

Ocean observation and prediction for coastal sustainability in Africa

# The Go Blue Project

*Connecting People, Cities and the Ocean*

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# Introduction

An aerial photograph of a coastal town, likely in Kenya, showing a dense cluster of buildings along a sandy beach. The town is surrounded by green vegetation and a few larger structures, possibly a school or government building. The ocean is visible on the right side, with several small boats anchored near the shore. The overall scene is bright and sunny, with a clear blue sky.

- Partnership GoK & EU – advance the **Blue Economy** agenda for the coastal counties of Kenya.
- Funding - EUR 24.7Million for the period 2021 – 2024.
- Three main Result Areas:
  - **Blue growth** – GIZ (TVET), AICS (support cassava production & fisheries), Camoes (Tourism & Culture).
  - **Environment** – UNEP and UN-Habitat (land-sea planning).
  - **Maritime Security** – Expertise France.

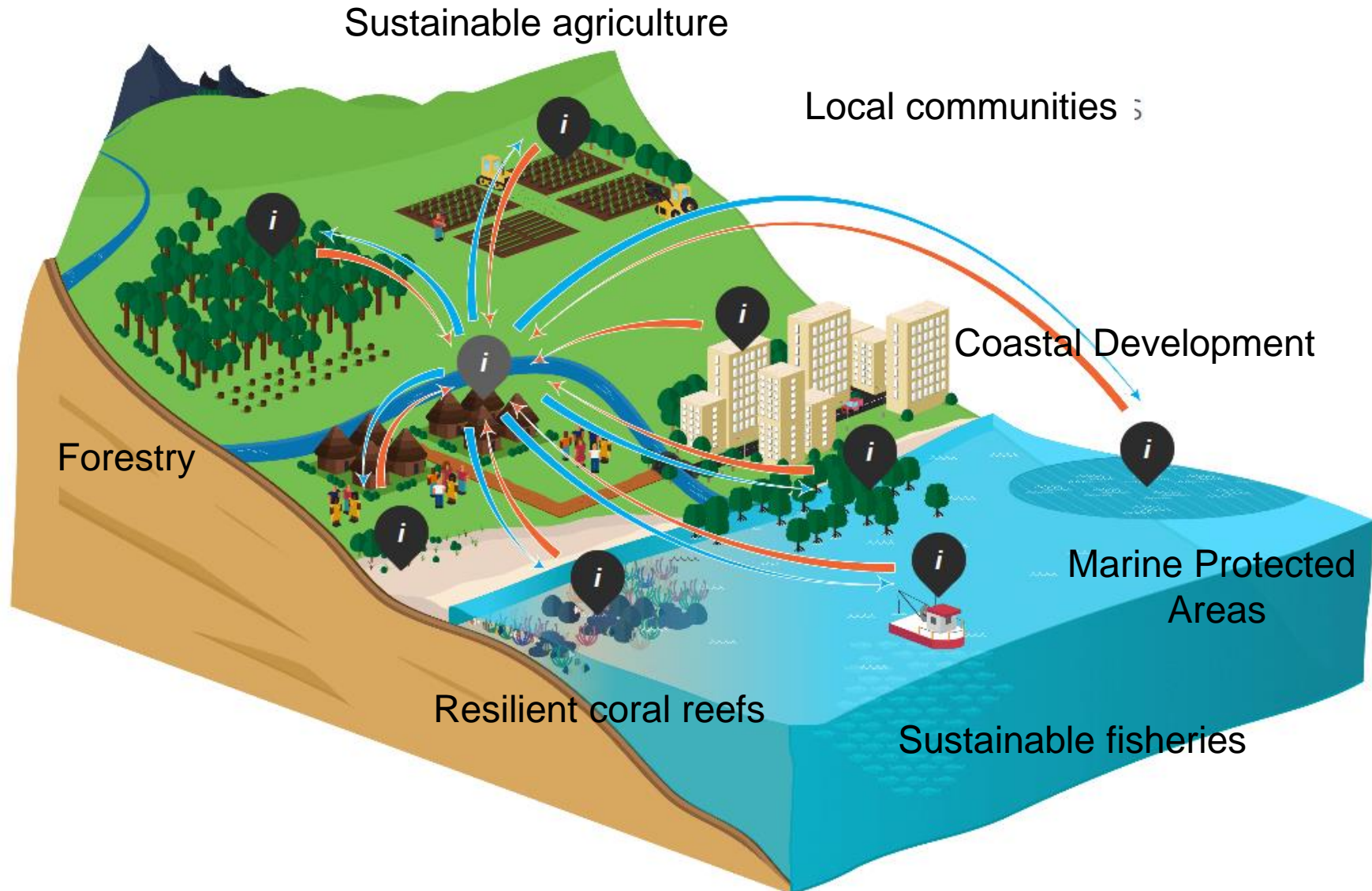
# Outcomes

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1. **Data** - strengthened capacity for data collection and information management in the six JKP counties.
  2. **Integrated land-sea planning** - enhanced capacity of the JKP counties and coastal cities in land-sea planning and management for climate change adaptation and mitigation.
  3. **Pilots** - enhanced environmental, social and economic benefits for communities and cities through pilot implementation of the land-sea plans.
  4. **Knowledge sharing** - approaches and benefits from integrated land-sea planning disseminated to county and national stakeholders.

