

IORA'S BLUE ECONOMY AGENDA



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What is IORA?



The Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) is an inter-governmental regional organization consisting of 23 Member States and 12 Dialogue Partners.

Aims to promote regional cooperation, sustainable growth and balanced socio-economic development in the IORA Region

2 Specialised agencies:

Fisheries Support Unit (FSU)

Regional Centre for Science and Technology Transfer (RCSTT)

IORA's priority areas and cross-cutting issues

6 priority sectors and 2 cross-cutting issues



Maritime Safety &
Security



Trade & Investment
Facilitation



Fisheries Management



Disaster Risk
Management



Tourism & Cultural
Exchanges



Academic, Science &
Technology Cooperation



Blue Economy

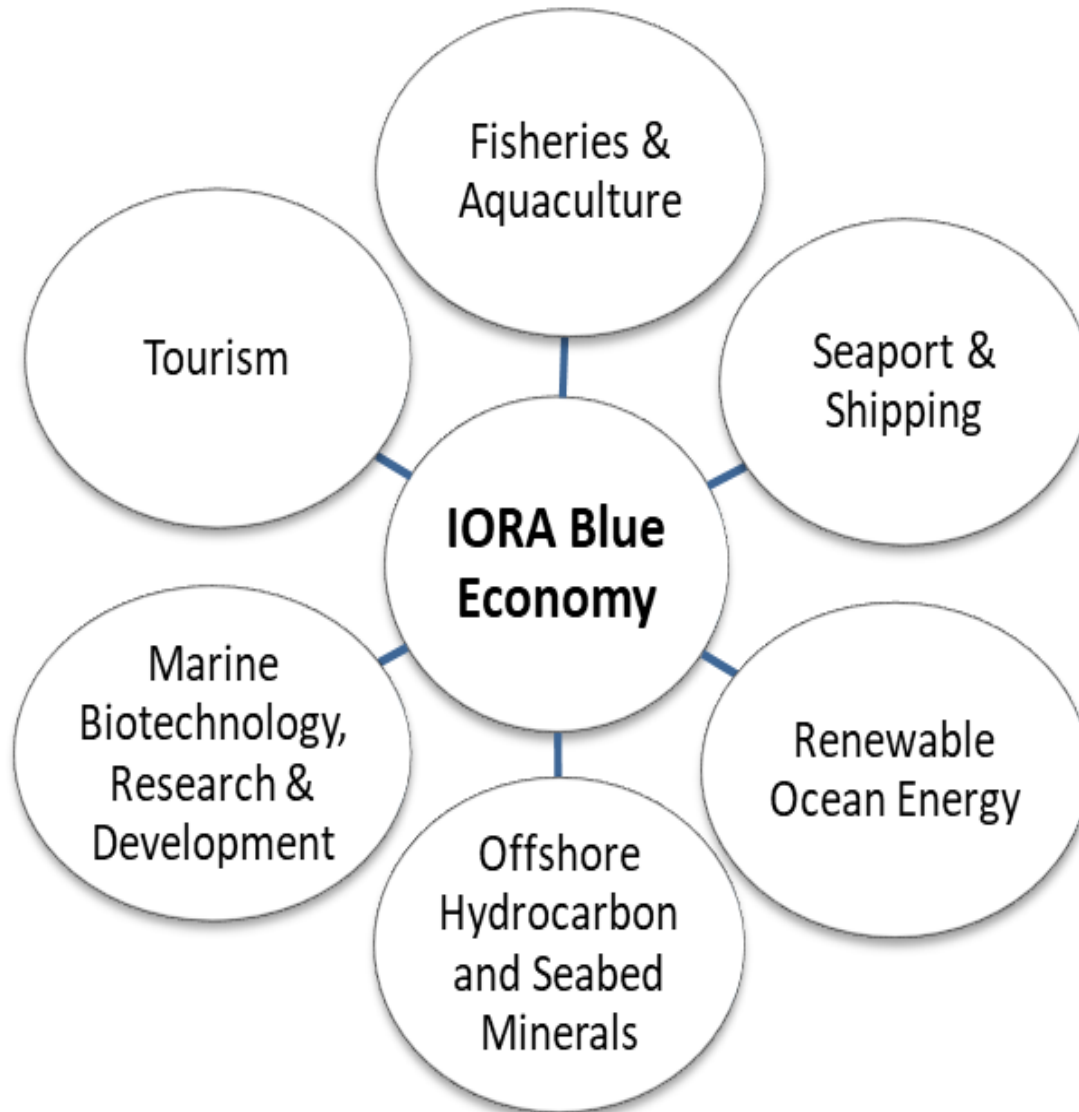


Women's Economic
Empowerment

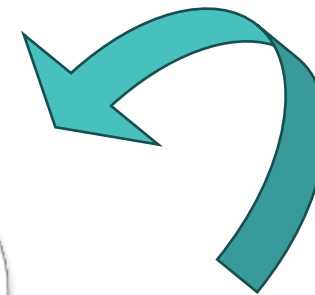
Women Economic Empowerment and Blue Economy are cross-cutting priorities

Blue Economy in IORA

Introduced in IORA in 2014.



Ocean Knowledge Clusters and SIDS & LDC Programmes are cross-cutting issues



**Blue Carbon,
Marine Pollution
&
Climate Change**

IORA Working Group on the Blue Economy (WGBE)

1. The establishment of the WGBE by South Africa, as mandated by the IORA Leaders at the IORA Leaders' Summit in 2017.
2. WGBE Chair and Coordinating country
3. The WGBE Work Plan

INDIAN OCEAN RIM ASSOCIATION (IORA)
WORKING GROUP ON THE BLUE ECONOMY (WGBE)

WORK PLAN: 2020-2023

OBJECTIVE	INDICATOR	ACTIVITIES AND TIMEFRAME			OUTCOME/ IMPACT	RESOURCES & SUPPORT	RESPONSIBILITY (ORGANISATION / COUNTRY)
		SHORT TERM (1 YEAR)	MEDIUM TERM (2 – 3 YEARS)	LONG TERM (> 3 YEARS)			
FISHERIES & AQUACULTURE							
To combat IUU fishing in IORA region <i>(Initiatives implemented by FAO, SADC, IOC and IOTC are taken into account)</i>	<u>Harmonisation</u> of Port State measures among IORA Member States.	1. Conduct an assessment of the capacity needs required (human and institutional) and the current level of implementation of Port State Measures in the IORA region. 2. Support Member States to exchange information on IUU fishing vessels among Member States. 3. Implement appropriate	4. Promote and provide support to Member States to sign <u>up</u> the Port States Measures Agreement. 