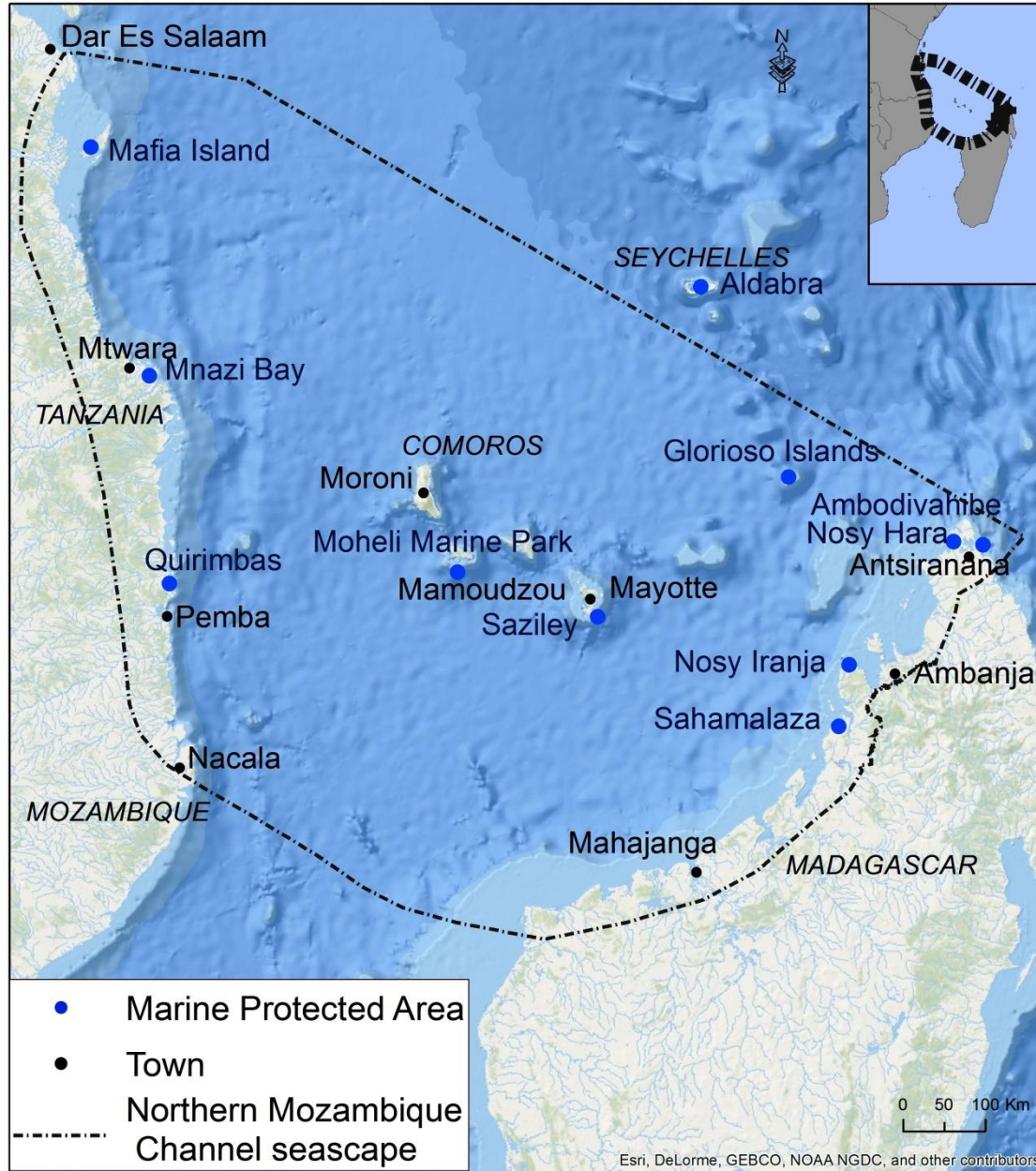


Northern Mozambique Channel
initiative (NMCi)

Integrated management of the marine
and coastal resources of the Northern
Mozambique Channel



