



European Union

europa.eu



Union pour la Méditerranée
Union for the Mediterranean
الإتحاد من أجل المتوسط



The Hashemite
Kingdom of
Jordan

The 12th meeting of the UfM Working Group on Blue economy and back-to back Capacity building session on project development associated to EU funding Programs
Aqaba, Jordan, October 24-25, 2022

- Updates from Morocco -

**ANWARI NABIL : Directorate of Strategy and Cooperation
- Department of Maritime Fisheries-
Morocco**



**Some thoughts derived from the 16th meeting of
the WestMED steering committee held on July 1, 2022, Malta**

- Morocco would like to express his thanks to the WestMED Assistance Mechanism for the outstanding endeavour that has been carried out so far. Nonetheless and based on a holistic approach , the review study need to bring up tailored-made financing solutions in order to enable southern countries to dive into concertate projects;
- The EIB/EBRD instrument as an illustrative example may remedy in a sense to the financing gap between the north and the south;
- Based on a down-top process, it is expected to launch a moroccan maritime cluster before 2023 and whose structure will be fitted to the more pressing priorities as a first step.

Reminder regarding the main national priorities

- Implementation of the Blue Belt initiative (UNFCCC COP 22), which is a collaborative platform to act together and put into practice innovative solutions for the adaptation of the fisheries and aquaculture sectors to climate change and for the resilience of oceans and climate.
- Development of a maritime strategy ;
- Creation of a maritime cluster ;
- Implementation of Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP);
- Development of coastal tourism (ecotourism) and cruise tourism ;
- Port development and creation of blue ports (fishing and maritime trade) ;
- Capacity building in aquaculture within the framework of the integrated maritime policy ;
- Promotion of green transport and maritime energy transition.

**Towards the implementation of the UfM Ministerial
declaration on Sustainable Blue Economy
– short term priorities –**

Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP)



National workshops

November, 2019 (MSP Global)	The Maritime Spatial Planning and the Blue Economy
September, 2020 (MSP Global)	Strategic perspectives for the implementation of MSP at the national level. -National recommendations for setting a regional roadmap-
December 2021 (MSP Global)	Maritime spatial planning in the framework of the blue economy and Morocco's new development model
June , 2022 (European Commission)	The development of a sustainable blue economy in the context of maritime spatial planning

Regional workshops

September, 2022 (MSPMED) Morocco, Spain	Technical Workshop on MSP and specific sectors: marine renewable energies and aquaculture
--	---





- The World Bank has approved a US\$350 million loan to support the Government of Morocco in the launching of its Blue Economy program. The program aims to improve job creation and economic growth, as well as the sustainability and resilience of natural resources and food security.

Strengthen the capacity of North African countries to develop Blue Economy growth opportunities and climate resilient coastal investments at national and regional levels

Pillar 1: Building the Analytical Foundation for Strategic Engagement on the Blue Economy

Coastal erosion analytics on the North Africa shore

Tacking marine and coastal pollution

Pillar 2: Blue Economy and Integrated Coastal Management in Morocco

Analytics for the Rabat-Sale Kenitra regional coastal plan

Marine Spatial Planning

Natural capital accounting for Morocco

Inputs for a Blue Economy Strategy in Morocco

Technical note for the Blue Economy in Morocco

COVID-19 impacts on the fisheries

Innovative Financing

Pillar 3: Blue Economy and integrated coastal management in Tunisia

Technical note for the Blue Economy in Tunisia

Inputs for a Blue Economy Strategy in Tunisia

Pillar 4: Blue Economy and integrated coastal management in Gaza and the West Bank

