



# **Project: ENHANCING BLUE ECONOMY IN THE IGAD MEMBER STATES FOR BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATIONS AND LIVELIHOOD DIVERSIFICATION**

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# Background

- Established in 1986 as IGADD:
- Mandate - *to mitigate drought effects and combat desertification*
- Revitalized in 1996 as IGAD
- Mission assist and complement the efforts of the Member States to achieve, through increased cooperation.



# 5 Pillars of IGAD



**Pillar 1:** Agriculture,  
Natural resources and  
Environment



**Pillar 3:** Health and  
Social Development



**Pillar 5:** Corporate  
Development  
Services

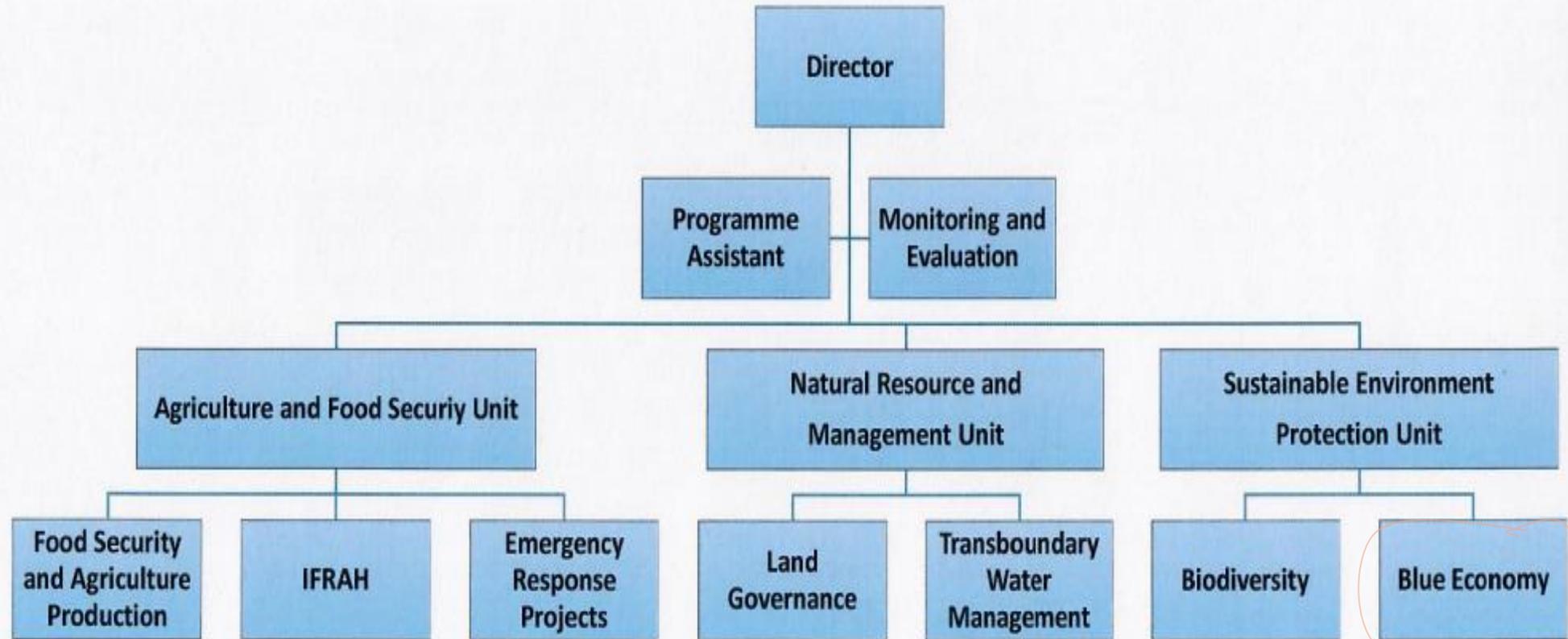


**Pillar 2:** Economic Cooperation  
and Regional Integration



**Pillar 4:** Peace  
and Security

# RE-ORGANIZATION OF AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT DIVISION



# BLUE

## E C O N O M Y

The **Blue Economy** encompasses all economic sectors that utilize and affect water-related resources. This notion of a Blue Economy underscores the importance of sustained development

71%

of the Earth's surface is covered by water

Oceans hold about  
96.5%  
of all Earth's water

Oceans contribute  
\$ 3.0 T  
annually in value-added to the overall economy



The Blue Economy is an emerging concept that encourages better use and protection of the ocean or "blue resources" while improving human wellbeing and social equity.

Earth (this planet) = Planet **Water/Ocean/Sea**

# BLUE ECONOMY FOR AFRICA

- Africa is an island continent
- Africa has vast coastlines > 47 000 Km
- The combined maritime zone under African jurisdictions totals 13 million km<sup>2</sup>,
- Africa is also home to some of the largest lakes and longest rivers in the world (Inland water bodies):
- Despite being endowed with huge BE resources, African countries lack appropriate capacity and awareness of BE, often as a result of the dominance and long legacy of the terrestrial economic, social and cultural life
- AU considered BE as new frontier for Africa's Renaissance



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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 2024)**

**Budget: 5 million USD**

**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 Area 1.

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



# ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE PROJECT (Key Milestones):

## 1. Adoption of IGAD 5 Year Blue Economy Strategy and Declaration signed



# ACHIVEMENTS OF THE PROJECT (Key Millstones).....Cont'd:

## 2. Development and Validation of National BE Baseline Reports in the IGAD MSs

- ▶ The National BE Baseline Report Validation Workshops were organized for Djibouti, Kenya, Somalia, Ethiopia, South Sudan, Uganda and Sudan
- ▶ The draft Baseline BE reports revised and validated
- ▶ The National BE Coordination Platform established



