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CREATING PARTNERSHIPS TO
HALT AND REVERSE THE LOSS
OF MANGROVES

SAVE OUR MANGROVES NOW! - INITIATIVE

“Save Our Mangroves Now!” is an international initiative that mobilizes political decision makers and supports other actors towards halting and reversing the loss of mangroves, both globally and with a specific focus on the Western Indian Ocean. Mangroves matter to each and every one of us. They help our climate, protect our coastlines, provide us with food and support livelihoods for people living by the sea. The initiative is led by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), the World Wide Fund For Nature (WWF) and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). We join forces with other mangrove conservation stakeholders to connect the needs of nature and people by giving voice and showing solutions to the current environmental challenges.

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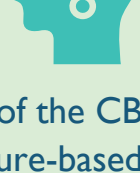
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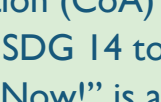
As part of our commitment to contribute to mangrove conservation, “Save Our Mangroves Now!” is active on several levels:

International policy work

Our goal is to embed ambitious objectives on mangrove conservation in inter- national and national political agendas such as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) under the Paris Agreement.



With a new strategic framework of the CBD and the first revision process of the NDCs expected for 2020, nature-based solutions, like mangroves, need to gain importance in political decision-making. Hence, we are working to increase awareness among decision makers about the importance of mangroves – for biodiversity, sustainable development and combatting climate change.



The Community of Ocean Action (CoA) on Mangroves is one of several implementation measures under SDG 14 to conserve and sustainably use the oceans. “Save Our Mangroves Now!” is a Voluntary Commitment by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) to contribute to this global effort. It supports major activities of the CoA through the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)’s role as a focal point for the CoA.

National policy and regional cooperation in the Western Indian Ocean

We believe that a regional approach is needed to effectively halt mangrove loss. “Save Our Mangroves Now!” supports the Western Indian Ocean (WIO) region to become a champion in mangrove conservation.



Our engagement with a variety of stakeholders from academics to law professionals, field developers, government officials, policymakers and representatives of the private sector facilitates exchange and supports regional networks – paving the way for mainstreaming mangrove conservation into national strategies.



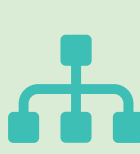
We support capacity development in the Western Indian Ocean, following the needs identified by the regional stakeholders themselves. Measures include assessments of national legal frameworks.



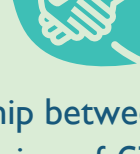
We also support lighthouse projects to foster innovation, identify best practices and bridge the science-policy gap – like in Kenya, where we engage in the mapping and assessment of carbon stocks in Lamu’s mangroves. At the same time and together with our partners, we prepare the ground to integrate the results into national policy.

Partnerships & cooperation

Our political goals, and ultimately their implementation on the ground, can only be achieved through broad cooperation. It is hence one of our essential tasks to build and facilitate partnerships – with various actors at all levels.



We support the broad and ambitious approach of the Global Mangrove Alliance (GMA) that provides a strategic platform for the global alignment of mangrove agendas. The Alliance brings together leading conservation NGOs engaged in mangrove protection and restoration.



We initiated a mangrove partnership between the BMZ and the government of Madagascar, leading to the provision of €7 million of additional funding for mangrove conservation in Madagascar.



Mangroves have a strong voice in the WIO region, namely the WIO Mangrove Network. It is our natural partner, holding the biggest expertise and experience on mangrove conservation and restoration in the WIO region.



Knowledge exchange is a crucial factor of successful cooperation. We are dedicated to creating opportunities for exchange, improving knowledge accessibility for all stakeholders and helping close existing knowledge gaps on mangrove protection and restoration. Some of our work is on legal frameworks governing mangroves and on the potential to increase investments in mangrove conservation.

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