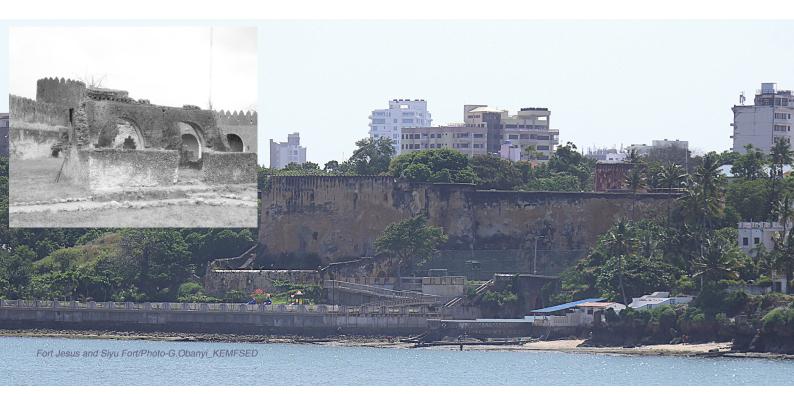


# Environment and Social Safeguards Standards in Marine Spatial Planning and Implementation

## **MSP FACT SHEET**

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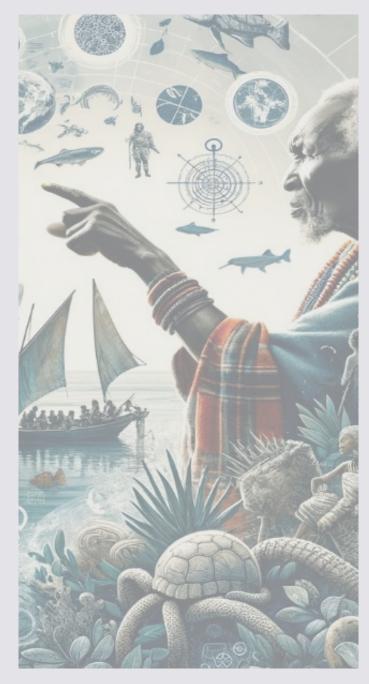
Environmental and social safeguards are measures taken to identify, prevent, mitigate and minimize adverse environmental and social impacts that may arise in the implementation of a projects.

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 globaly 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 genderspecific concerns and issues
- Engaging with women and other marginalized groups in the planning process
- Analyzing gender-

# Inclusive Planning

Marine **Spatial Planning** (MSP) is not just about managing our seas; it's about ensuring every voice is heard. The MSP process is inclusive and values the knowledge and needs of all stakeholders, including local communities, indigenous peoples, and marginalized groups.

# Gender Mainstreaming

The MSP process recognize the vital role of gender equality in sustainable development. The MSP initiative integrates gender perspectives to ensure equitable participation and benefits for all.

Indigenous Rights and Wisdom Wisdom The wisdom of indigenous peoples and local communities is invaluable in the stewardship of our marine environments.

diversity Conservation Ensuring the preservation of marine biodiversity is essential for maintaining sustainable use of marine resources and their ecosystem services.

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The focus is on striking a delicate balance between conservation efforts and supporting livelihoods. The zoning strategies in the MSP framework prioritize sustainable resource management and create opportunities for coastal communities to thrive economically.

Pollution Prevention

The Constitution of Kenya, through Article 42, guarantees our right to a clean and healthy environment. The marine spaces of Kenya are a shared treasure, and it falls upon everyone to protect this precious resource.

> The global concern surrounding the impacts of climate change highlights the importance of integrating climate change considerations into marine spatial planning.

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Accountability is paramount in the MSP process. The process has a dedicated mechanism to address any grievances or complaints that may arise. The goal is to empower stakeholders to thereby building trust and cohesion within our communities.

Redress Methods

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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