

Threats posed to Marine Life in the
Western Indian Ocean from
Anthropogenic Ocean Noise and
Shipping, including Ship strikes

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Propose 2 – 3 technical recommendations for value addition to the proposed/ongoing work

- Further understanding through regional research on specific time and places where activities need to occur through sensitive mapping (spatial & temporal distribution); overlap with marine organisms for use of planning purposes
- Develop appropriate guidelines for relevant indicators/thresholds through careful literature review/further scientific investigations for the WIO region e.g. sound limits/acceptable range, traffic routes
- Learning from lessons from other regions like Pacific/Atlantic ocean
- Look at other related anthropogenic threats eg. Light, ballast water

Propose 1 – 2 policy recommendations for consideration during COP 9 of the Nairobi Convention

- *To request* the Secretariat to develop and support implementation of priority projects, including but not limited to financing and management of, ocean noise and shipping impacts on marine animals, and to support their implementation.
- *To request* the Secretariat to call for regional collaboration, in consultation with the Secretariats of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species, Convention on Migratory Species, regional fisheries management organisations and other partners, on the mitigation of impacts of ocean noise and shipping on marine animals.
- *To request* the Secretariat in collaboration with the Contracting Parties to prepare a regional status report on the status of knowledge and impacts of ocean noise and ship strikes and on matters of institutional, legal and capacity matters, and to develop technical recommendations, to report to the next Conference of Parties.