

EU support to regional ocean initiatives in Sub-Saharan Africa

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Sustainable Western Indian Ocean Programme (SWIOP)



Overall budget: 58 € million

Indicative implementation timeline:

Five years (2025 – 2029)

Geographic scope:

9 WIO coastal & island states

Regional approach:

Focus on regional trends, dynamics and value-added (no country envelopes or “windows”)

Aligned with regional, international and EU priorities, notably the **Global Gateway and **Green Deal****



SWIOP pillars

Pillar 1 – Regional Governance €17.75 million

- Knowledge & information for decision making, regional knowledge hubs
- Sustainable shared fisheries resources : **Reduction of IUU fishing**, RFMO strengthening
- Institutional capacity : Regional MSP tools & ocean Governance Strategy

Pillar 2 – Sustainable Blue Economy €25 million

- Business incubation & promoting sustainable businesses
- Access to finance & investment facilitation
- Training coastal personnel for jobs at sea

Pillar 3 – Ecosystem Resilience & Blue Carbon €15.25 million

- Management of transboundary areas & ABNJs
- Nature-based solutions for restoration
- Research, outreach & marine knowledge sharing