

WORKSHOP

Sustainable use of marine and coastal resources in Kenya: from research to societal benefits

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an inspiration and a friend to many in Kenya and Belgium

Aims and objectives

- Joining Flemish, Kenyan and regional expertise

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from research to societal benefits”**



Provide insights and discuss local needs/challenges

(identified in the Kenya Vision 2030 and by KMFRI)

1. Sustainable use of marine resources

- Exploration of Kenyan EEZ
- Fisheries development
- Marine & coastal pollution



2. Coastal Resource Management

- Mangroves
- Climate change mitigation
- Management of Coastal and Marine Protected Areas



3. Sustainable aquaculture

4. Capacity building/education/communication



Establish a ROADMAP

- that defines the future **marine research and education priorities** needed to achieve the sustainable use and management of the coastal and marine resources of Kenya, **in line with the nation's development strategies.**
- that identifies **opportunities for future collaborations between Kenya and Flanders, in a Western Indian Ocean regional context.**
- that realizes the full potential of (1) the existing networks, friendships and scientific expertise in both countries, (2) the only regional research vessel RV Mtafiti, and (3) the Kenyan Exclusive Economic Zone
- that delivers **a new generation of Flemish and Kenyan marine and coastal professionals**, and ocean literate citizens.

A wide-angle photograph of a shallow lagoon or bay. The water is light blue-grey and filled with hundreds of small birds, likely terns, wading. The birds are mostly brown and white. In the background, a dense line of green trees, including palm trees and mangroves, borders the water. Two people are visible on the sandy shore near the trees. The sky is clear and blue.

**Thank you
for
participating**