



GOAL

Support the WIO region in implementing the CBD's Kunming Montreal Biodiversity Framework, particularly Target 3, by bridging science and conservation actions

IMPACTS

Contribute to the achievement of Target 3 by 2030: Additional (more than MPA Outlook as a baseline) coastal and marine areas are effectively conserved, with emphasis on biodiversity, ecosystem functions, and equitable governance.

Equitable Marine Conservation: Enhanced social and ecological outcomes benefiting diverse communities, ecosystems, and future generations.

Sustainable Conservation Framework: WIO countries demonstrate resilience and sustainability in marine conservation through robust policy, stakeholder collaboration, and continuous learning.

OUTCOMES

Improved Science-Policy Integration (Area 1): Enhanced capacity and awareness of Target 3, leading to better-informed conservation actions.

Increased Marine Conservation Coverage & Connectivity (Area 2): Expanded protected areas and improved connectivity within marine ecosystems.

Strengthened Management Effectiveness and Equity (Area 3): Improved management leading to enhanced biodiversity and socioeconomic benefits.

Recognition & Inclusion of IPLC Rights (Area 4): Greater integration of Indigenous knowledge and rights into conservation strategies.

Effective Monitoring & Learning (Area 5): Harmonized MEL systems across WIO countries for continuous progress tracking and knowledge sharing.

OUTPUTS

Policies and Guidelines that incorporate science-based approaches for Target 3 at national and subnational levels

Data and Information Service for stakeholders to access and use reliable scientific data on marine conservation

New and Connected Marine Conservation Areas established, moving toward 30% coverage

Management and Governance Assessments conducted, with clear recommendations for improvement

Recognition of IPLC Rights within conservation frameworks, along with documented and integrated Indigenous knowledge

Standardized MEL System established and adopted by WIO countries, providing consistent progress reporting

Training Programs and workshops conducted across WIO for marine managers, IPLCs, and policymakers

INPUTS PER THEME

Data and Information Systems (Area 1) Develop and maintain a data synthesis and information service for accessible scientific information on Target 3.

Conservation Area Expansion (Area 2) Increase marine conservation area coverage and connectivity through planning and technical support.

Management Effectiveness (Area 3) Implement management tracking (e.g., iMETT) and governance assessments to ensure effective and equitable management.

IPLC Rights (Area 4) Recognize Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities' (IPLCs) rights and integrate Indigenous knowledge into conservation.

Monitoring and Reporting (Area 5) Establish a standardized MEL system for ongoing tracking, evaluation, and reporting of conservation progress.

Capacity Building (All Areas) Provide training and resources for stakeholders in ABMTs, conservation planning, management effectiveness, and MEL.

INFLUENCING ACTIVITIES

Funding and technical expertise from WIOMSA, MQU and other partners
Existing MPA and LMMA Databases
Regional and national partnerships
Capacity building resources, knowledge sharing platforms and MEL frameworks