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1. INTRODUCTION

1. During NCEAs mission in June, MICOA informed NCEA that the availability of funds for the Mozambique coastal spatial planning process / SEA imposed a modular approach. Hence,
2. NCEA and MICOA agreed the NCEA would propose an approach for a first phase of the process. This advisory report is meant to fulfill this agreement.
3. This proposal for an approach builds on the NCEA proposal of 29th of May 2009.

The main points of this advice were:

- a. MICOA manages the planning process / SEA. To do this, establishes an able SEA team;
- b. MICOA adopts the Ecosystem services approach for this planning process/SEA;

- c. The first phase of each of the three planning processes/SEAs formulates in a participatory process with stakeholders of the particular planning area (Zonas) detailed Terms of Reference for the
- d. MICOA adopts for this planning process/SEA the MIRUP method (Integrated planning process/SEA)
- e. EPA Ghana (having experience in managing SEAs), the NCEA and SAIA collaborate to provide guidance in these SEAs (at decision-making level, in management of the process and for quality review)
- f. the budget of the Project includes the cost of MICOA planning process/SEA management team, the involvement of SAEIA and the EPA Ghana. NCEA collaborates without charges for the budget
- g. the adopted approach will be evaluated against the OECD directives for SEA

2. GOM PRIORITIES

- 4. Seen the budget that MICOA proposed to the donors in its presentation of 31 of June 2009, the NCEA concludes that it declines the idea of getting guidance from EPA Ghana. Instead, NCEA concludes that MICOA prioritizes development of an SEA directive in the first phase of the planning process/SEA for the coastal districts.

3. THE MIRUP APPROACH

- 5. The excel sheet in Annex 1 (attached) summarizes the MIRUP approach proposed by the NCEA. This sheet indicates (in its column I) who is responsible for which task.

4. PROPOSED TASKS IN 2009

for 2009, NCEA proposes that MICOA:

- 6. establishes the 'planning process/SEA management team'
- 7. provides training to this team in:
 - a. budgeting and financial management

- b. how to initiate and successfully manage tender procedures (e.g. ToR-writing, assessment/appreciation of proposals and final reports)
 - c. how to manage integrated spatial planning/SEA processes (e.g. MIRUP)
 - d. communication skills
 - e. how to write a good synthesis report (if the selected team staff members possess the above skills, no additional training is needed)
- 8. in accordance with the MIRUP approach and the advice of the NCEA of May 2009, considers stakeholder involvement not as a separate module but as cross-cutting, essential during the whole planning process
 - 9. defines the planning horizon and study area for the present planning/SEA process
 - 10. addresses in 2009 the steps 4 and 5 of the MIRUP approach, which cover more or less the modules a, b and c of the June ToR.

5. MISCELLANEOUS ADVICE

5.1 Management team

- 11. seen the investment that must be made in this team, and, when function, its high level of specialization and value, the NCEA suggests to consider training this team not only for this specific spatial planning process/SEA, but think of making it a permanent team that is trained to assist in any future planning process/SEA.
- 12. as specialized training of the team (MIRUP) is probably only available in English, the NCEA suggest that proficiency in English is one of the selection criteria of team members.

5.2 Base line studies

- 13. For making available the base line information, the NCEA recommends the following procedure:
 - a. Collection and inventory of existing studies and information (consultants)
 - b. Inventory of information that is not available (consultants)
 - c. Decision making on what additional studies must be done to complete the set of information (management team)
 - d. Execution of additional studies (consultants)
- 14. the NCEA recommends to

- a. make available the base-line information as specified in Annex 2
- b. require consultants to use (uniform and exchangeable digital) methodology (e.g. GIS software) to facilitate easy cartography according to the layer approach

5.3 Ecosystem services approach

15. the NCEA recommends that MICOA requires the relevant consultant teams to include an expert on ecosystem services approach