

Implementation of the BCLME Strategic Action Programme (SAP), 2009 to 2013

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ABSTRACT

The BCLME SAP IMP Project is co-funded by the Governments of Angola, Namibia and South Africa and the Global Environment Facility. The project's main goal was to establish a permanent regional mechanism for the sustainable use and management of the BCLME through a legally binding convention and effecting important regional and national policy and institutional reforms. Key milestones of the project include a fully established and institutionalised Benguela Current Commission, a signed Benguela Current Convention, economic valuation of the LME's goods, a strategic environmental assessment (SEA) scoping study which presented information about non-fisheries sectors and their use of ocean space and resources, formation of the African LME Caucus, support for development of an ocean policy for South Africa, joint management planning for horse mackerel by Angola and Namibia and, support for Namibia to revise and amend its Marine Resources Act. Overall the project has led to enhanced awareness, knowledge and understanding about concepts about ocean governance, marine spatial planning, ecologically or biologically significant marine areas (EBSAs) and, the implementation of EAF and Responsible Fisheries.