

## Registering Voluntary Commitment for implementation of Goal 14

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| <b>Title of voluntary commitment</b>                                                                                            | Regional Partnership for Implementing SDG14 in the Western Indian Ocean<br><a href="https://oceanconference.un.org/commitments/?id=18313">https://oceanconference.un.org/commitments/?id=18313</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Lead Entity &amp; Type</b>                                                                                                   | Secretariat of the Nairobi Convention<br>(Intergovernmental Organization)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| <b>Partners</b>                                                                                                                 | Contracting Parties of the Nairobi Convention - Comoros, France, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique, Seychelles, Somalia, Tanzania and South Africa (Governments)<br>UN Environment (Intergovernmental Organization)<br>Indian Ocean Commission (IOC) (Intergovernmental Organization)<br>Sweden (donor)<br>France (donor)<br>South West Indian Ocean Fisheries Commission (intergovernmental Organization)<br>Western Indian Ocean Marine Science Association (WIOMSA) (Scientific community)<br>Birdlife International (non-governmental organization)<br>World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) (non-governmental organization)<br>International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) (non-governmental organization)<br>Consortium for the Conservation of Coastal and Marine Ecosystems in the Western Indian Ocean (WIO-C) (non-governmental organization)<br>GRID-Arendal (collaborating centre)<br>UN Environment World Conservation Monitoring Centre (WCMC) (Intergovernmental Organization)<br>German Development Cooperation (Government)<br>Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS) (Scientific Community)<br>Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI) (Scientific Community) |
| <b>Beneficiary Countries</b>                                                                                                    | The Contracting Parties to the Nairobi Convention for the development, protection and management of the coastal and marine environment of the Western Indian Ocean:<br><br>Comoros, France, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique, Seychelles, Somalia, Tanzania and South Africa                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Description of voluntary commitment</b><br>(objectives, implementation methodologies, follow-up mechanisms, governance, etc) | The <a href="#">Regional State of the Coast Report</a> for the Western Indian Ocean region provides a comprehensive synthesis and insights into the enormous economic potential of the region and the consequential demand for marine ecosystem goods and services to match the increasing human population, the pace and scale of environmental changes taking place in the region and the opportunities to avoid serious degradation in one of the world's unique and highly biodiverse oceans.<br><br>Under the Nairobi Convention, governments, civil society, scientific community and the private sector are working together for a prosperous Western Indian Ocean with healthy rivers, coasts and oceans. The Convention pursues this vision by providing a mechanism for regional cooperation, coordination and collaborative actions and by engaging countries into actions to protect their shared marine environment.<br><br>The region faces threats of increasing demand for resources, overfishing, pollution from offshore and land-based activities, biodiversity and habitat loss. Other challenges include                                                                                                               |

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|                                     | <p>urban development of coasts, impacts of climate change along the densely populated coasts, ocean acidification, warming of the ocean, along with inadequate stewardship and law enforcement.</p> <p>The Convention has provided effective leadership in fostering sustainable ocean management through ecosystem-based approaches and has secured greater commitments by States, cooperation of stakeholders and active involvement of the civil society. There still remains institutional, governance and financing impediments that are beyond the ability of the Western Indian Ocean countries to address. The challenges require concerted international support to secure sources of long-term financing for the investments needed by these countries to transform to integrated, coastal and maritime sources of production, employment and growth. Unfilled sectoral financing gaps, include protecting and conserving ocean resources and ecosystems, fisheries, aquaculture, promoting food security and increasing sustainable productivity in marine food systems, sustainable tourism, coastal and maritime transport, ocean renewable energy, marine bioprospecting, protection and management of habitats, water supply and infrastructure, as well as other new ocean economy activities and sectors.</p> <p>The overall aim of the partnership is to reduce marine pollution, demonstrate and enhance ocean governance and sustainably manage critical coastal and marine ecosystems for a prosperous Western Indian Ocean. The partnership will directly contribute to the implementation of specific targets of Sustainable Development Goal 14.</p> <p><i>Objectives:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Implementation of the strategic action programme to reduce impacts from land-based sources and activities and sustainably manage critical coastal and marine ecosystems through implementation of the agreed priorities</li> <li>2. Implementation of the Western Indian Ocean strategic action programme on policy harmonization and institutional reforms towards improved ocean governance and transition to a low carbon pathway</li> <li>3. Sustainable management of shared fish resources and collaborative management of marine and coastal resources in the Northern Mozambique Channel</li> <li>4. Improved governance of areas beyond national jurisdiction to promote the blue economy pathways in the Western Indian Ocean Region</li> </ol> <p><i>Implementation methodologies</i></p> <p>The partnership will implement a number of priority activities through an organized implementation structure with specific roles and responsibilities of each partner in order to achieve the targeted milestones within agreed timelines. Use will be made of tested standard tools, templates and procedures leaning on international best practice.</p> |                          |
| Ocean basins targeted by commitment | Indian Ocean                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                          |
| Deliverables & Date                 | <b>Description of deliverable</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>Date (Month/year)</b> |
|                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduced impacts from land-based sources and activities and sustainably managed critical coastal and marine ecosystems</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | June 2022                |
|                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy harmonization and management reforms for improved ocean governance</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | March 2022               |
|                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collaborative management of marine and coastal resources</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | December 2021            |

