



South-West Indian Ocean Fisheries Commission (SWIOFC)

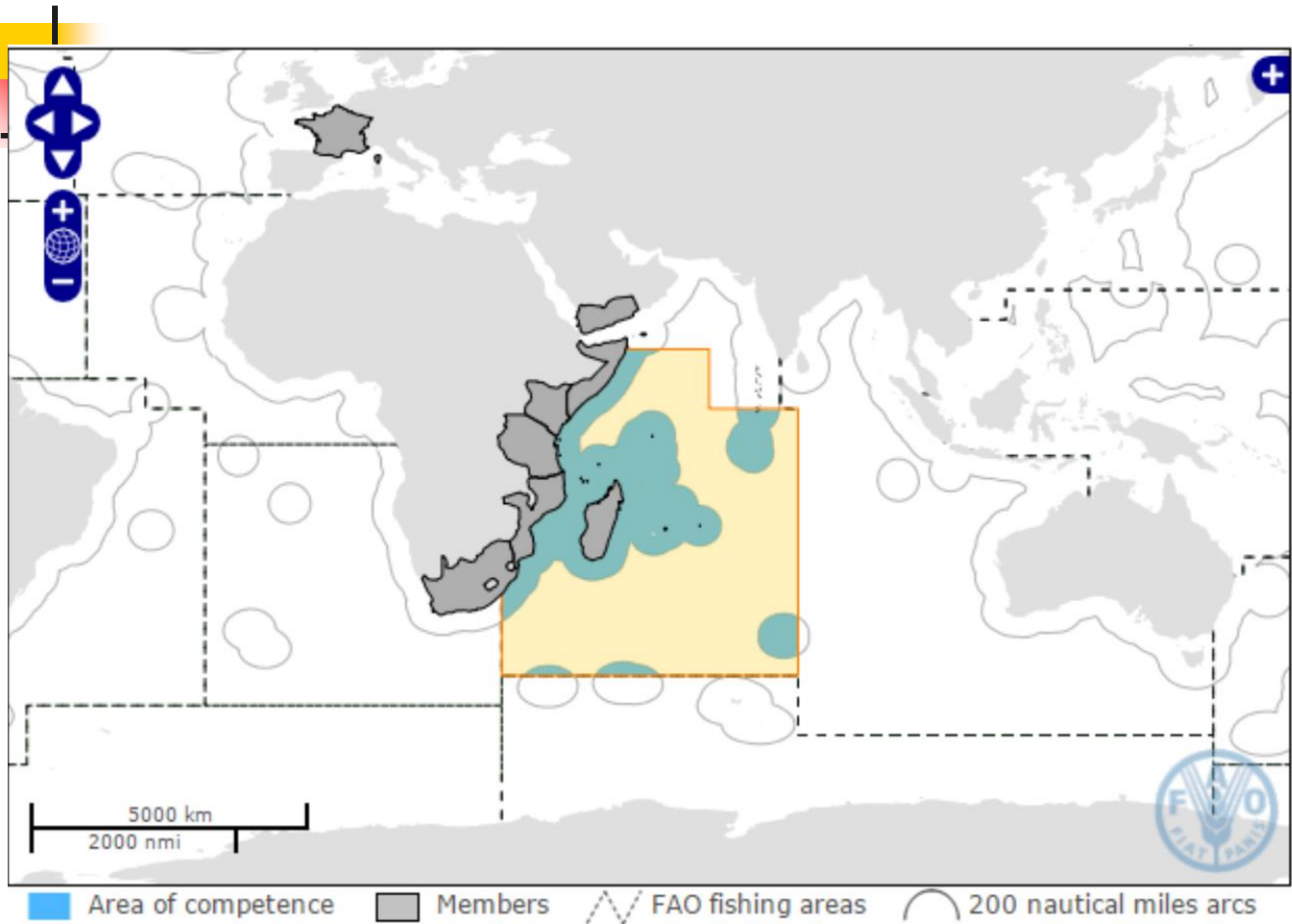
Nairobi convention (NC)

Proposal for joint project

Background



- SWIOFC shall establish close working relationships with any agreement or arrangement for the management and conservation of high sea fisheries resources in the Southern Indian Ocean.
- SWIOFC and Nairobi Convention are planning to build cross-sectoral cooperation program.
- Memorandum of Understanding for collaboration with the Nairobi Convention/UNEP will be signed by both in due course.
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■ Area of competence
 ■ Members
 - - - - - FAO fishing areas
 ○ 200 nautical miles arcs



Program and objectives

- High-level objective for the partnership
 - Promote responsible ocean governance and fisheries management for Sustainable Blue Growth in the Western Indian Ocean region
 - Especially in favour of the poorest segments of the population.



Main areas of intervention

- .1. Promote a regional high-level policy dialogue and coordination between the environmental and fisheries management institutions, with a particular focus on the SWIOFC and the NC.
- .2. Support and promote a consistent policy dialogue and coordination between the institutions responsible for fisheries management and for environmental protection at the national level.
- .3. Support integration of fisheries management in initiatives for policy-making and integrated management.
- .5. Promote the sustainable improvement of the livelihoods of the small-scale coastal fishing communities, particularly of women and youth.
- .6. Promote the inclusion of poor coastal communities, and particularly of small-scale fishing communities, in the sectoral and inter-sectoral management processes.
- .7. Enhance regional capacity on adaptation to environmental variability including climate change, targeting especially poor coastal fishing communities

Project components



.Regional component

- Include mechanisms for mutual support between fisheries and environmental conservation initiatives
- Take into account effective inclusion of small-scale fishing communities.
- Issues directly related to regional-level mechanisms, coordination and cooperation that need to be developed at a regional level, requiring agreements and coordination among the countries.
- Development of regional approaches to fisheries management and coastal and marine environment conservation,
 - trans-national agreements on the management of fisheries and other uses of the coastal and marine environment, or similar elements.

.National component: pilot project

- Establish processes and mechanisms for the cooperation and coordination between the institutions responsible for fisheries management, on the one hand, and those responsible for environmental conservation
- Concentrate on a small number of countries that already have mechanisms for participatory management of small-scale fisheries in place
- Target one or two main fisheries or areas that simultaneously are of importance to the small-scale fishing communities and affected by important environmental issues.

Geographical scope and participants



- Overall region: Western Indian Ocean
 - Countries that are signatories to the Nairobi Convention and members of the South West Indian Ocean Fisheries Commission
- Regional component
 - All members of SWIOFC that are also parties to the Nairobi Convention;
- Pilot national projects
 - Mozambique
 - Tanzania
 - Madagascar
 - Others to explore

Current status



- Concept note agreed in February 2018
- SWIOFISH1 agreed to support consultancy to develop full project
- Consultant recruited yesterday
- Joseph Payet