Arta (Djibouti) 24-25 Oct 2021



Mombasa 03-04 Nov 2021



Mogadishu 10-11 Nov 2021



Bahir Dar 17-18 Nov 2021



Juba 24-25 Nov 2021



Entebbe 08-09 Feb 2022



Sabaloga (Sudan) 04-06 Jul 2022

# ACHIVEMENTS OF THE PROJECT (Key Millstones).....Cont'd:

## 3. National BE Strategy Development and Adoption in all IGAD MSs



- Provided training (Mogadishu, July 2022) to build the capacities of the national consultants and Blue Economy Focal Persons about the alignment of the national Blue Economy strategies with AU and IGAD Blue Economy Strategies,
- Developed similar framework (format) in the preparation of national Blue Economy strategies among Member States,
- Provided training to mainstream gender in the national Blue Economy strategies.



BE governance and **mainstreaming BE into the national development plans** training (Addis Ababa, Dec 2022)



Ethiopia (Dec 2022)



Somalia (Jan 2023)



Kenya Validates its National Blue Economy Strategy in Collaboration with IGAD

Kenya (Feb 2023)



Uganda Validates its National Blue Economy Strategy in Collaboration with IGAD

Uganda (Feb 2023)



Approval of the National Blue Economy Strategy for Sudan for the Year (2023-2027)

Sudan (Feb 2023)



South Sudan (Mar 2023)



Djibouti (May 2023)

# IGAD BE Project organized regional and National BE Coordination Platforms to assist the implementation of the NBES



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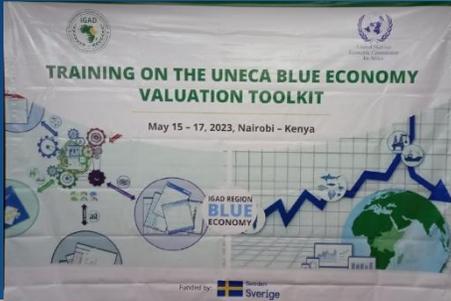
## 4. Supporting MSs to mobilize Resource to Implement their National BE Strategy

- Workshop on IGAD Blue Economy Financing & Somalia Blue Economy Implementation Framework & Investment Plans
- UNECA Supported in developing an operational plan for Ethiopia's National BE Strategy
- UNECA is now discussing with Government of Djibouti to prepare an action plan



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## 5. Implementation of BETKT to do National BE Accounting



Training on the UNECA Blue Economy Valuation Toolkit (BEVTK) to IGAD Member States

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May 15-17, 2023 (Nairobi, Kenya)



Regional Training to Researchers in the IGAD Member States on the Application of UNECA's Blue Economy Valuation Toolkit

A three-day training (9 – 11 May 2024 in Addis Ababa) on the UNECA's Blue Economy Valuation Toolkit (BEVTK) **for researchers**

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## 6. Best Experience sharing and networking with key stakeholders (KSF)

LEVERAGING BLUE ECONOMY THROUGH EFFICIENT SMALL-SCALE FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AND AQUATIC BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION TO BUILD THE AFRICA WE WANT

13 – 16 June, 2023

Mombasa, Kenya

IGAD BE Project,  
AU-IBAR, and  
Ecofish,  
Organized Knowledge Share Fair in  
Mombasa, Kenya on 13<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023

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# ACHIVEMENTS OF THE PROJECT (Key Millstones).....Cont'd:

## 7. Conducting 3 Prioritized Studies

- 1) Gender Analysis of the Blue Economy for IGAD Coastal Countries ..... Validated in Mogadishu (7 – 10 Aug 2023)
- 2) Assessment of Marine and Coastal Biodiversity Resources in the IGAD Coastal Countries ..... Validated in Naivasha (Kenya), 28 – 31 Aug 2023
- 3) Inventory of Pollutants in the IGAD Coastal Member States..... Validated in Arta (Djibouti), September 18 – 21, 2023



# ACHIVEMENTS OF THE PROJECT (Key Millstones).....Cont'd:

## 8. Gender and Youth focused Trainings



# ACHIVEMENTS OF THE PROJECT (Key Millstones).....Cont'd:

## 9. Beach Cleaning Campaign and Plastic Events in Djibouti and RSS



**Nile River Banks Cleaning Campaign Against Plastic Pollution in Juba, South Sudan**

Agriculture and Environment

IGAD Intra Economy

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## 10. Promoting designation of more MPAs and improving their Management



Agriculture and Environment IGAD Blue Economy

**Regional Workshop on Promoting Marine Protected Areas (MPAs)  
Establishment and Effective management in the IGAD Member  
States**

# ACHIVEMENTS OF THEOJECT (Key Millstones).....Cont'd: 11. Transformative Change in BE Governance and Promotion



Ministry Fisheries and Blue Economy, Somalia

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## 12. Transformative Change in Establishment of the IGAD Regional Blue Economy Center of Excellence (IBEEC)

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Honoured to meet with the President of the Federal Republic of Somalia, H.E. [@HassanSMohamud](#), during my official visit to Mogadishu. Our discussions focused on critical issues related to regional peace and stability, where I reaffirmed IGAD's unwavering commitment to advancing these efforts. We also explored the **establishment of a Regional Blue Economy Centre of Excellence**, which will be hosted in Somalia. I look forward to further strengthening IGAD-Somalia relations as we work together to drive progress for the benefit of our region and the continent.





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