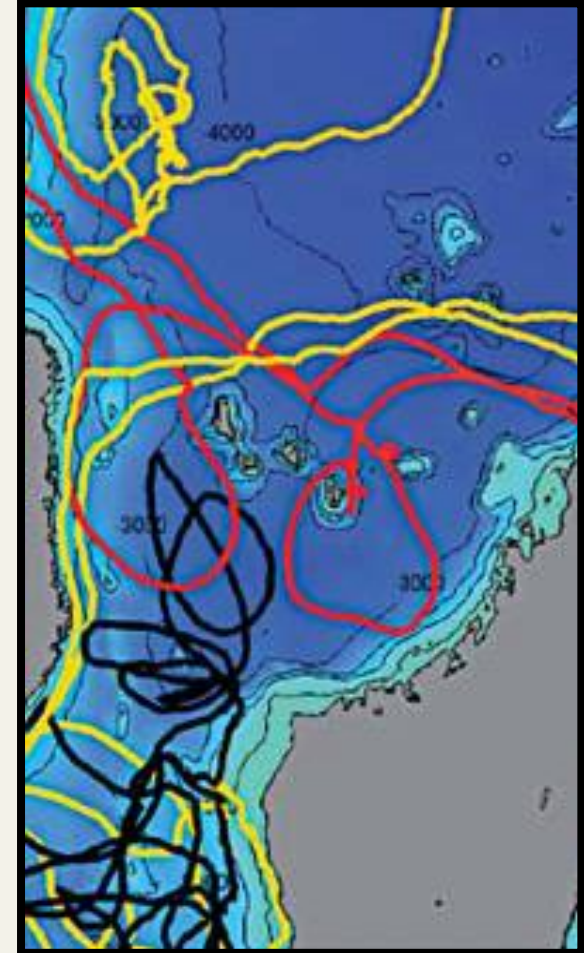
The NMC area – a marine and coastal biodiversity hotspot

- Size: 700,000 km² – One of the last remaining large marine sanctuary in the Western Indian Ocean
- Population: 10 million
- Highly productive fisheries, natural gas deposits and high potential for coastal tourism development
- The second hard coral biodiversity hotspot in the world
- Contains large carbon sinks (seagrasses, mangroves, coastal wetlands)



Ocean currents and Biodiversity

- Unique ocean currents leading to high rates of fish larvae and species biodiversity
- 35 % of Indian Ocean coral reefs and 5% of world's mangrove forests
- Ecosystems: coral reefs, mangroves, seagrasses, islands and islets, coastal forests
- Species: Corals, Marine Turtles, Humphead Wrasses, Coelacanths, Humpback Whales, Sharks



INSTITUTIONAL FRAME

- Importance of the region in terms of its biodiversity, value of its ecosystems, population needs, and future development prospects, including of natural gas
- Past Decisions acknowledging the importance of transboundary approaches to maintain the health and vitality of the region for its people to prosper
- Decisions from CoP of the Nairobi Convention have facilitated the development of activities and consultations including the formulation of this initiative and related projects, including Decision CP7/1 (work programme) and Decision CP8/6 (support to Implementation of projects)
- Developing with contracting parties a common project (here to be funded by the FFEM) to secure the biodiversity and ecosystem services of the NMC area



Vision

By 2050, the people, countries and economies of the NMC (and the broader WIO) prosper in a sustainable future founded on the natural and cultural assets and diversity of the NMC

Long-term outcomes (per Capital) – 25 years:

The Institutional Capital of the NMC is built, through a partnership between the countries, private sector and civil society that enables shared decision-making and sustains commitments to deliver on a sustainable future.

The Economic Capital of the NMC is grown, assuring food and livelihood security, and delivering wealth and prosperity equitably across the peoples of the region into the future.

The Human and Knowledge Capital of the NMC is built, providing for the decision-making and development of solutions that will assure the future of the region, and an informed and knowledgeable society.

The Natural Capital of the NMC is enhanced, such that critical ecosystems, species and ecological processes are protected, and support the people and economies of the region into the future.

The Social Capital of the NMC is enhanced and celebrated, ensuring the health, well-being and freedoms of the people of the region in a harmonious and just society.

PROJECT GOAL AND OBJECTIVES

Goal: By 2030, the Northern Mozambique Channel's ecosystems and biodiversity are preserved through effective spatial management of marine uses, in particular the oil and gas sector, to secure a sustainable future for coastal communities and economies.

