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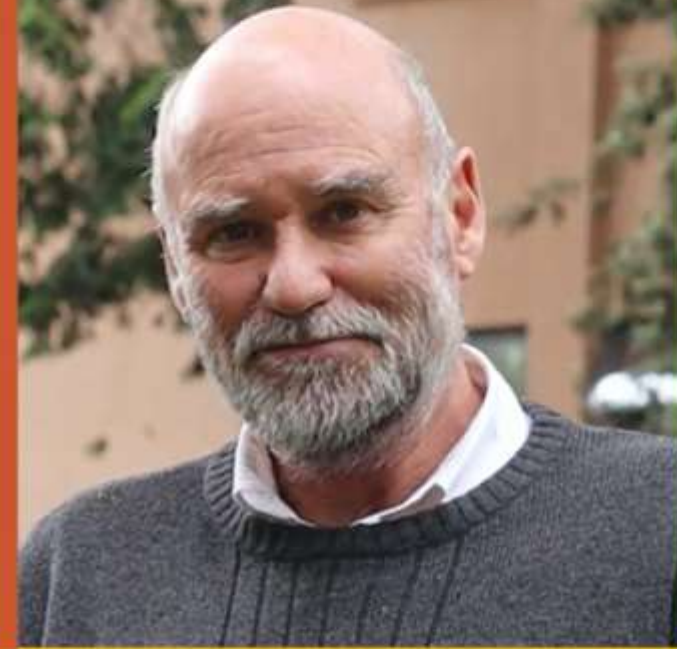


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Why the Western Indian Ocean (WIO) Matters

5% global industrialized fish catch
(4 million tonnes/yr)

11,257 marine species
(13% endemism)

2,200 fish species (83%
of known fish families)

65 million people live
within 100 km of the
coast



Over 40 EBSAs & approx.
700 Seamounts identified

Estimated US\$ 22
Billion/year from marine
& coastal resources;
assets estimated at US\$
333.8 billion

Emerging Oil & Gas sector
of global interest

Threats to the WIO



Biodiversity and habitat loss



Illegal fishing



Overfishing



Pollution from land based sources



Climate change impacts



Inadequate governance



New opportunities



Infrastructure

Mandate to develop a ROGS

African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN)

- **AMCEN 2015 (Cairo Declaration)** – Agreement to support efforts for the protection of the marine environment
- **AMCEN 2017 (Libreville)** - UNEP and the secretariats of the Regional Seas Conventions called upon to enter into cooperative arrangements with regional bodies in order to enhance the application of ecosystem-based approaches in ocean governance in Africa
- **AMCEN Special Session 2018 (Nairobi)** - AMCEN undertook background studies to begin the process of developing an Africa Ocean Governance Strategy with support from UNEP
- **AMCEN 2022 (Dakar)** – Progress made by Regional Seas in support of improved OG recognised, appreciated and encouraged

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Nairobi Convention COP Decisions

- **CoP 8 (2015)**

- Decision CP.8/10: Blue and Ocean Economy: urges Contracting Parties to cooperate in improving the governance of ABNJ and developing area-based management tools such as marine spatial planning to promote the blue economy pathways in the WIO region.

