

Towards a regional MSP vision and roadmap for the Northern Mozambique Channel

Consultation workshop for the development of Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) vision and roadmap for the Northern Mozambique Channel (NMC) region. A two days- meeting to develop the MSP vision and roadmap for the Northern Mozambique Channel is taking place at the Cardoso Hotel in Maputo, Mozambique from Yesterday 14th and today 15th May 2024. At least five countries in the northern Mozambique Channel were represented, including Tanzania which was represented by Dr. Siajali Pamba, from School of Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Technology, University of Dar es Salaam. Other countries are Madagascar, Mozambique, Comoro and South Africa. It has been recognize that The Northern Mozambique Channel (NMC) has long been a haven for marine and coastal biodiversity. The potential of the NMC as a transboundary site for regional conservation was first identified by experts during a regional workshop organized through the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC) in November 2009, in Antananarivo, Madagascar. The main objectives of the workshop are:

1. To discuss and agree on a common vision for the regional MSP of the NMC region;
2. To collect and integrate recommendations for a MSP roadmap from the NMC countries and relevant stakeholders across the region;
3. To develop a draft roadmap for the implementation of MSP in the NMC region based on the existing WIO MSP framework