



MAMI WATA - ENHANCING MARINA MANAGEMENT IN WEST AFRICA THROUGH TRAINING AND APPLICATION

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The African Atlantic coast has an “Exclusive Economic Zone”, which is home to a great variety of species and rich fishing grounds. However, these valuable ecosystems are under constant threat through overfishing and pollution. The project uses an integrated management approach to improve the environmental protection of marine and coastal ecosystems, biodiversity, the sustainable use of resources and the long-term provision of ecosystem services in the member states of the Abidjan Convention. To achieve these goals, a concept for the identification of EBSAs has been developed. The project also supports cross-border pilot projects in Benin, Côte d’Ivoire and Ghana to develop marine spatial planning concepts for improved environmental protection, to promote sustainable development based on ecosystem services and to produce reports on the condition of the marine environment. Mami Wata partners are now responsible for local capacity building.

State of implementation/results

The Mami Wata pilot projects in Benin, Côte d’Ivoire and Ghana have started their work in 2018 and early 2019.

- In Côte D’Ivoire, the “Gestion intégrée de l’aire marine et côtière d’Abidjan à Assinie” project is jointly implemented with the Centre Ivoirien Antipollution (CIAPOL). It covers 80 km of the coastline.
- In Ghana, the Environmental Protection Agency is leading the “Ecosystem Based Approach to an Integrated Marine and Coastal Environment Management in Ghana” project in the Western Region of the country, with a coastline of approximately 200 km.
- The Benin Pilot Project, “GIZMaC (Gestion Intégrée de la Zone Marine et Côtière du Bénin)” is implemented by the Ministère du Cadre de Vie et du Développement Durable. The

PROJECT DATA

Country/Countries:

Angola, Benin, Côte d’Ivoire (Elfenbeinküste), Demokratische Republik Kongo, Gabun, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kamerun, Kap Verde, Kongo, Liberia, Mauretanien, Namibia, Nigeria, São Tomé und Príncipe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Südafrika, Togo

Implementing organisation:

GRID-Arendal

Political partner(s):

- Secretariat of the Abidjan Convention - Ivory Coast

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<http://mamiwataproject.org/>





project covers the country's whole coastline of approximately 125 km.

- Final results are expected later in the project, particularly on the Marine Spatial Plans, but EBSAs have been described by Benin and Côte D'Ivoire. Similarly, State of the Marine Environment Reports are in the process of final validation with stakeholders.
- Besides the country-focused work, a transboundary cooperation between Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana aims to protecting a shared stock of economically significant Sardinella, and to address pollution of the shared Aby Lagoon.

