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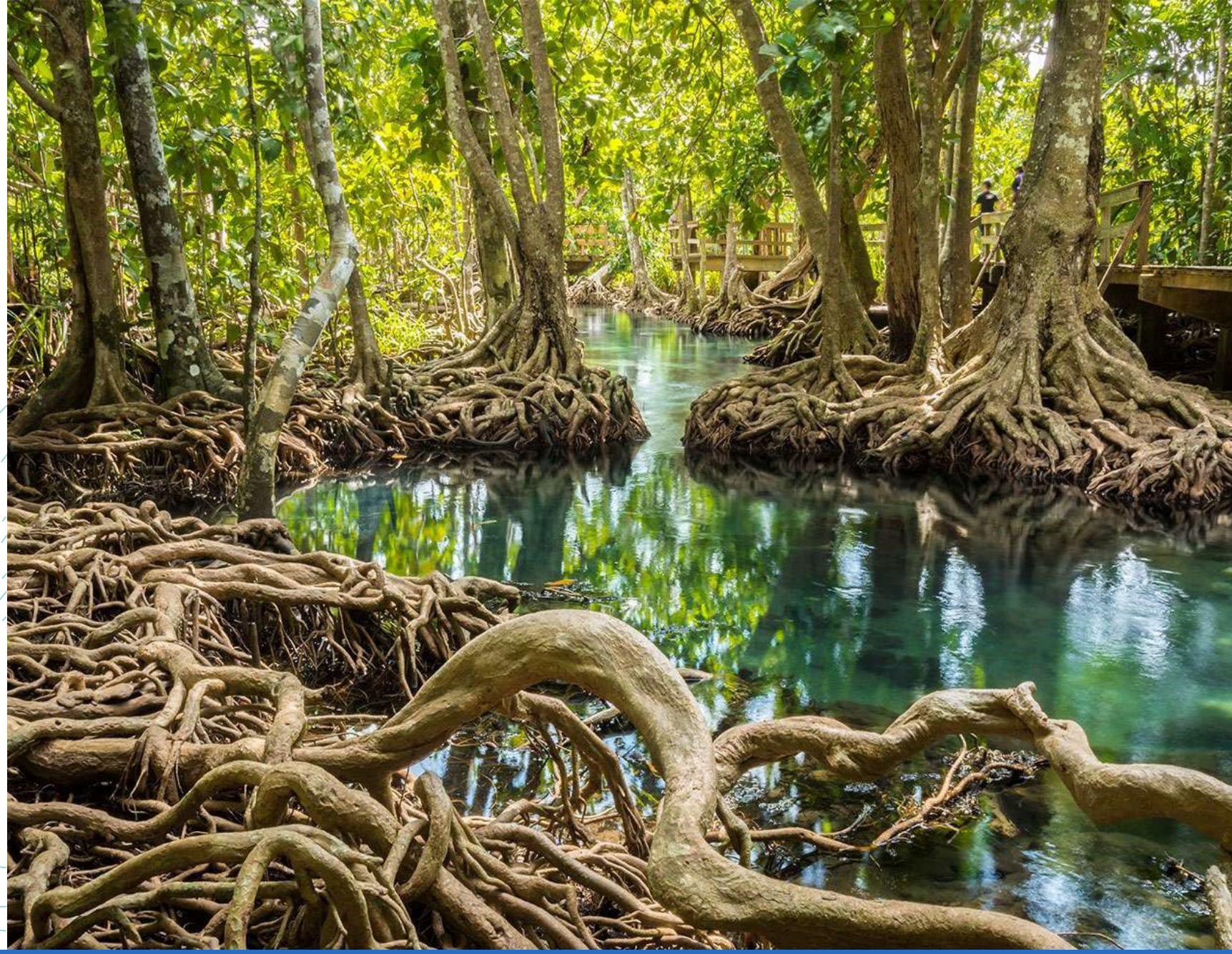

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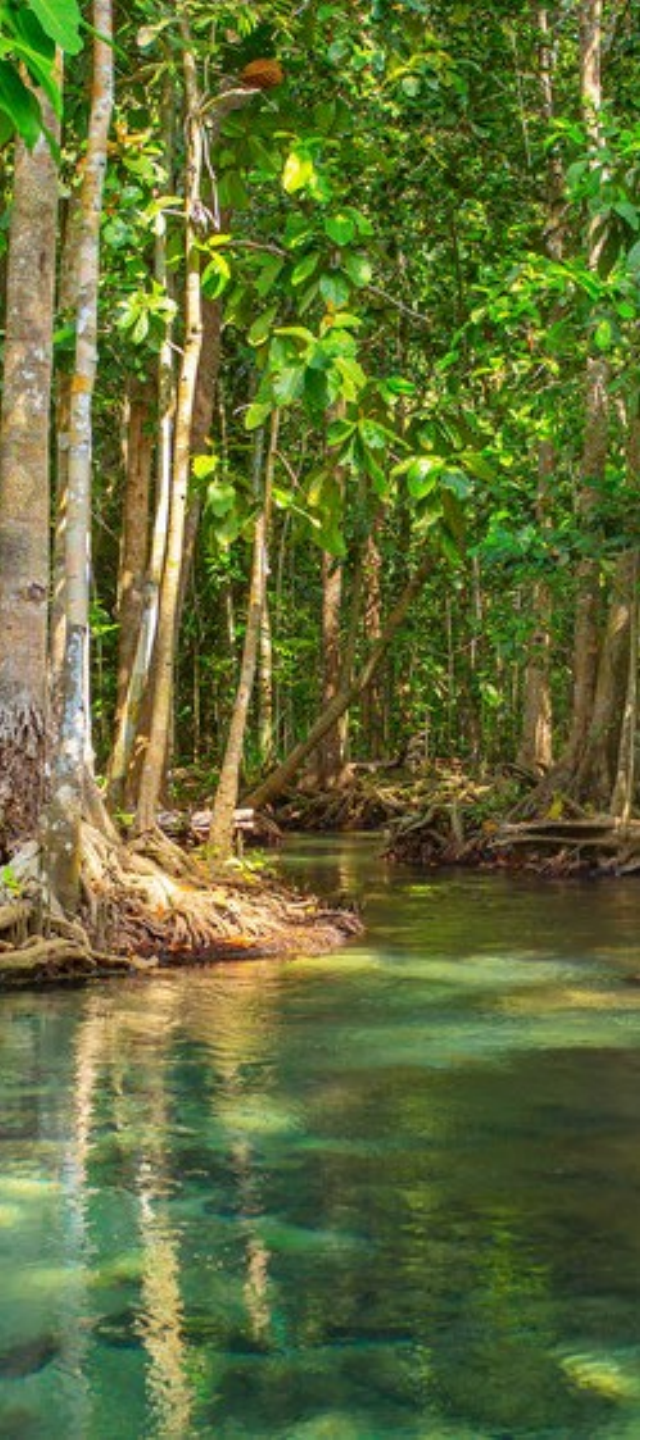

