

Ocean Governance, sustainable Blue Economy, coastal management and marine conservation and restoration in the Western Indian Ocean – Formulation mission

Name of legal entity	Country	Overall project value (EUR)	Proportion carried out by candidate (%)	No of staff provided	Name of client	Origin of funding	Dates (start/end)	Name of partners if any
Jonathan McCue (via Sustainable Seas Ltd)	Kenya, Tanzania, Somalis, Djibouti, Mozambique, Madagascar, Mauritius, Comoros, Seychelles	35000	20%	1	EU Delegation Tanzania	EU	Nov 2022 to May 2023	Poseidon Consultants Ltd and CYE Consult Ltd

Detailed description of project	Type of services provided
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The Western Indian Ocean (WIO) waters are recognised globally for their biological richness, and high ecological and socio-economic value. With some of the Indian Ocean’s most diverse coral reefs, mangrove forests, and seagrass beds, the region is one of the less ecologically disturbed areas of ocean in the world. However, the health status of these marine ecosystems that are vital for the livelihood of most coastal communities is rapidly degrading, including due to overexploitation and mismanagement of the resources, pollution (including from plastics), urbanization; threats amplified by the effects of climate change.

The assignment is designed to support the design of a regional programme in the field of Ocean governance and sustainable Blue Economy in the Western Indian Ocean (WIO) region. The regional WIO programme on Blue Economy, Ocean governance and coastal conservation and restoration is planned to be part of the Annual Action Plan 2023.

The mission address issues at a regional level, addressing the sustainability of all relevant Blue Economy sectors including Ocean governance, Maritime Affairs, Coastal resilience, Data & Research, Private sector & investments, programme formulation and set-up according to EU rules and procedures. The specific objective of the assignment is to prepare all the necessary elements for a draft Action Document (AD) to implement a programme on ocean governance, sustainable blue economy and conservation and restoration of coastal ecosystems.

- Jonathan McCue was engaged as the Coastal and Marine Conservation Key Expert. Specific tasks include, but are not limited to:
- Field missions to Kenya, Madagascar, Djibouti and Seychelles to capture stakeholder information: (including analysis of previous and ongoing interventions in WIO.
 - Draw lessons, complete, develop and prioritise the geographic scope, the components/priorities of the regional programme; I
 - Propose the set-up of the regional programme, notably the implementation modalities, the relevant anchoring and architecture;
 - Assist in the formulation of a draft Action Document including annexes that include a situational analysis of environmental, social, and economic sustainability issues, strategic orientations considering political frameworks and ownership, priority interventions and priority areas, key stakeholders and ongoing projects mapping;