

ENHANCING BLUE ECONOMY IN THE IGAD MEMBER STATES FOR BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATIONS AND LIVELIHOOD DIVERSIFICATION

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Lead Unit: **IGAD-AED Blue
Economy Unit**

Member States focal Institution:
**Ministries responsible for Blue
Economy**

Member States: **Djibouti, Kenya,
Somalia and Sudan**, Ethiopia, South
Sudan and Uganda

Duration: **3 Years**
(July 2021- June 2025)

Source of Grant: **SWEDEN**



Project Grant Signed, June/Jul 2021

Proposal Development, Mar and May 2021

Project CN Developed and submitted, early Mar 2021

Discussion b/n Sweden Embassy and IGAD Experts Feb 2021

Project Genesis

RESULT AREAS OF THE IGAD BE PROJECT

Result Area1.

Blue Economy approach in IGAD region harmonized and coordinated to harness the contribution of the different sectors

Result Area 2.

The health of marine and aquatic ecosystems is improved and systems for managing, controlling and reducing aquatic pollution and waste are strengthened in IGAD coastal countries

Result Area 3.

Blue Economy enhancing capacity, technologies and innovations documented/disseminated and project impact evaluated

PROJECT ACHIEVEMENTS

Result 1

1. Validated National BE Baseline Reports in the IGAD MSs
2. IGAD 5 Year Blue Economy Strategy developed, and Declaration signed
3. Developed National BE strategy for 7 MS
4. Established Blue Economy Coordination Platforms
5. Awareness created
6. Established IGAD BE unit
7. Supported MS resource mobilization



PROJECT ACHIEVEMENTS

Result 2

1. Assessment of biodiversity coastal ecosystems
2. Assessment of pollution source-to-sea
3. Gender and Blue Economy Analysis
4. Rehabilitating pilot coastal beach in Djibouti
5. Campaign against Plastic pollution
6. Training women and youth on ecosystems management
7. Organize a regional workshop to improve the management of the MPAs

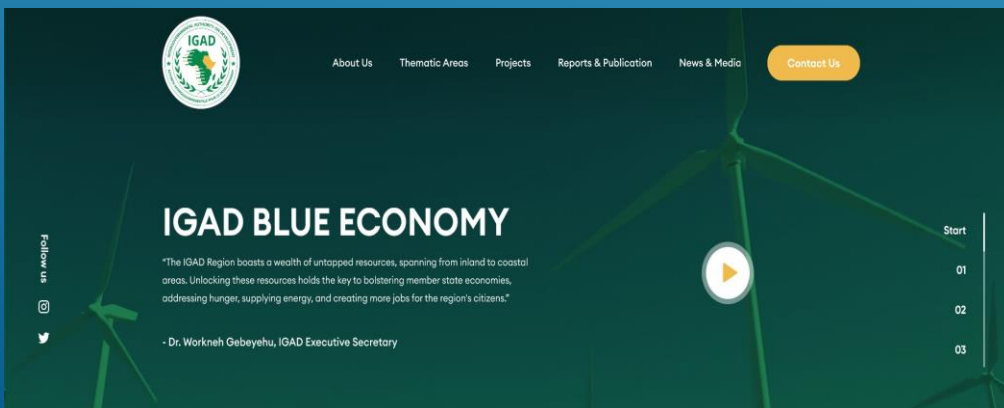


PROJECT ACHIEVEMENTS



Result 3

1. Networking and collaboration for knowledge sharing
2. Blue Economy Valuation toolkit
3. Training of experts and journalists on BE
4. Knowledge share fair
5. Production of policy briefs
6. Dedicated BE website
7. Knowledge Management training to MS



- ▶ Assist MS on RM to implement strategies
- ▶ Organize regular and occasional meetings of TWG (PSC Meeting)
- ▶ Mapping of BE institutions and experts in the IGAD region
- ▶ Develop a chemical and plastic coastal pollution control strategy for IGAD coastal member states
- ▶ Finalize rehabilitation of Siesta Beach
- ▶ Organize a knowledge share fair
- ▶ South-South Experience Sharing on BE
- ▶ Final Project Evaluation

CURRENT ACTIVITIES UNDER NCE

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Future BE Project Focus Areas

1. Plastic Pollution Prevention through Source-to-Sea approach,
2. MSP
3. MPA, especially transboundary ecosystems
4. Capacity building, particularly youth trainings



ECOFISH PROJECT

About the Project

- ▶ Support to Sustainable Utilization, Development and Management of Two Transboundary Basins Fisheries of BASRB between Ethiopia and South Sudan, and Lake Turkana Basin (LTB) shared between Ethiopia and Kenya.
- ▶ Aimed at to develop gender responsive and climate smart sustainable utilization of fisheries resources
- ▶ Foster use of fisheries for building of resilience and bolstering of food and nutrition security and local economies especially for the fishing and “Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASALs).
- ▶ 01 June 2020 - 31 August 2024

Milestones

- ▶ Fisheries Co-Management Plans of both basins were established and approved all three Member States.
- ▶ Fisheries baseline assessment undertaken and a policy brief on the fisheries of Lake Turkana was prepared.
- ▶ IGAD Fisheries Coordination Platform (IFCP) was formed comprising of Fisheries Directors, Director Generals and Senior Fishery Experts from the 3 countries.
- ▶ Established bilateral fisheries coordination platforms (BFCP) in both basins- to provide policy and technical support towards implementation of fisheries co-management plans

Milestones

- ▶ Involvement of fisheries researchers and academia in BFCP meetings e.g., Kenya Marine Fisheries Research Institute (Kenya), National Fisheries and Aquaculture Research Center (Ethiopia) Addis Ababa and Jinka and Universities (Ethiopia) and John Garang Memorial University in Bor (South Sudan).
- ▶ 3 studies undertaken:
 - ▶ Socio-economic Situation, Gender Inclusivity and Indigenous & Traditional Knowledge (ITK) integration in Fisheries Management for both Baro-Akobo-Sobat and Omo Turkana Basins,
 - ▶ Fisheries Sector Capacity Needs Assessment and Climate Smart Fisheries Practices in both Baro-Akobo-Sobat and Omo Turkana Basins, and
 - ▶ Capacity Development Plan for Fisheries Management in Baro-Akobo-Sobat and Omo Turkana Basins.

Training & Capacity Building

01


Media advocacy training on fisheries and Blue Economy from May 30 to June 1, 2022, in Nairobi Kenya

02

Training of Trainers (ToT) on fish post-harvest loss handling, quality control and marketing.

03

Procurement of IT equipment for the 3 IGAD beneficiary Member States

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- ▶ Experience sharing visit on Fisheries Co-Management of Transboundary Shared Water Resource at LVFO.
 - ▶ Experience sharing on Beach Management Units in Lake Victoria (Uganda) at National Fisheries Resources Research Institute (NaFIRRI) of Uganda.
 - ▶ The Knowledge Fair was organised in partnership with ECOFISH programme and AU-IBAR in Mombasa from 13 to 16 June 2023.

Knowledge and Experience Sharing



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