Convention and developing area based management tools such as marine spatial planning to promote the blue economy pathways in the Western Indian Ocean Region

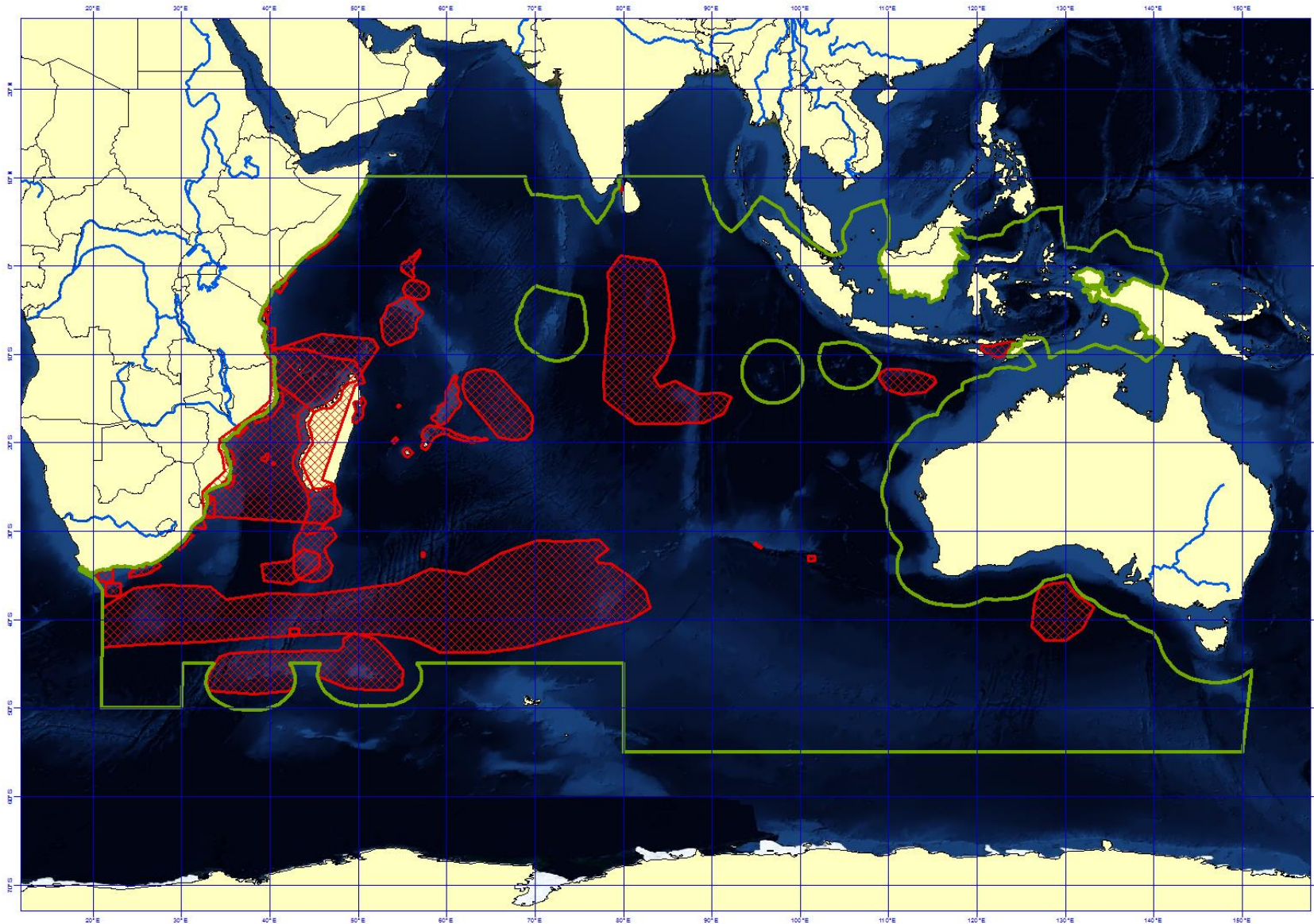
Area Based Planning tools meeting organized by Nairobi Convention and UNEP-WCMC (September 2016, Seychelles)

## ➤ Outcomes:

- Countries agree on the need for integrated management of areas within and those beyond national jurisdiction (EEZ & ABNJ) due to issues of interconnectivity and migratory species
- Countries called upon Nairobi Convention to support ABNJ management e.g by
  - Capacity building
  - Awareness creation



# EBSA Identified for Southern Indian Ocean Region







# Seamounts in the Western Indian Ocean region



- Approximately **700 seamounts** identified in WIO region
- Seamounts are often targeted by fishing vessels
- Enhanced Primary productivity:
  - Attracts seabirds
  - Creates suitable breeding ground for pelagic species
  - Provides feeding ground for demersal species





# ABNJ



The Nairobi Convention focuses on the following aspects ABNJ

- Review applicability of area based planning tools to ecosystems that extend to ABNJ -( connectivity and adjacency)
- Gather - share experiences from regional ABNJ area-based planning

Develop and test area-based planning tools in pilot regions in the context

- Ecosystem Based Management for WIO
- Climate Change Strategy for WIO
- Blue Economy





# Thank you



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