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COMPONENT 1

Strengthening coastal ecosystem management at regional and national levels and exchange of experience

Strengthening regional and national governance of coastal and marine ecosystems

Support to national ICZM committees, national networks for marine protected areas (MPAs) and development of ICZM indicators

Exchange of experience programme on coastal ecosystem management

COMPONENT 2

Regional scientific cooperation and implementation of projects to restore and support the sustainable exploitation of coastal ecosystems

Strengthening regional scientific cooperation on coastal ecosystem restoration

Implementation of pilot projects

Call for projects linked to local actions for the restoration and management of coastal ecosystems



COASTAL POPULATIONS AND ECOSYSTEMS RESILIENCE IN THE WESTERN INDIAN OCEAN (RECOS)

/ THE INDIAN OCEAN COMMISSION /

The Indian Ocean Commission (IOC) is an intergovernmental organisation comprised of five Member States: The Union of the Comoros, France (La Reunion), Madagascar, Mauritius and Seychelles.

As the only regional organisation in Africa composed exclusively of islands, it promotes the specificities of its Member States both on the continent and in the international arena. With the active support of a dozen international partners, the IOC provides substance to regional solidarity through cooperation projects covering a wide range of sectors: preservation of ecosystems, sustainable management of natural resources, maritime safety, entrepreneurship, public health, renewable energy and culture.

This project, «Coastal Populations and Ecosystems Resilience in the Western Indian Ocean» (RECOS), co-funded by the *Agence française de développement* (AFD) and the *Fonds français pour l'environnement* (FFEM), contributes to IOC's diversified action in favor of a sustainable and resilient environment.

Coastal ecosystem services

- Regulating services, such as reducing coastal erosion, reducing the impact of extreme events and ensuring carbon sequestration;
- Provisioning services, such as the production of food and building materials;
- Supporting services, such as soil formation and life cycle and maintenance;
- Cultural services, through recreation and artistic and spiritual inspiration.



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/ REGIONAL CONTEXT /

The coastal ecosystems of IOC countries in the South-Western Indian Ocean are remarkable but at the same time remain highly vulnerable. In most of these countries, they are located in populous areas and are subjected to physical disturbances due to extreme climatic events. Together with man-made impacts on the environment, climate change is causing more frequent and more intense natural disasters in the region.

Restore and preserve! These are key words of the project. Coastal populations are highly dependent on healthy ecosystems. Thus, restoring and preserving coastal environments directly contribute to the resilience of these populations. The gains are not only ecological: they also encompass economics, food, health, societies and culture.

/ KEY FEATURES /

PARTNER COUNTRIES



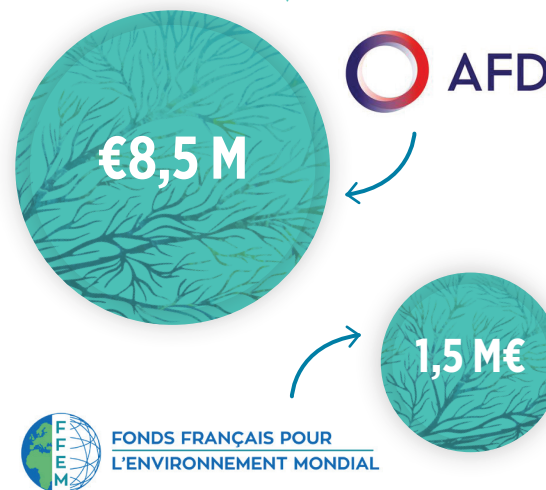
The Union of Comoros, Madagascar, Mauritius and Seychelles will directly benefit from the project.



Close collaboration with France-La Reunion will be developed for key activities.

Activities will also involve spontaneous collaborations with Nairobi Convention Member Countries and island countries in other regions of the world.

FINANCIAL PARTNERS



PROJECT DURATION

5 YEARS

NOV 2021
NOV 2026



/ OUR GOAL /

The overall objective of the project is to strengthen the resilience of coastal populations to the effects of climate change by restoring coastal ecosystem services.

The specific objectives to achieve the above are:

Strengthen **regional and national governance of coastal and marine ecosystems** in the Indian Ocean;

Implement innovative, varied and replicable projects for the restoration and sustainable use of coastal and marine ecosystems based on scientific working groups.