

# GO BLUE PROJECT NEWSLETTER

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The Go Blue Project is a result of collaboration between the EU and the Government of Kenya to advance the Blue Economy Agenda through Coastal Development with an overall objective to unlock the potential of land-sea opportunities in coastal urban centers for sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth with employment impact, while conserving and sustainably using the coastal and marine environment as well as promoting effective and integrated maritime governance.

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# MOMBASA CONSTRUCTED WETLAND GROUNDBREAKING

by UNEP

In February 2024, UNEP through its implementing partner KMFRI broke ground at the Mikindani area in Mombasa County where a nature-based solution to wastewater is being implemented to counter the effects of raw sewerage currently draining into Tudor creek where marine life and mangroves have dwindled in numbers over the years. The project is expected to be completed and operational by August this year. The scope of impact is estimated at 50,000 people (residents, farmers and fishing community) of Mikindani.



# TAITA TAVETA SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

by UN-Habitat

UN-Habitat is constructing a material recovery facility (MRF) in Chakaleri, Taita Taveta County to enable recycling and better collection of waste through its partner CSUDP. Prior to this construction, UN-Habitat conducted a solid waste audit in collaboration with the county government and residents and developed a solid waste management strategy with practical recommendations for Voi, Mwatate, Wundanyi, and Taveta. The MRF is nearing completion, and the county government is keen to replicate it across other municipalities in the county to address the key challenge of solid waste management.



# SECURING KENYA'S MARITIME SPACES: THE ROLE OF THE KENYA COAST GUARD SERVICE OPERATION CENTRE

by Expertise France

In a world where maritime trade is vital and coastal security is challenged, the Kenya Coast Guard Service (KCGS) serves as a model of teamwork and unity. With guidance from technical experts at Expertise France and with financial support from the European Union, the creation of the KCGS Operation Centre marks a significant step forward in improving maritime security, protecting coastal communities, and promoting sustainability in the exploitation of Kenya's maritime domain

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# NAVIGATING THE WAVES: COXSWAIN TRAINING FOR KENYA'S COASTAL GUARDIANS

by Expertise France

Expertise France, in collaboration with the Kenya Fisheries Service (KeFS) and with financial support from the European Union, is organizing during April and May 2024 an intensive four-weeks coxswain training program for two fresh cohorts of 12 officers each, preparing to take on the role of guardians of the fisheries. With a focus on boat handling, engine maintenance, and maritime enforcement procedures, this training equips them to undertake patrols at sea and on lakes, and enforce fisheries regulations effectively.

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## KTB VISIT TO THE MOMBASA TOURISM INNOVATION LAB SUB-GRANTEES

by Camões, I.P

Mombasa Tourism Innovation Lab hosted representatives from the Kenya Tourism Board – Fiona Ngesa, Muriuki Murithi, and Josphat Mbatha to explore the diverse tourism products offered by the project’s sub-grantees.

The Mombasa Tourism Innovation Lab is one of the 16 other tourism-based projects that were given grants by Camoes, a Portuguese entity, to run their project. Camoes is implementing the Tourism and Cultural Heritage component of the Go Blue project, a partnership between the government of Kenya and the European union to advance the blue economy agenda in the coastal region.

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## GO BLUE STEERING COMMITTEE

by Jumuiya ya Kaunti za Pwani (JKP)

The Go Blue Project, with a funding of EUR 25 million, from the EU targeted the six coastal counties of Jumuiya ya Kaunti za Pwani region. The implementation involved key partners namely, the development cooperation agencies of Italy (Fisheries & Cassava Value Chains), Germany (GIZ - Skills Development), Portugal (Tourism, Culture & Heritage Value Chains), France (Maritime Security) as well as the UN Habitat (Urban/Spatial Planning), and UN Environment (Coastal Management). This was a four-year project beginning in March 2021. The component by GIZ ended in December 2023. The project in its governance structure relies on the Steering Committee as its high level decision making organ.

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# AICS AND EU INAUGURATE SMALL SCALE CASSAVA PROCESSING PLANTS

by Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS)

Communities living in Matsangoni and Magodi, witnessed the handover of two cassava processing plants on Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd of March, in the coastal counties of Kilifi and Kwale respectively. The infrastructure, powered by solar energy, were donated to the communities of local farmers to boost the processing of agricultural products. The plants were built through the Italian component of the Go Blue Programme, financed by the European Union (EU) and implemented by the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (Aics) with the technical support of the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Bari (CIHEAM Bari).

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