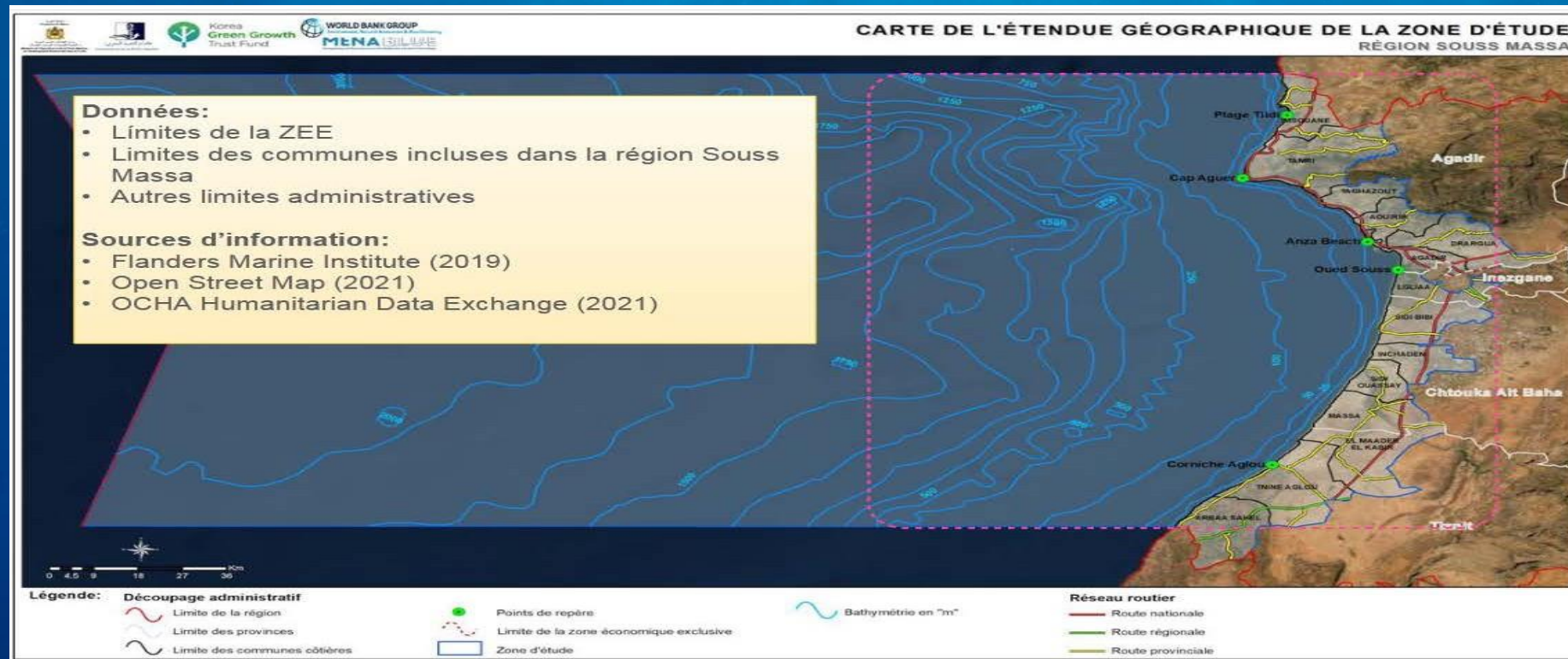
Marine plastic pollution

Sustainable fisheries and aquaculture management



Development of a marine spatial planning process to support the
creation of an MPA in the Agadir Souss Massa region
Technical assistance from the Korean fund managed by the World Bank

- The National Strategy for Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) for fishing Morocco validated in September 2011 is a genuine framework.



**Towards the implementation of the UfM Ministerial
declaration on Sustainable Blue Economy
– short term priorities –**

Energy transition in ports



- The National Ports Agency has carried out an electrical audit on 15 ports, mainly small ones in order to identify the source of energy savings, with due consideration to the study of integration of renewable energy alternatives;
- Conclusion of a partnership with the Moroccan Agency of Sustainable Energy (Masen), aiming to speed up the transition process;
- Consultations are underway with the World Bank to launch a study on the bunkering of ships with clean fuel within moroccan ports;
- The political will has been clearly reflected by the adoption of the declaration derived from the One Ocean Summit held in Brest, France;
- A partnership agreement has been convened with the Solar Energy Research Institute (IRESEN), in order to provide support and technical assistance in the field of green hydrogen and its derivatives.

Towards the implementation of the UfM Ministerial declaration on Sustainable Blue Economy – short term priorities -

- PortNet as a leading project in terms of digitalisation;
- A partnership between the Department of Marine Fisheries and ACCOBAMS on a ecotourism project.





THANK YOU

anwari.nabil2020@gmail.com