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Output/Activity	Activity / Sub-activity Title	Description of Work (describe the sub-activities to be implemented)	Indicative budget per sub-activity - USD	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Observations/ Comments
			247,000				
Inception workshop	Inception work		123,500	X			
Closure workshop	closure workshop		123,500			X	
SO1. Ratify and/or align relevant international/regional instruments related to Africa Blue Economy Strategic Areas (with specific reference to protecting and conserving biodiversity)			557,460				
Output 1.1 Mechanisms for active participation of MSs in regional and global initiatives related to aquatic biodiversity and environmental regimes (ABNJ, CITES, COP meeting relating to CC, BRS, etc) developed			192,160				
1.1.1. Enhancing effective role and participation in continental and global aquatic biodiversity and environmental related regimes	1.1.1.1. Undertake studies and develop a mechanism for enhancing effective role and participation in regional and global biodiversity and environmental related regimes	Commission a consultancy to develop mechanisms for active participation in continental and global aquatic biodiversity and environmental related regimes or for a	34,400	X			
	1.1.1.2. Organize continental validation and awareness enhancing workshop among stakeholders on the relevant provisions, challenges and mechanisms for effective role and participation in these global regimes	Conduct validation and awareness enhancing workshop	63,900		X		
	1.1.1.3. Conduct a workshop for identified negotiators to technically support AU MSs in global negotiations	Organize workshops for identified negotiators	24,700		X		

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	1.1.1.4. Support the participation of 5 AU MSs in relevant aquatic biodiversity and environmental fora	The participation of 5 AU member states to global fora are supported	69,160		X		
Output 1.2. Ratification and implementation of conventions and agreements related to conservation of biodiversity in AU MSs and RECs supported			365,300				
1.2.1. Identify continental and global biodiversity and environmental instruments relevant to sustainable management of Africa blue economy resources	1.2.1.1. Conduct assessment of relevant continental and global biodiversity and environmental instruments to develop priority actions for enhanced ratification and implementation	<i>Studies (consultancy)</i>	51,600	X			
	1.2.1.2. Conduct three virtual validation and regional awareness enhancing workshops on identified documents including key provisions and benefits	<i>3 Virtual validation workshops</i>	12,600	X			
	1.2.1.3. Support 10 AU member states to review national policies and align national instruments with relevant regional and global biodiversity and environmental instruments	<i>Technical support to 10 AU MSs to conduct review of national policies for alignment with relevant global instruments</i>	107,500		X	X	
	1.2.1.4. Conduct national level validation workshops to validate the reviewed policies	<i>Organize national validation workshops on revised policies</i>	120,000		X	X	
1.2.2. Promote the 'Payments for Ecosystem Services	1.2.2.1. Develop a mechanism for implementing 'Payments for Ecosystem Services (PES)' in AU	<i>Studies (consultancies)</i>	18,900	X			

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(PES)' concept in AU Member States within the framework of Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)	Member States for conservation of aquatic biodiversity						
	1.2.2.2. Conduct a virtual continental validation and awareness enhancing workshop on the mechanism for implementing of 'Payments for Ecosystem Services (PES)' in AU Member States	<i>Awareness enhancing and validation workshop</i>	4,200	X			
	1.2.2.3 Pilot the Payments for Ecosystem Services concept in 5 AU MSs to operationalize the mechanisms on 'Payments for Ecosystem Services (PES)'	<i>Support to 5 AU member states to operationalize PES</i>	50,500			X	
SO 2: Optimizing conservation and sustainable biodiversity while minimizing conflicts among users of blue economy resources			965,400				
Output 2.1: Enforceable Regulatory frameworks for effective and sustainable regional MCS systems developed			162,600				
2.1.1 Enhancing Sustainable Monitoring Control and Surveillance (MCS) Systems for conservation and protection of biodiversity:	2.1.1.1. Conduct a study to assess the status of MCS for combating unsustainable practices of fishing and other blue economy resources in AU member states and regional economic communities and develop mechanism to strengthen MCS	Studies to assess status of MCS for combating unsustainable practices by 3 regional consultants	56,700	X			

