



« The organisms that are most resilient to uncertainties and crises are those capable of cooperation. This is one of the marvellous lessons from nature. To confront global challenges like marine plastic pollution, it is imperative to foster collaboration and innovation in order to establish a virtuous and inclusive circular economy. »

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AIODIS

**Promoting
circular economy**

The AIODIS project, a sub-component of the regional project SWIOFish2, provides a framework to collaborate on topics related to the circular economy.

As the sole regional organisation in Africa dedicated to islands, the IOC has offered to work with the authorities to support the emergence of the circular economy and promote innovation and entrepreneurship in this field, with a focus on the fight against marine plastic pollution.

Beneficiary countries

The AIODIS project provides a framework to collaborate on the circular economy for the island states in Africa and the Indian Ocean:

- 📍 Cape Verde
- 📍 Guinea Bissau
- 📍 São Tomé and Príncipe
- 📍 Union of Comoros
- 📍 Mauritius
- 📍 Madagascar
- 📍 Maldives
- 📍 Seychelles



Circular economy

The activities of AIODIS cover the following sectors:

- Marine plastic pollution
- Green entrepreneurship
- Renewable energy
- Electrical and electronic waste

Challenges

- ① Each year, 100 million tons of waste end up at sea, most of it being plastic.
- ② Plastic is now found everywhere in people's everyday lives and plastic pollution at sea is a real scourge for which man is solely responsible.
- ③ Waste dumped in rivers, seas or collected by runoff in watersheds will end up in the ocean if they are not collected before. As plastic waste is not biodegradable, it has been present in the environment for several decades, particularly in the form of micro or nanoparticles.



Objectives

To help AIODIS countries collaborate and share their experiences to address specific issues they face, such as:

- Improving the sustainable management of their vast maritime territory
- Innovation and development of their blue economy in the climate change context
- Concerted mobilisation of funding to meet these challenges

The main lines of action

- ① Supporting the emergence of young entrepreneurs who promote the circular economy. Concerns the setting up of a platform of young entrepreneurs, capacity building, as well as the improvement of the entrepreneurial environment for the promotion of the circular economy against marine pollution.
- ② Raising awareness and communication with Small Islands Developing States governments and the private sector in general.

Budget

USD 2,300,000