

## ASCLME SWIOFP Project Coordination Meeting – Cape Town 26<sup>th</sup> January 2010

### Attendance:

Rondolph Payet - SWIOFP Project Manager

David Vousden - ASCLME Regional Director

Magnus Ngoile – ASCLME Policy and Governance Coordinator

### Conclusions

1. ASCLME and SWIOFP will cooperate from now on to produce a joint Newsletter starting with the May 2010 planned edition. Claire Attwood (the ASCLME Media Coordinator) and James Stapley (ASCLME Communications and IT Coordinator) will work closely with both projects to coordinate this production.
2. ASCLME offers the services of its Communications and IT Coordinator (James Stapley) to SWIOFP to assist with developing and fine-tuning the SWIOFP website and other communications instruments. James will travel to Mombasa as and when can be agreed between himself and the 2 projects.
3. SWIOFP is experiencing some problems in identifying reliable national expertise in commercial fisheries issues within Madagascar. ASCLME will share its list of experts that are assisting with the fisheries inputs to the ASCLME MEDAs and will request its National Focal point to assist SWIOFP with this problem.
4. ASCLME and SWIOFP to cooperate in finding a mechanism to support Comoros in the development of a National Fisheries Management Plan, possibly with the assistance of the AU-WB Sustainable Fisheries Investment Fund through Nancy Kitonga.
5. The two projects will aim to work very closely through the TDA process. By November 2010, with together with the ASCLME, the SWIOFP project will endeavour to provide a preliminary TDA for incorporation in the overall LME TDA.
6. To this effect, the National Management Groups under the SWIOFP will be invited to join with the ASCLME national Coordination Groups to provide the appropriate fisheries inputs at both the national MEDA (Marine Ecosystem Diagnostic Analyses) level and to provide on-going input into the overall TDA development process at the regional level. ASCLME will provide SWIOFP with its MEDA template so SWIOFP can see where it can best integrate into the process and save time and effort on the MEDA-TDA process for both Projects by ensuring that we share the TDA conversion activity (i.e. converting the national level inputs to the regional TDA).
7. Need to coordinate closely with SWIOFP in terms of developing appropriate LME indicators (not just scientific indicators but those for socioeconomics and governance as well).
8. The Policy and Governance Assessment funded by ASCLME will also liaise very closely with SWIOFP and provide input to SWIOFP's Policy and Governance needs and processes. In this context ASCLME will share the ToR for this Assessment with SWIOFP for their feedback.

9. The two projects will discuss and agree on possible oceanographic and ecosystem-related data that could be collected from SWIOFP's wet-lease vessels collecting their fisheries data. This could also be extended to the observer programme as thus be seen as a very concrete contribution from the private sector to the development of the LME approach and long-term LME monitoring and management.
10. Both Projects reviewed the requirements for the Programme Coordination Committees as defined in the Project Documents. It was agreed that it would be more cost-effective and less time-consuming if this Programme Coordination function (where 'Programme' applies to the overall GEF initiative for the WIO LMEs) were subsumed into the Steering Committees as each project is represented on the other Project's Committees.
11. Both projects need to evolve effective Inter-Ministerial Committees (IMCs) but these need to be within the wider context of the LME approach. WIO-LaB already has IMCs primarily focusing on Environment and it would probably be most appropriate to build on these by including Fisheries, Tourism and even Finance. There would need to be a strong incentive to get Finance on-board and this will require very concise and effective briefings.