Objectives:

- (1) By 2021, the institutional and knowledge foundations are laid for the **application of multi-stakeholder based Marine Spatial Planning (MSP)** across the NMC region
- (2) By 2021, **effective planning is promoted and best practices in the oil and gas sector are adopted** by Governments and private sector champions, leading to mitigation of impacts of the sector to the natural assets and local communities in the NMC
- (3) By 2021, community livelihoods and well-being are incrementally secured through the **sharing and replication of best practices in community-based marine resource management and population-health-environment**



KEY INFORMATION

- The Project will work with Comoros, France, Madagascar, Mozambique, Seychelles, Tanzania
- Overall budget is around 6.5 Million Euros with a contribution of 1.5 Million Euros from the FFEM
- Other co-financiers are: UNEP/NCS, Sida, members of the WIO-C, and the French Biodiversity Agency
- 4-year project starting from January 2019



PROJECT COMPONENTS

Component 1: *Laying the institutional and knowledge foundations for the application of multi-stakeholder based Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) across the NMC region*

Key points: To build capacity within participating countries to enable the implementation of an integrated approach to marine governance that will lead towards comprehensive spatial planning of marine uses in the future.

Component 2: *Planning and adoption of environmental and social best practices in the oil and gas sector to mitigate impacts on biodiversity and ecosystem services in the NMC*

Key points: Contributing to planning and evaluation of SEA, EIA and MSP related to O&G initiatives.

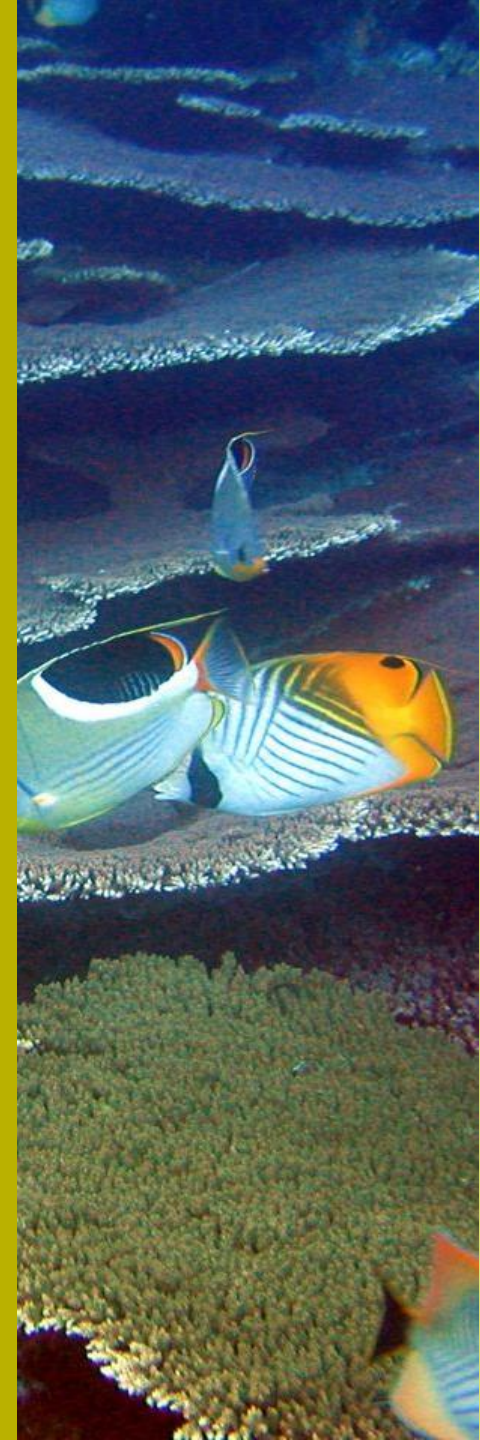
Component 3: *Replication and upscaling of successful models for community-based resource management and improved livelihoods and welfare*

Key points: Strengthening of local communities' resilience in 4 seascapes, esp. with regards to pressures linked to O&G. Learning networks to promote effective practices in CBNRM



RECOMMENDATIONS

- Call on the NCS assisted by the partners engaged in the institutional structure of the project, to disseminate information about the project and its objectives to gain greatest engagement from relevant government departments and stakeholders, and maximize benefits to beneficiaries.
- Call on the NCS to explore opportunities for carrying out regional cross-sectoral dialogues on SDG 14 and MSP.
- Call on the NCS to explore opportunities for conducting exchanges with other regions and Regional Seas Conventions to enhance ownership and abilities of Focal Points, other government departments and local communities on SDG14, and to underpin achievement of Voluntary Commitments.



RECOMMENDATIONS (2)

- In terms of implementation of project components, call on the NCS and Focal Points to help connect institutionally the local, national and regional levels, and across components.
- Call on the NCS to involve this FFEM project in all MSP, local community-level and O&G processes and initiatives where the Convention is closely involved pertaining to the geography of the NMC.



Thank you
