Benguela Current Marine Spatial Management and Governance Project

BC MariSMaG
In a nutshell

- Enhance capacities to manage and govern the BCLME in a way that economic development and biodiversity conservation is balanced

- Key areas of work:
  1) Ecologically or Biologically Significant Areas (EBSAs)
  2) Marine Spatial Planning (MSP)

- Project duration: 2014 – 2020

- Financed by the German Federal Environment Ministry (BMUB) with a funding volume of 8.9 Mio€
What is GIZ?

• GIZ – The German Implementing Agency for Development Cooperation Projects
• Owned and governed by the Federal Republic of Germany
• Supports the objectives of the German Government and other donors in achieving sustainable development worldwide
• Operates in Germany and in partnership with over 130 countries around the world
• 17,000 employees worldwide
What is the genesis of the project?

- First consultations between GIZ and BCC in November 2012
- Submission of project outline by GIZ to BMUB in January 2013
- Positive initial response on outline by BMUB in June 2013
- Appraisal mission to Namibia in September 2013 with consultative workshop to develop project concept
- Submission of final project document to BMUB in November 2013
- Final consultation with BCC and member states in October 2013
- Commission of project in October 2014
What is the project about?

The sustainable management of the marine biodiversity and resources of the BCLME is strengthened by improving the capacities of the Benguela Current Commission (BCC) and its member states in relation to EBSAs and MSP.

- The BCC member states describe, recognize and manage EBSAs.
- The BCC and its member states implement and institutionalise MSP.
- Concepts and instruments with regards to EBSAs and MSP are widely known, accessible and used in the BCLME region and internationally.
Ecologically or Biologically Significant Areas (EBSAs)

- Identifying and describing new areas that meet EBSA criteria, and reviewing/verifying the existing EBSA descriptions
- Identifying management measures for selected EBSAs
- Integrating EBSAs into national and regional strategies, policies and legal and institutional frameworks for the management and governance of marine biodiversity and resources
- Implementing identified management measures for selected EBSAs, and capturing and documenting lessons learned
At least one new transboundary EBSA and at least two new EBSAs per country have been described and/or existing EBSA designations have been revised/verified (TBC)

Management plans for at least one transboundary EBSA and one EBSA per country have been developed and implementation has begun (TBC)
Marine Spatial Planning (MSP)

- Mapping marine biodiversity and demands on marine space, and analysing overlaps
- Developing MSP scenarios to evaluate trade-offs and identify the most appropriate multiple-objective scenarios
- Implementing selected MSP scenarios, and capturing and documenting lessons learned
- Integrating MSP into national and regional strategies, policies and legal and institutional frameworks
- Initiating cross-sector and (inter) institutional management and governance regimes required to implement / institutionalise MSP
MSP – Indicators

Baseline mapping is in place for the key marine resources and sectorial ocean space uses in the BCLME.

At least one transboundary MSP scenario and one MSP scenario per country have been implemented (TBC).

Regional MSP protocol is drafted.
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Developing and implementing a strategic plan for capacity development in relation to EBSAs and MSP

Developing and implementing a Communication and Public Awareness strategy

Supporting knowledge exchange and regional learning, and fostering transboundary collaboration

Disseminating project results, experiences, concepts and instruments relating to EBSAs and MSP for their integration into policy-making and negotiation processes
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- **Capacity needs assessment is available**
- **A strategic and regionally coordinated plan for capacity development at national and regional level in relation to EBSAs and MSP is available**
- **Target group-specific products for Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA) concerning EBSAs and MSP are available**
- **The project partners have made at least 20 contributions to national, regional and international events and forums**
How does this project relate to the SAP?

• Strategic area of action 5.4.: **Ecosystem health and biodiversity**
  - Reduce threats to species and habitats

• Strategic area of action 5.5.: **Human dimensions**
  - Incorporate the human dimensions into resource management decision-making
  - Develop constructive participation by stakeholders and reduce conflicts

• Strategic area of action 5.6.: **Economic development potential**
  - Adopt and use of integrated ocean and coastal management (MSP)

• Strategic area of action 5.7.: **Governance**
  - Strengthen capacities, and policies, legal and institutional frameworks
  - Strengthen information, communication and awareness, and cooperation
BC MariSMaG …

• ... is a great vehicle to implement key areas of action of the SAP
• ... comes at a good point in time
• ... is a great opportunity to continue the work being done until now
• ... seeks to establish strong synergies with other initiatives and the upcoming GEF projects (FAO and UNDP)
• ... has just been commissioned
• ... will take the initial steps for implementation in full consultation with national and regional partners beginning of 2015
Thank you for your attention!

We look forward to working with you!

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