



# Mangroves for the Future in the Western Indian Ocean

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# Origins



- Catalysed by the December 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami
- Established by the IUCN Asia Regional Office & UNDP with assistance from the Office of the Special Envoy for Tsunami Recovery (OSE) through
- Establishment of a Regional Platform for Action in 2006
- Expressed interest by Kenya & Tanzania who officially applied to become dialogue countries
- Decision made to establish an independent MFF in the Western Indian Ocean, with the support of MFF Asia

## Why MFF in the Western Indian Ocean ?



Rapidly changing  
demographics, economies  
& climates – Increasing  
complexity & uncertainty



Business as usual –  
Sectoral/Programmatic  
Silos

# Key challenges to which MFF can contribute

Inadequate cohesion between national policies

Limited use of data & information for evidence-based decision-making & knowledge sharing between sectors, countries and regions

Insufficient investments into cross-sectoral approaches

Inadequate linkages between terrestrial & marine/coastal management regimes and approaches

Inadequate involvement of non-traditional sectors (e.g. Finance; Private Sector)

# The Proposed Initiative

Healthy Coastal Ecosystems for a more prosperous and secure future for coastal communities

Conservation, restoration & sustainable management of coastal ecosystems as key natural infrastructure which support human well-being, resilience and security

Improve, share and apply knowledge to enhance resilience and reduce vulnerabilities

Strengthen ICM institutions and empower civil society to engage in decision-making and management processes

Enhance coastal governance at all levels to encourage integrated management programmes and investments

# Programme of Work

Objective 1: Improve, share and apply knowledge	Objective 2: Strengthen ICM institutions and empower civil society	Objective 3 Enhance coastal governance at all levels
<b>PoWs – Output/Project Oriented</b>		
Designing ecologically and socio-economically sound coastal rehabilitation and restoration	Supporting environmentally sustainable livelihoods among coastal communities	Supporting national integrated coastal management programmes in their efforts to enhance resilience

