



#### Update to Nairobi Convention Partnerships Workshop on support from IOC to the WIOCC Mahé, Seychelles – 19 June 2015





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### WIOCC Vision

"By 2032, in the face of climate change threats, the Western Indian Ocean Coastal Challenge (WIOCC) will be a strong and vocal partnership of WIO island and coastal countries and stakeholders, working together to build and implement climate-resilient development options and strategies to achieve a balance between enhanced coastal livelihoods and economies and effective conservation Of biodiversity, ultimately contributing to greater levels of social security among coastal communities."

## WIOCC Context

- WIOCC launch in Samoa during the 3rd UNSIDS conference by 3 countries (Sept 2014)
- Initiation of ISLANDS Phase 2 and Biodiversity IOC projects (2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2014)
- Change of government in Mauritius (Dec 2014)
- Change within the Cabinet of Ministers in Seychelles (Jan 2015)
- Since the launch. The way forward is still to be defined by the WIOCC Presidency (Seychelles)

→ Letter from IOC sent to the Government of Seychelles for guidance

# Support from the IOC to the WIOCC

- Support finalised by the IOC:
  - Finalisation of regional/national targets;
  - Communication support: Communication around the launch, Brand manual, website;
- Ongoing support
  - WIOCC climate change portal (to be launched at UNFCCC COP21);
  - WIOCC trust fund study
- Future potential support
  - Human resources (Communication support, support to presidency, recruitment of WIOCC coordinator);
  - Organisation of 1st steering committee
  - Setup of regional observatory for climate change





#### WIO Coastal Challenge Trust Fund Project







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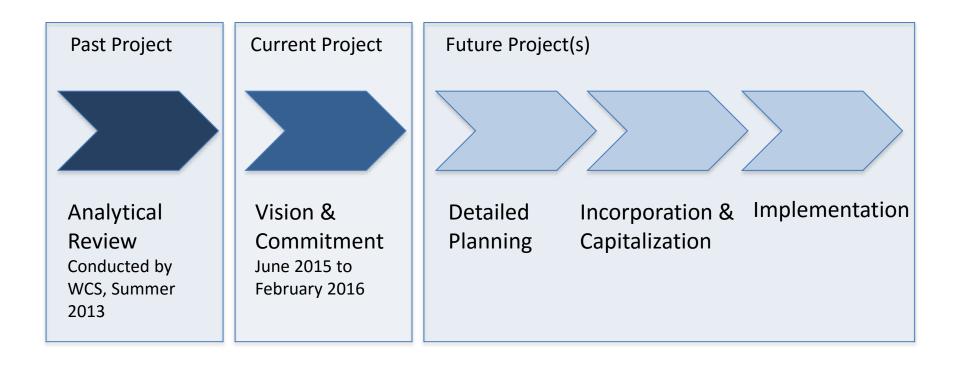
## WIOCC CTF Project Underway

- Western Indian Ocean Coastal Challenge is seeking to develop the technical, administrative and management standards and operational procedures for a new regional Conservation Trust Fund (CTF)
- Wildlife Conservation Society is collaborating with ISLANDS to assess the feasibility of establishing a CTF to support and finance the achievement of WIOCC's vision "to galvanize political, financial and technical commitments and actions at national and regional levels on climate change adaptation, promoting resilient ecosystems (marine and coastal resources), sustainable livelihoods and human security."



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### **Process Overview**





#### WCS & ISLANDS Project Objectives

- Work with WIOCC-CTF Working Group (pending) to develop clear operational standards for the CTF;
- Work with WIOCC-CTF Working Group to define the WIOCC-CTF mission and scope and produce a working description of the WIOCC-CTF governance and legal structure;
- Define the unique position and strategic priorities of the WIOCC-CTF, including gap analysis to identify and prioritize key geographic, technical and institutional priorities;
- Draft Capital and Resource Mobilization Plan for the WIOCC-CTF;
- Draft WIOCC-CTF Operating Plan, including
  - Administrative and management procedures that will need to be developed including financial reporting methodology;
  - Policies and guidelines that will need to be developed, including internal evaluation mechanism.





### Immediate Next Steps

- Creation of WIOCC-CTF Working Group, with representation from all participating countries
- Establishment of first workshop date and location
- Develop communication methodologies and establish process for regular status updates
- Conduct first workshop
- Draft mission and vision
- Establish roles and responsibilities
- Draft action plan
- Draft scope of work for Project Manager

