

# Environment and Social Safeguards Standards in Marine Spatial Planning and Implementation

## MSP FACT SHEET

**T**he Kenyan Marine Spatial Planning process for Kenya's coastal waters is committed to upholding the highest level of environmental and social safeguards. The plan will provide an opportunity to deliver sustainable development within

a framework of environment and social protection. It aims to achieve an ecosystem approach to the management of human activities while integrating environmental and social protection considerations into blue economy development.



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## Sekta muhimu za kunufaika kutoka kwa MSP

Environmental and social safeguards are measures taken to identify, prevent, mitigate and minimize adverse environmental and social impacts that may arise in the implementation of a projects.

The Kenya MSP process upholds the highest standards of environmental and social safeguards. It seeks to promote equity through the fair sharing of accruing benefits from natural resources and to resolve conflicts among marine space users.

The plan aims to deliver sustainable development within a comprehensive framework that protects people, livelihoods and the environment.

Central to this endeavor is the adoption of an ecosystem-based approach to managing human activities that seamlessly integrates considerations for environmental and social protection into the development of the blue economy.

The plan will be guided globally accepted safeguard instruments and is informed by data from dedicated assessments.



**Respect Cultural Preservation:**

## Aspects of Gender Mainstreaming in MSP process

- Incorporating a gender perspective in all stages of the marine spatial planning process
- Identifying and addressing gender-specific concerns and issues
- Engaging with women and other marginalized groups in the planning process
- Analyzing gender-



**MSP leverages the ecosystem approach to deliver benefits to people and the environment**

# Principles to Ensure Safeguards in MSP

**Transparency and Accountability:** Promote clear communication of goals, impacts, and processes, fostering trust and accountability among stakeholders.

## **Livelihood Restoration and Compensation**

Provide fair compensation and implement livelihood restoration measures to minimize economic displacement and ensure community resilience.

**Equitable Access to Resources:** Prioritize fairness in resource allocation to prevent marginalization, ensuring all community members have access to shared benefits.

**Adaptive Management:** Develop flexible plans that can adjust to new information, evolving community needs, or changing environmental conditions.

**Access to Grievance Redress Mechanism:** Establish accessible grievance redress systems to resolve disputes fairly and efficiently. Document and resolve grievance/complaints.

**Integration of Social and Environmental Objectives:** Balance conservation goals with socio-economic needs of affected communities to achieve sustainable outcomes.

**Respect Cultural Preservation:** Respect and incorporate spiritual connections of vulnerable and marginalized communities have to natural resources and consult them.

**Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation:** Engage stakeholders in tracking project implementation and outcomes to ensure accountability and effectiveness.

## Meaningful participation and Consultation

Ensure meaningful participation of all affected stakeholders, including vulnerable groups

like women, youth and indigenous communities in planning and decision-making processes.



The MSP is inclusive, ensures all voices are heard.

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