## Regional Programme

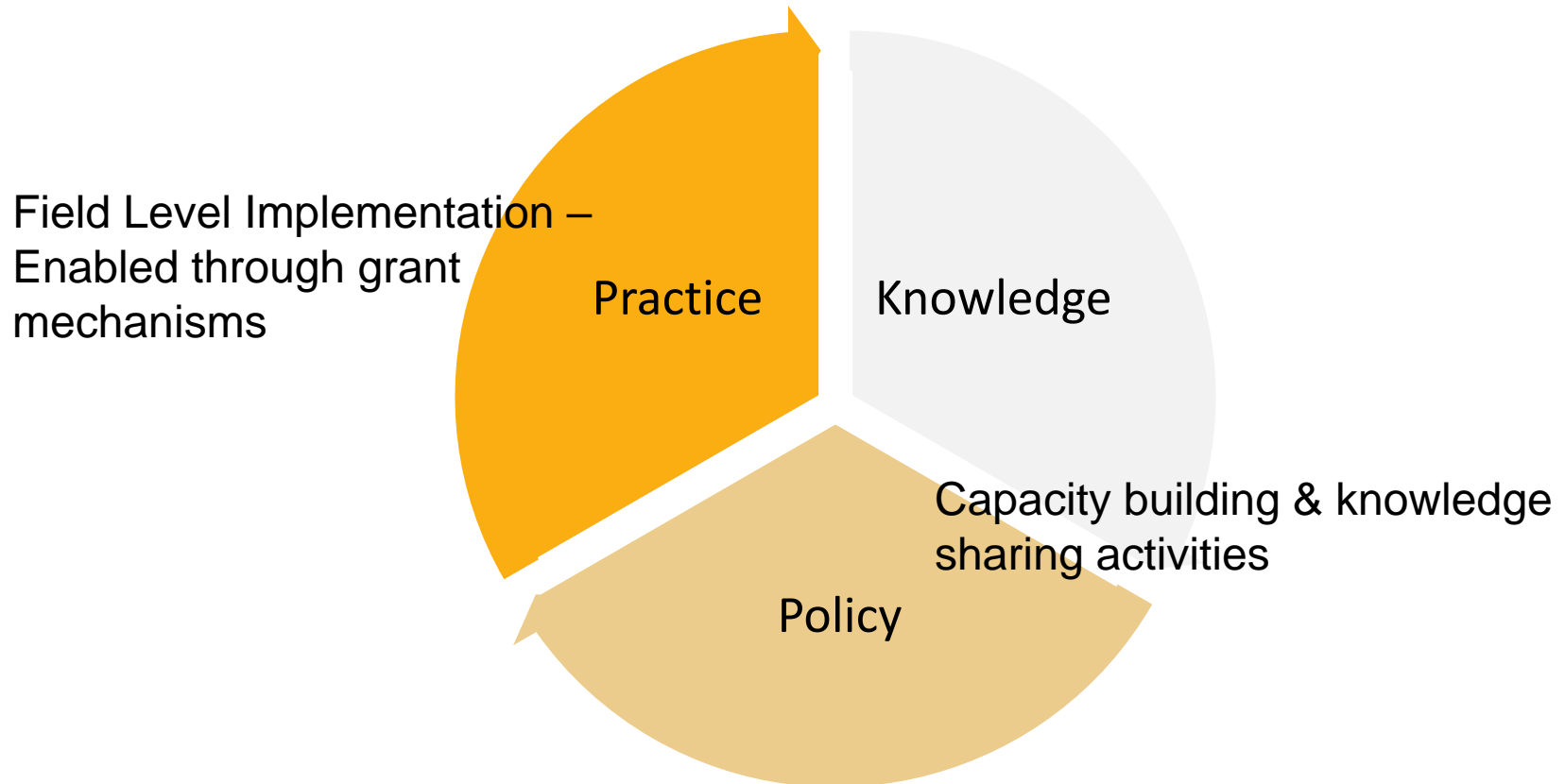
<b>PoWs – Processes-based</b>		
Improve knowledge base for coastal planning, policy and management (with regards to climate change mitigation & adaptation) Providing decision support for “reef-to-ridge” approaches to land and resource management	Promoting civil society awareness and participation in coastal decision-making Building capacity of professional coastal managers for integrated coastal management	Strengthening the integration and environment of environmental and social safeguards in coastal land use planning Promoting adaptive coastal management programmes that include ongoing ecological and socio-economic assessment and monitoring
Applying a Monitoring, Learning and Evaluation approach to enhance adaptive capacities and accelerate knowledge dissemination	Identifying sustainable financing mechanisms for coastal ecosystem conservation	Encouraging environmentally sustainable business practices in coastal areas