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2.1.2. Support the establishment of cost-effective and sustainable financial arrangements for effective regional cooperation on MCS and enforcement in selected regions or sub regions	2.1.2.1 Develop framework for establishing sustainable financing mechanisms for sustainable regional cooperation on MCS systems	Studies to develop a framework for sustainable financial mechanisms for functional Regional MCS systems	56,700	X			
	2.1.2.2. Organize three virtual regional workshops to validate findings and recommendations of the studies in 2.1.1.1. and 2.1.2.1.	<i>Organize three virtual validation workshops</i>	9,600	X			
	2.1.2.3. Pilot and operationalize of the recommendations (in 2.1.1.1. and 2.1.2.1.) in 2 regional institutions	<i>Pilot recommendations on establishing sustainable MCS systems and financing mechanisms</i>	39,600		X	X	
Output 2.2. A framework for establishing national, regional and transboundary cooperation on Africa Blue Economy Strategy Thematic Areas established			459,300				
2.2.1. Establish regional cooperation on transboundary issues in shared aquatic ecosystems.	2.2.1.1. Conduct integrated assessment of two identified transboundary aquatic ecosystems to identify critical aquatic environmental issues affecting biodiversity and develop mechanisms for joint management plans and protocols in shared blue economy resources	<i>Studies (consultancy)</i>	36,300	X			
	2.2.1.2. Conduct two validation and awareness enhancing workshops on the above studies on transboundary ecosystems	Conduct validation and awareness enhancing workshop workshops	50,400		X		

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	2.2.1.3. Support implementation of recommendations of the integrated assessment of transboundary ecosystems to foster regional cooperation for joint protocols and management plans	Support implementation of recommendation of the mechanisms on joint protocols and management plans	50,400		X		
2.2.3. Formulate mechanisms to institutionalize Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) at national and regional levels	2.2.3.1. Conduct an assessment of identified MSPs in Africa, document lessons, best practices and develop guidelines for their institutionalization at national and regional levels	<i>Studies (2 consultants)</i>	37,800	X			
	2.2.3.2. Convene two regional Think Tank meetings on MSP implementation and governance to validate the findings of the consultants in 2.2.3.1 and make recommendations	<i>Organize two think tank meetings to validate and enrich the findings of the consultants</i>	127,800		X		
	2.2.3.3 Pilot the recommendations on lessons and best practices in 5 AU member states to implement MSP guidelines	<i>Pilot recommendations on the guidelines for establishing and governance of MSP in 5 AU member states</i>	81,000		X	X	
	2.2.3.4. Pilot the recommendations on lessons and best practices in 2 shared ecosystems to implement MSP guidelines	<i>Pilot recommendations on the guidelines for establishing and governance of MSP in 2 shared ecosystems</i>	75,600			X	

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Output 2.3. Capacities for restoring and conserving threatened aquatic biodiversity and environment strengthened			343,500				
2.3.1 Support rehabilitation of depleted aquatic biodiversity and habitats	2.3.1.1. Conduct a continental review of existing Marine Protected Areas (MPAs), document lessons, best practices and formulate guidelines for their sustainable implementation and governance	Studies (2 consultants)	37,800	X			
	2.3.1.2. Convene two regional Think Tank meetings on MPA implementation and governance to validate the findings of the consultants in 2.3.1.1. and make recommendations	Organize two thank meetings on the guidelines for the implementation and governance of MPAs	85,200		X		
	2.3.1.3. Support to pilot implementation of MPA guidelines in two shared transboundary ecosystems	Support to implementation of the guidelines for MPAs in two shared ecosystems	75,600		X	X	
2.3.2 Establish Continental Centres of Excellence for capacity building on aquatic biodiversity	2.3.2.1. Support the establishment of two continental Centres of Excellence on aquatic biodiversity	Identify knowledge-based institutions as AU Centres of Excellence in aquatic biodiversity	44,900		X		
	2.3.2.2. Strengthen capacity of two identified Centres of Excellence - based on identified gaps (equipment and training materials)	Based on identified capacity cap, support capacity building of identified Centres	100,000		X	X	