- **CoP 9 (2018)**

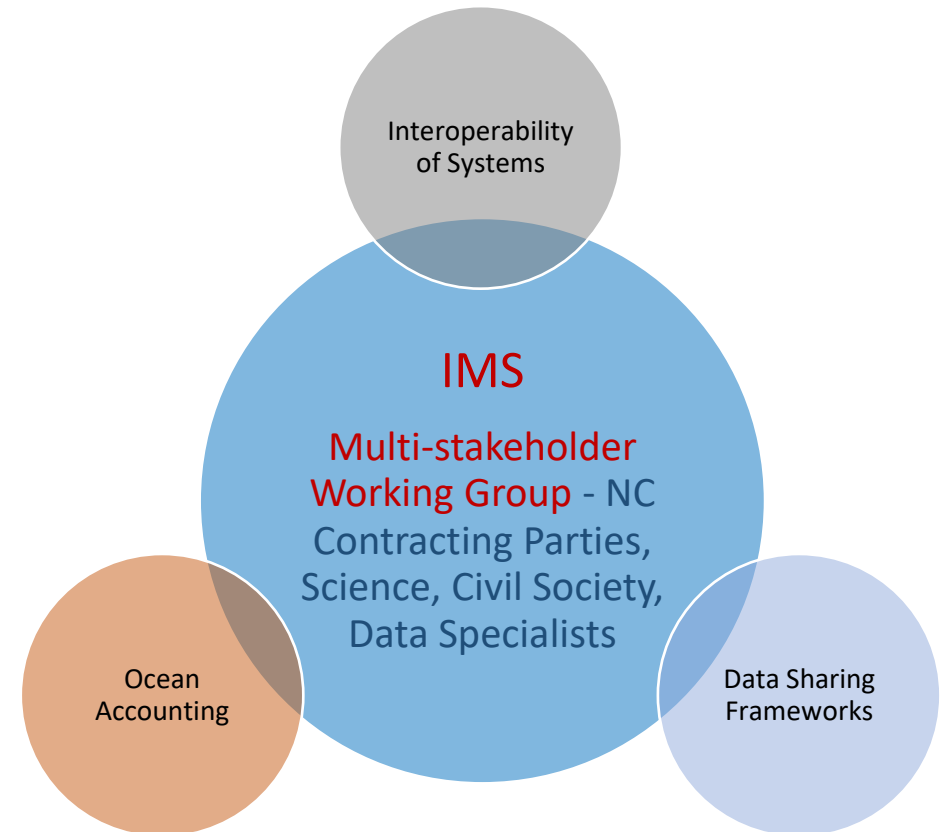
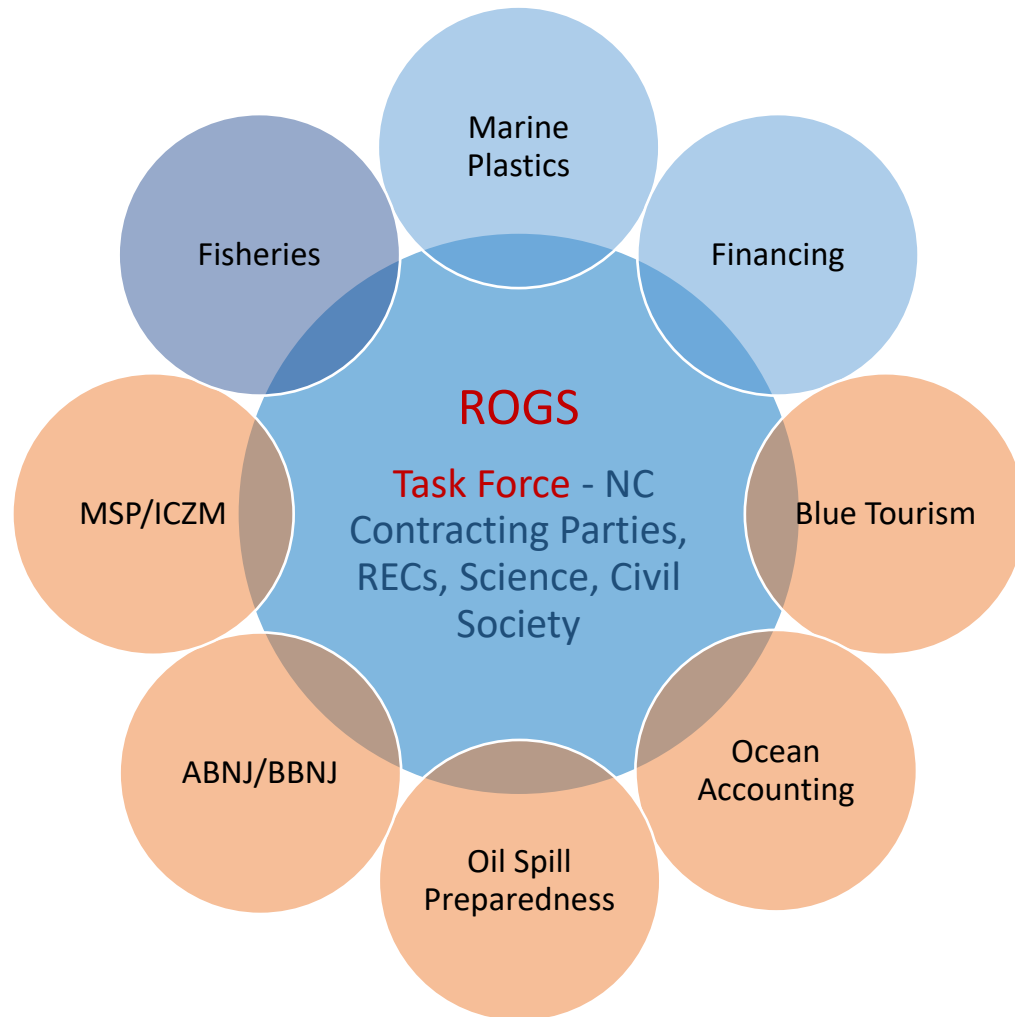
- Decision CP.9/6: Ocean governance: Ocean governance strategy for WIO region that contributes to African strategy on ocean governance, Agenda 2063, AIMS 2050 and SDGs
- Decision CP.9/7.(c): Sustainable fisheries management and biodiversity conservation of deep-sea living marine resources and ecosystems in the ABNJ.