5. Provide technical assistance and <u>organise</u> capacity building programmes for the developing Member States of IORA to initiate remote sensing methods for identifying IUU vessels. 6. Establish a funding mechanism for developing and enhancing capacity	8. Support and assist Member States to ensure and develop enforcement of entry procedures in Member States for the inspection of IUU vessels. 9. Provide support for training and to build capacity on remote sensing methods for identifying IUU vessels.	Reduction of IUU fishing activities in the IORA region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAO support. • Funding. • Remote sensing platforms. • Integrated vessels tracking systems. • Access to Environmental protection vessels. • Member States Agreement and support. • Dialogue <u>partners</u> support. 	IORA Member States

The IORA Blue Carbon Hub

1. Launched in 2019 and supported by the Government of Australia
2. Build knowledge and capacity relevant to protecting and restoring blue carbon ecosystems
3. Fund and support several activities:
 - Think tank meetings
 - The Early Career Ocean Professional Programmes
 - Webinars
4. Follow-up of the first IORA Blue Carbon Conference in 2018.

Projects in the East African Member States

1. [IORA & AFD - Insect Farming- Supporting Traditional Fish Farmers in the IORA Member States \(youtube.com\)](#)
2. [\(9\) Sharing Knowledge and Best Practices on Grow-Out Aquaculture Technology- Seaweed Tubular Nets - YouTube](#)
3. [Sea Cucumber hatchery : Sharing of knowledge and best practices on grow-out aquaculture technology \(youtube.com\)](#)

IORA Funding mechanisms



1. Contribution from the IORA Member States and Dialogue Partners
2. What are the types of project and who can apply for it?
3. The IORA Special Fund (50:50)

Approval process depends on the requested amount

1. Intersessional Approval (\$80,000)
 2. CSO Approval (\$80,000 – \$150,000)
 3. COM Approval (ABOVE \$150,000)
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1. The IORA Sustainable Development Programme (90:10)
 2. The Somalia-Yemen Development Programme (90:10)

Thank You!



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