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SO3. Strengthening measures for mitigating the negative impacts of coastal and marine tourism, oil, gas, deep sea mining and climate change on aquatic biodiversity and environment			436,200				
Output 3.1 Measures for minimizing the negative impacts of climate change on biodiversity and environment strengthened and implemented			116,400				
3.3.1. Mitigate the impact of climate change on aquatic biodiversity	3.1.1.1. Conduct studies on the negative impact of climate change on aquatic biodiversity and environment and recommend mitigation strategies	<i>2 regional studies (Consultancy)</i>	35,400	X			
	3.1.1.2. Conduct a virtual continental validation workshop on the studies on impact of climate change on aquatic biodiversity, their environment and make recommendations.	Conduct virtual continent-wide validation workshops on the impact of climate change	5,400	X			
	3.1.1.3. Pilot and monitor implementation of the recommendations on mitigating the negative impacts of climate change through active private sector engagement including women and youth	Piloting the recommendations on mitigating strategies for CC impacts in two regions	75,600		X	X	
OUTPUT 3.2. Strategies for an integrated strategic framework for sustainable coastal and marine tourism developed			133,300				

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3.2.1. Identify priority issues and actions for sustainable coastal and marine tourism on aquatic biodiversity and environment and develop guidelines	3.2.1.1. Conduct Expert Consultative meeting to identify priority issues and actions for sustainable coastal and marine tourism on aquatic biodiversity and environment and develop guidelines	<i>Expert consultative workshop to identify priority issues for sustainable coastal and marine tourism</i>	72,900		X		
	3.2.1.2. Convene a continental virtual think tank stakeholders' consultation workshop on identified priority issues and actions for sustainable coastal and marine tourism on aquatic biodiversity and environment	Conduct continental virtual think tank workshops to validate and enrich the outputs from 3.2.1.1	5,400		X		
	3.2.1.3. Support five AU MS to implement guidelines on sustainable marine and coastal tourisms to ensure biodiversity and environmental conservation based on the framework developed	Support to five AU MSs to support the guidelines for sustainable marine and coastal tourisms	55,000			X	
Output 3.3 Measures for minimizing the impact of mining activities on biodiversity and ecosystems strengthened and implemented			186,500				
3.3.1. Mitigate the impact of mining activities on aquatic biodiversity	3.3.3.1. Conduct a study on the impact of oil and gas exploration, deep-sea mining on aquatic biodiversity and environment and recommend mitigation strategies	Studies by knowledge-based institutions on the impact of gas exploration, oil exploration, deep sea mining on biodiversity	102,500	X			

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	3.3.3.2. Convene two virtual validation workshops on the studies on oil, gas exploration and deep sea mining and make recommendations.	Organize two virtual workshops	8,400	X			
	3.3.3.3. Pilot and monitor implementation of the recommendations in two regions through active private sector engagement	<i>Pilot mitigation strategies in two shared ecosystems</i>	75,600			X	
SO4. Strengthening gender inclusivity in aquatic biodiversity conservation and environmental management			243,300				
Output 4.1 Continental strategy for gender inclusivity in aquatic biodiversity and environmental management developed			126,300				
4.1.1. Support development of a continental strategy for inclusion of gender in aquatic biodiversity and environmental management	4.1.1.1. Convene an Expert Consultative meeting to identify priority issues and actions for enhancing the role of women in aquatic biodiversity and environmental management	Organize expert consultative meeting to identify priority issues for enhancing role of women in aquatic biodiversity;the participation of woman should will be high in the meeting	72,900		X		
	4.1.1.2. Convene a think tank stakeholders consultation workshop on identified priority issues and actions for enhancing the role of women in biodiversity and environmental management	<i>Organize a a virtual continental Think Tank stakeholders consultation on identified priorities above</i>	5,400		X		

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	4.1.1.3. Support five AU MS to implement regional strategy for enhancing the role of women and youth in aquatic biodiversity and integrated environmental management	Support to five AU member states to implement the recommendations on enhancing women role in aquatic biodiversity	48,000			X	
Output 4.2. Support regional environmental based-NGOs to implement gender-sensitive work plans for enhancing the role of women and youth in aquatic biodiversity conservation and environmental governance			117,000				
4.2.1. Increasing gender role in activities in aquatic environmental based-NGOs (private sector led)	4.2.1.1. Conduct mapping of existing environmental based NGOs in Africa blue economy sector and create a database and draft recommendation on mechanisms for enhancing the role of women and youth in aquatic biodiversity and ecosystem management	<i>Studies (2 x Consultants)</i>	37,800	X			
	4.2.1.2. Pilot implementation of recommendations through support to Environmental based-NGOs towards implementing gender-sensitive work plans to enhance the role of women and youth in biodiversity protection and environmental governance	<i>Pilot implementation of recommendations in 4.2.1.1.</i>	79,200		X	X	
Subtotal Activities							