- **COP 10 (2021)**

- Decision CP.10/5: Ocean governance: Requesting the secretariat to finalise the development, in a participatory process, with the support of partners, the ocean governance strategy for the Western Indian Ocean region as a contribution to the African ocean governance strategy.

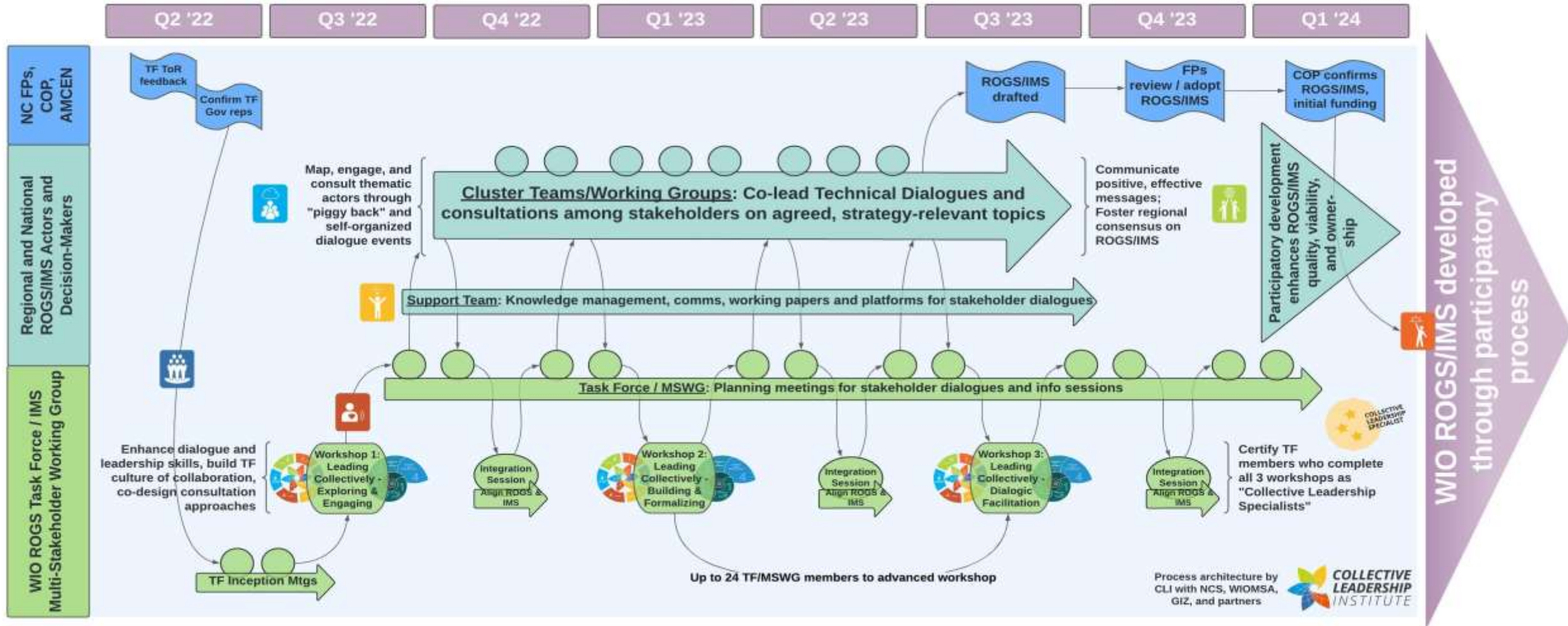
How?

- We are supporting Nairobi Convention countries to take a **participatory approach** to develop a **Regional Ocean Governance Strategy** and **Information Management Strategy**
- **Co-creative:** ROGS and IMS Support and Task Forces are **multi-stakeholder and multi-sector**



Engaging our Stakeholder System through Technical Dialogues that inform the ROGS and IMS

DRAFT Process Architecture: Participatory development of ocean governance and information management strategies for the Western Indian Ocean region (NC COP Decision 10.5; AMCEN Cairo Declaration, 2015)



Lessons learned along the way

- **Stakeholder engagement through Technical Dialogues** enables identification of sector challenges, issues, and opportunities in ROGS and IMS
- **Co-creative approach enhances ownership of ROGS and IMS** in preparation for adoption by the Nairobi Convention Conference of Parties
- **Co-creation is a time-consuming exercise and requires innovative approaches** to ensure that participants remain engaged over extended periods of time

Future outlook

- **Increased cooperation** across sectors in the WIO
- **Increased stakeholder participation** in regional ocean governance
- **More effective ocean governance** in support of a sustainable blue economy