



## STRENGTHENING THE BLUE ECONOMY OF THE WESTERN INDIAN OCEAN

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The basis for sustainable development around an ocean-based economy is the compatibility with the goals of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). The project is therefore promoting the protection and strengthening of natural marine resources in the western Indian Ocean in the partner countries. With marine and coastal planning, restoration of ecosystems such as mangroves and the development of climate-resilient and sustainable fishing methods for the benefit of coastal communities, the project strengthens the resilience of marine biodiversity. To this end, it builds up resources and skills on site, develops strategies for fisheries management and marine spatial planning for the implementation of SDG 14 (life under water) and the CBD. It also supports the partner countries in adapting their NDCs with regard to the protection of marine biodiversity.

### PROJECT DATA

**Country/Countries:**

Kenia, Mauritius, Seychellen, Tansania

**Implementing organisation:**

The Nature Conservancy (TNC) - International

**Political partner(s):**

- Division of Environment (Office of the Vice-President) - Tanzania
- Ministry of Agriculture - Kenya
- Ministry of Defence and Rodrigues - Mauritius
- Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change - Seychelles
- State Department for Fisheries and Blue Economy, Kenya Fisheries Service

**Implementing partner(s):**

- Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) - Tasmania/Australia
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

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