What

- Commitments to mangrove, seagrass and/or saltmarsh ecosystems in countries Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) to the Paris Agreement.
- “Blue carbon” ecosystems – adaptation & mitigation.
- Alternative - not substitute - policy framing.
- NbS in practice

How

1. Nationally Determined

2. Project Partnerships:

   - Political process – technical NDC development.
   - Strengthened capacity (research/policy/finance/outreach) – implementation.
   - Locally “owned”.
   - Ideally, scalable/replicable learnings/components.
   - Partnerships

How


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- Map seagrass ecosystems across full 1.3m km^2 EEZ
- 50% of mangrove & seagrasses protected by 2025;100% by 2030.
- National seagrass monitoring protocol
- Blue carbon in GHGi

- 6000 hectares mangrove protection by 2025; 6000 more 2030.
- 2000 hectares mangroves restored by 2025; 2000 more 2030.
- National Seagrass Policy
- Blue carbon in GHGi

- Protect all wetlands in National Wetlands Inventory by 2025.
- Development of PES for Marine/Coastal
- National restoration targets.
- Community-led management/protection protocols.

2020/21 NDCs

Phase 2: 2022 - current

1. Implementation & Finance
2. Scale – Diversify & Replicate
3. Scale

Western Indian Ocean

Latin America & Caribbean

Phase 1: 2019 - Implementation & Finance

Phase 2: 2025 NDCs Scale, replicate, diversify

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Phase 1: 2019 - Implementation & Finance

Phase 2: 2025 NDCs - Scale, replicate, diversify

Regional Engagement: 2021 -

Western Indian Ocean Seagrass Mapping Initiative

Western Indian Ocean Seagrass Mapping Project

- Western Indian Ocean Marine Science Association (WIOMSA), Nairobi Convention, Oxford University, IUCN, Country Partners - Kenya, Tanzania, Mozambique, Madagascar (2025/6)

- Field work; strengthening local capacity and policy buy-in.

- NDCs – 2025/26

- Regional policy…

“By continuing this effort, **we will be able to strengthen, diversify and replicate our model.**

This deepening involvement **will inform** us of **the potential to scale up efforts significantly in the future”**

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THE WHY

Why NDCs

Still losing them… CBD/Ramsar/Sendai

- Legally binding (ish), global instrument.
- Flexible – *nationally determined*…
- “Ratchet mechanism”
- Inclusive: values – adaptation, mitigation, resilience.
- Inclusive: frameworks – complementary, not substitute, policy approach.
- Appropriate to wetlands?
- Case studies in “biodiversity & climate” crisis.

What have we learnt?

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1. **Blue Carbon**

- Policy – powerful entry point. Means or ends?
- Finance & policy – necessarily high burden of proof/capacity
- Handle carefully…
- Majority of current NDCs – adaptation
- + + + ecosystems?

2. Scale…

- Enabling Policy Conditions
- Scaling “High Quality” Project Implementation
- Large Scale Strategic Financing
- Building Capacity

2. Scale…

- Inclusive, Evidence-Based, Enabling Policy + Management
- Scaling + Securing “High Quality” Project Implementation
- Large Scale Diverse Strategic Financing
- ~~Building~~ Strengthen Capacity


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3. Partnerships

- Different needs, and approaches, to common challenges
    - Mangrove/seagrass habitat and carbon stock assessment
    - Land tenure, legal, institutional analyses
    - Data management/GHGi training
    - Schools/fisher community outreach
    - New words…
- NDCs
- Best method for CWs – fragmented management/responsibility
- Best method for scale – national foundations; regional scale?

Plenary Q&A

- **Where** are blue carbon ecosystems in your country's NDC?
- **How** are targets represented? Qualitative (policy development) or Quantitative (area-based/emission reduction targets).
- **Why** are blue carbon ecosystems important for people?
- **What** do you need to scale ambition and implement?
- **Who** has overall responsibility for management of blue carbon ecosystems?