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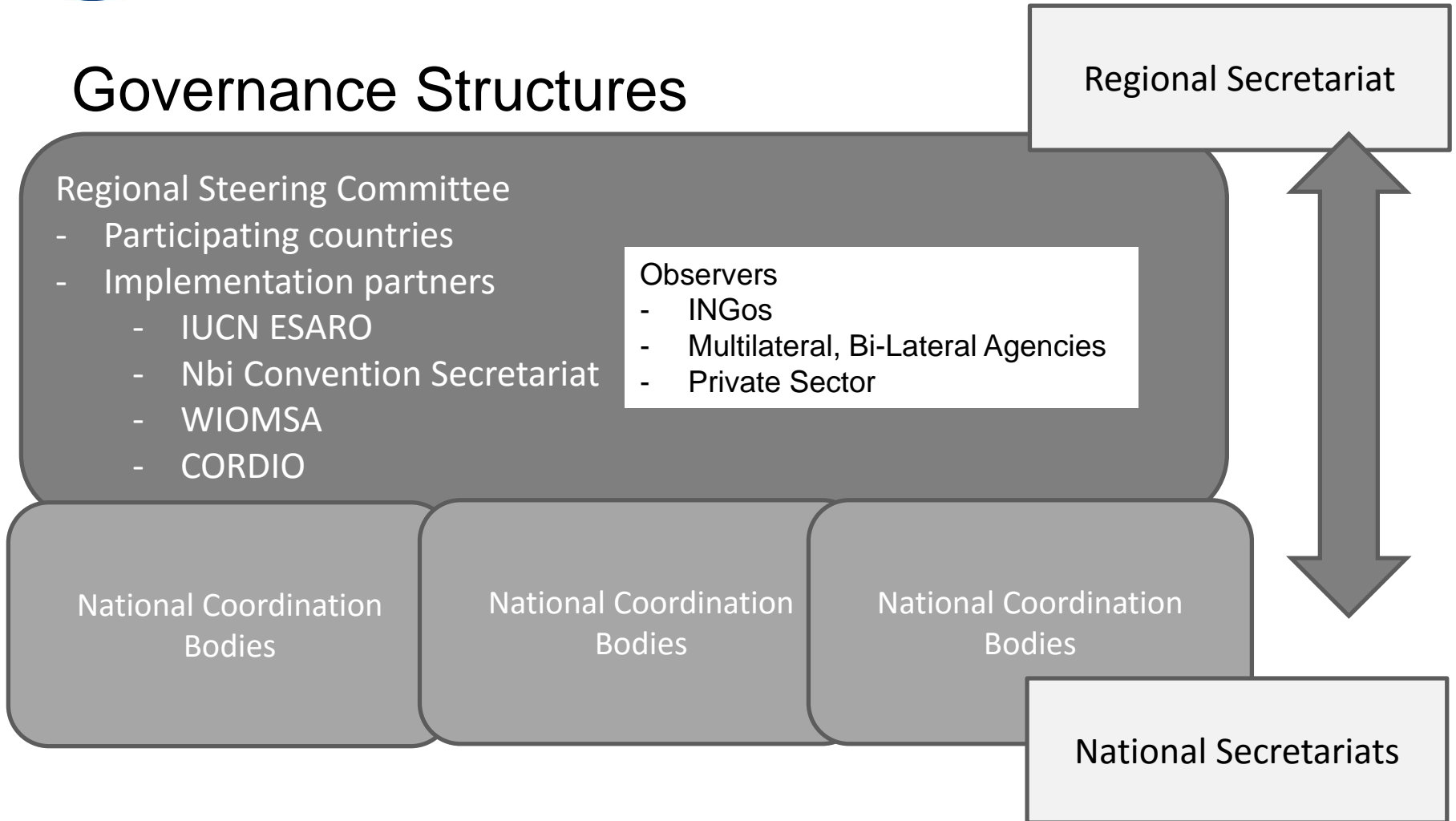
## National Strategic Action Plans

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# Programmatic Approaches



# Governance Structures





# Geographical Scope



Ridge to Reef

## Participating Countries

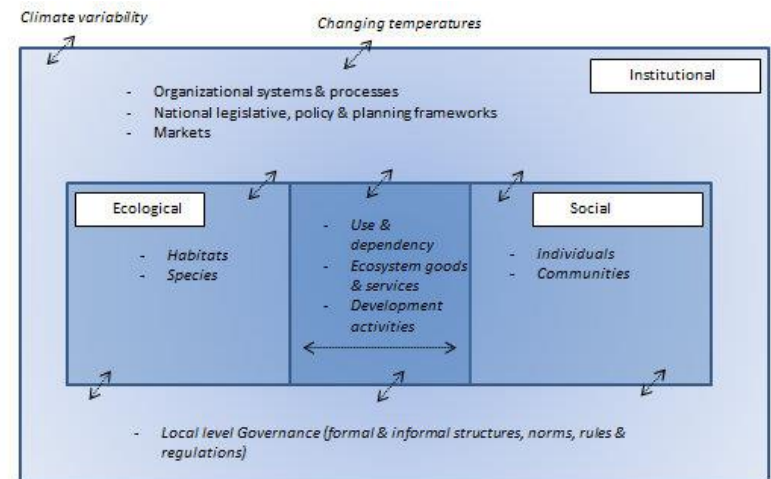
- Kenya
- Mozambique
- Tanzania

## Dialogue Countries

- Seychelles
- South Africa

# Programme Development Process

1. Situation & Stakeholder Analysis focusing on the relationship between the resilience of coastal systems & sustainable development
2. Stakeholder planning meetings to develop the overall Programme Framework
3. High level meeting to seek guidance & support of key decision-makers on Programme Framework



## Recommendations

MFF WIO Partnership requests the Contracting Parties to endorse the partnership and development of this initiative :

1. Providing and enabling access to available data and information required for an in-depth situation and stakeholder analysis
2. Engaging in dialogue with the MFF WIO partner organizations and providing strategic guidance on critical needs in relation to enhancing the resilience of the coastal systems within and across member states;
3. Supporting efforts to create awareness and support for the initiative across multiple stakeholder groups, including that of development partners