

WORKSHOP CONCEPT NOTE

NATIONAL MARINE SPATIAL PLANNING (MSP) WORKSHOP IN MOROGORO 14th – 16th DECEMBER, 2021

1. Background

The Government of Tanzania has identified Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) as one of the priorities to address critical agendas with regards national development and resource sustainability in order to achieve national development objectives. MSP is the best tool to allow proper coordination of Marine Spatial Planning and Integrated Coastal Zone Management.

However, the critical marine ecosystems are in decline from the synergetic impacts of unsustainable use and natural disturbances, that include coastal infrastructure development, extractive industries, population growth and climate change. Inadequate collaboration among stakeholders and institutions in MSP initiatives is also a challenge for sustainable marine ecosystem management and governance. MSP is a key operational tool that connects policy dimension to the field level and secures, in an encompassing way, the aspirations and principles set out in sustainable ocean governance and sustainable blue economy strategies and policies, while taking account of the needs of different users.

In order to address these challenges, and towards establishment of MSP in Tanzania, the Vice President Office with support from WWF has organized a 3 days' workshop with core and broader MSP stakeholder group in Morogoro, Tanzania on $14^{th} - 16^{th}$ December, 2021 to enhance the sustainability and suitability of national MSP.

Objectives

The overall objective is to define methodological tool (a decision support tool) to enhance the sustainability and suitability of national MSP through the assessment of the existing spatial and temporal management tools

Specific Objectives

- (a) Identification of key MSP stakeholders and responsible sectors;
- (b) Provide key presentation and identification of existing/proposed MSP tools
- (c) Review of draft MSP situational Analysis Report

Expected output/outcome

- MSP workshop report
- Methodological tools to enhance the sustainability and suitability of MSP in Tanzania
- Identified key stakeholders for engagement in MSP agenda