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|                                                      | in the Northern Mozambique Channel                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Innovative ocean governance mechanisms for the extended continental shelf management and improved 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</li> </ul> | March 2020                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Resources mobilized towards commitment               | <b>Reduced impacts from land-based sources and activities and sustainably managed critical coastal and marine ecosystems</b> for the period 2017-2022. Co-finance of US\$ 78,620,741                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                                                      | National co-finance of US\$ 67,248,741                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Financing in cash and in-kind from Comoros (5,900,000) Kenya (12,000,000) Madagascar (1,200,000) Mauritius (4,500,000) Mozambique (19,000,000) Seychelles (4,600,000) Somalia (168,400) South Africa (5,280,341) Tanzania (14,600,000) |
|                                                      | NGOs and others Co-financing of US\$ 7,122,000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Financing in cash and in-kind by the Consortium for the Conservation of Coastal and Marine Ecosystems in the Western Indian Ocean                                                                                                      |
|                                                      | Intergovernmental co-financing of US\$ 4,250,000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Financing in cash and in-kind by the Nairobi Convention Trust Fund and UN Environment Marine and Coastal Programme under the Ecosystems Division                                                                                       |
|                                                      | <b>Policy harmonization and management reforms for improved ocean governance</b> for the period 2017-2022. Co-financing of US\$ 317,799,494                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                                                      | National co-finance of US\$ 311,040,044                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Financing in cash and in-kind from Comoros, France, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique, Seychelles, Somalia, Tanzania and South Africa                                                                                           |
|                                                      | Other in-kind co-financing of US\$ 7,459,450                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Financing in cash and in-kind from IUCN (1,700,000), IGO (WIOMSA, 2,110,000), NGO (Future Oceans Alliance, 65,000), NGO (BirdLife, 750,000), UN Agency (IMO, 250,000), UN Agency (UNDP, 43,200)                                        |
|                                                      | <b>Collaborative management of marine and coastal resources in the Northern Mozambique Channel</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                                                      | NGO and IGO co-finance of US\$ 1,817,698                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Nairobi Convention (867,287), WWF (482,240), CORDIO (69,300), WIO-C Partners (398,258)                                                                                                                                                 |
|                                                      | <b>Innovative ocean governance for the extended continental shelf management and of areas beyond national jurisdiction</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                                                      | National co-finance of US\$ 15.6 million                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Seychelles, Mauritius                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|                                                      | NGOs in-kind co-financing of US\$30,766,000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Start date (Year Month) of this voluntary commitment | 2017 April                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| End date (Year Month) of this voluntary commitment   | 2022 December                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Website for more information                         | <a href="http://www.unep.org/nairobiconvention">www.unep.org/nairobiconvention</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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| <p>SDG 14 targets covered by commitment</p>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 14.1 - By 2025, prevent and significantly reduce marine pollution of all kinds, in particular from land-based activities, including marine debris and nutrient pollution</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 14.2 - By 2020, sustainably manage and protect marine and coastal ecosystems to avoid significant adverse impacts, including by strengthening their resilience, and take action for their restoration in order to achieve healthy and productive oceans</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 14.3 - Minimize and address the impacts of ocean acidification, including through enhanced scientific cooperation at all levels</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 14.4 - By 2020, effectively regulate harvesting and end overfishing, illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing and destructive fishing practices and implement science-based management plans, in order to restore fish stocks in the shortest time feasible, at least to levels that can produce maximum sustainable yield as determined by their biological characteristics</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 14.5 - By 2020, conserve at least 10 per cent of coastal and marine areas, consistent with national and international law and based on the best available scientific information</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 14.6 - By 2020, prohibit certain forms of fisheries subsidies which contribute to overcapacity and overfishing, eliminate subsidies that contribute to illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing and refrain from introducing new such subsidies, recognizing that appropriate and effective special and differential treatment for developing and least developed countries should be an integral part of the World Trade Organization fisheries subsidies negotiation</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 14.7 - By 2030, increase the economic benefits to Small Island developing States and least developed countries from the sustainable use of marine resources, including through sustainable management of fisheries, aquaculture and tourism</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 14.a - Increase scientific knowledge, develop research capacity and transfer marine technology, taking into account the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission Criteria and Guidelines on the Transfer of Marine Technology, in order to improve ocean health and to enhance the contribution of marine biodiversity to the development of developing countries, in particular small island developing States and least developed countries</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 14.b - Provide access for small-scale artisanal fishers to marine resources and markets</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 14.c - Enhance the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their resources by implementing international law as reflected in UNCLOS, which provides the legal framework for the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their resources, as recalled in paragraph 158 of The Future We Want</li> </ul> |
| <p>Linkages to other sustainable development goals</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Goal 1 - End poverty in all its forms everywhere</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Goal 2 - End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Goal 3 - Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Goal 4 - Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Goal 5 - Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls                                                                                                                                       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Goal 6 - Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all                                                                                                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Goal 7 - Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all                                                                                                                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Goal 8 - Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all                                                                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Goal 9 - Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation                                                                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Goal 10 - Reduce inequality within and among countries                                                                                                                                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Goal 11 - Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable                                                                                                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Goal 12 - Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns                                                                                                                                       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Goal 13 - Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts*                                                                                                                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Goal 15 - Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Goal 16 - Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Goal 17 - Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development                                                                                     |