

MOMBASA COUNTY



Mombasa tusks. Source: Tripadvisor

The Go Blue Project Result Area 2 is jointly implemented by United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) and United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). The Project aims at enhancing land-sea planning and management by addressing key socio-economic and environmental challenges while stimulating benefits from the blue economy. By promoting the economic growth of coastal urban residents and the preservation of coastal and marine resources, the project seeks to assist in the nation's transition to a sustainable blue economy. Undoubtedly, a vital element in the sustainability of blue economic development is the maintenance of healthy marine and coastal ecosystems. However, these important ecosystems are decreasing at an alarming rate because of growing, and increasingly frequent stresses.

Objectives

- Implement an integrated, ecosystem-based approach to land-sea planning and management by formulating land-sea planning guidelines.
- Ensure participation and inclusivity of women and young people and creation of jobs.
- Enhance institutional and individual capacities for a sustainable blue economy in coastal urban areas.

Planned Activities

■ Tudor Beach Public Space Regeneration

The project will make the Tudor Beach Public Space in Mvita more appealing and socio-economically useful to the general coastal population. The nearby mangroves will be conserved to maintain the vital connection between land and sea for sustainability. We're involving the community to achieve this goal, focusing on blue economy and land-sea planning principles. This will improve the public beachfront and celebrate cultural heritage.



Tudor Creek, Mombasa County.

■ **Constructed Wetland in Mikindani informal settlement**

The project is applying nature-based solutions to treat sewerage and wastewater that is discharging from the Mikindani informal settlements into the Tudor Creek causing pollution of the marine environment. The establishment of a constructed wetland in Mikindani settlement is being done in a participatory manner that engages local community members. This initiative is a replication of the successful constructed wetland wastewater treatment in Shimo la Tewa that was implemented by WIOSAP with funding from the Global Environment Facility (GEF)



Project site for the Mikindani Constructed Wetland

■ Coastal and Marine Ecosystems Assessments

Assessments and valuation of coastal and marine ecosystems, vulnerability to climate change, and socio-economic conditions will be conducted to guide ecosystem-based disaster risk reduction planning and resilient and 'climate-smart' economic and infrastructure development. The project will assess and value coastal and marine ecosystems, climate change vulnerability, and socio-economic factors. This information will guide plans for reducing disaster risks and developing a resilient economy.

■ County Data Station.

Strengthening of the County GIS (Geographic Information Systems) lab and creation of a data station in the Lands Department County Offices, which will host data on spatial planning, environment, blue economy, WASH (Water, Sanitation & Hygiene), etc. and will be useful across all county departments, enabling informed decision making and efficient resource allocation.

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