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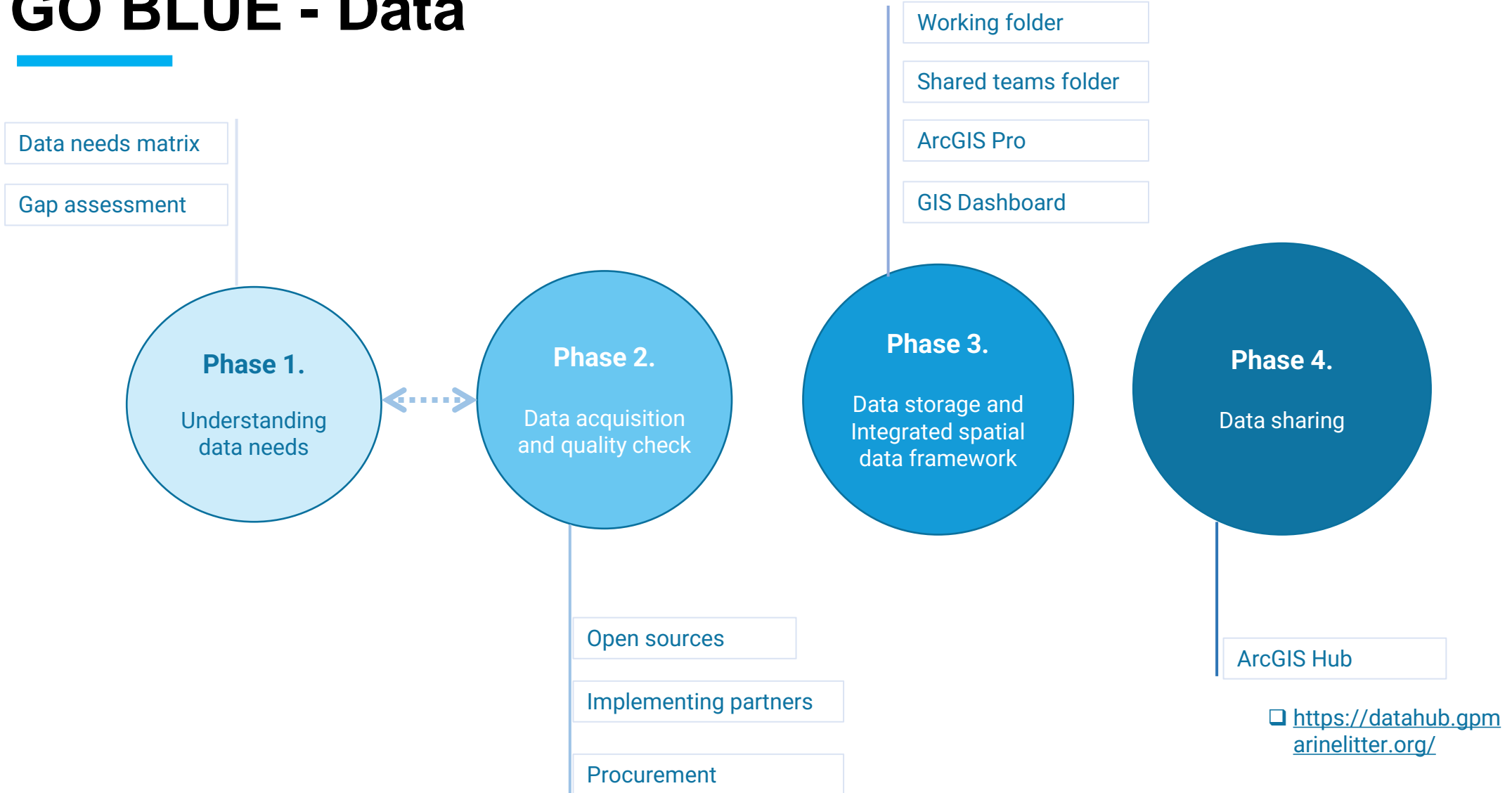


# Holistic approach to sea-land planning and management to ensure long-term sustainable blue economies: *Link to National MSP Framework and BE*



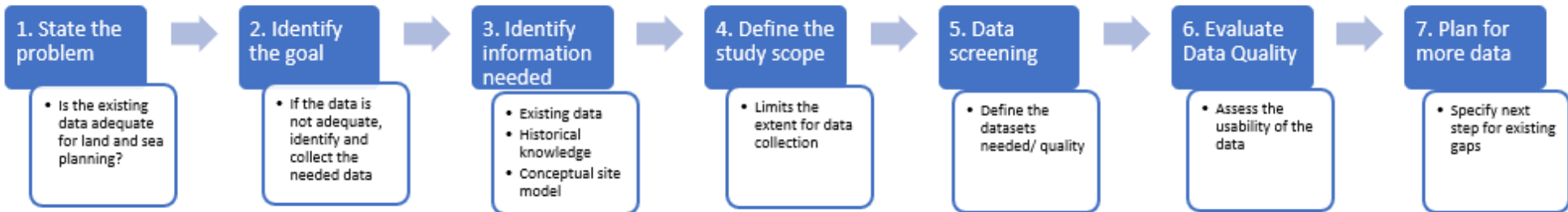
- Recognize the interdependence of land and offshore systems
- SBE - healthy coastal ecosystems for resilient communities.
- Integrate planning guidelines to the MSP process.
- Data is needed.

# GO BLUE - Data



# Data – 1. Mapping needs and gap assessment

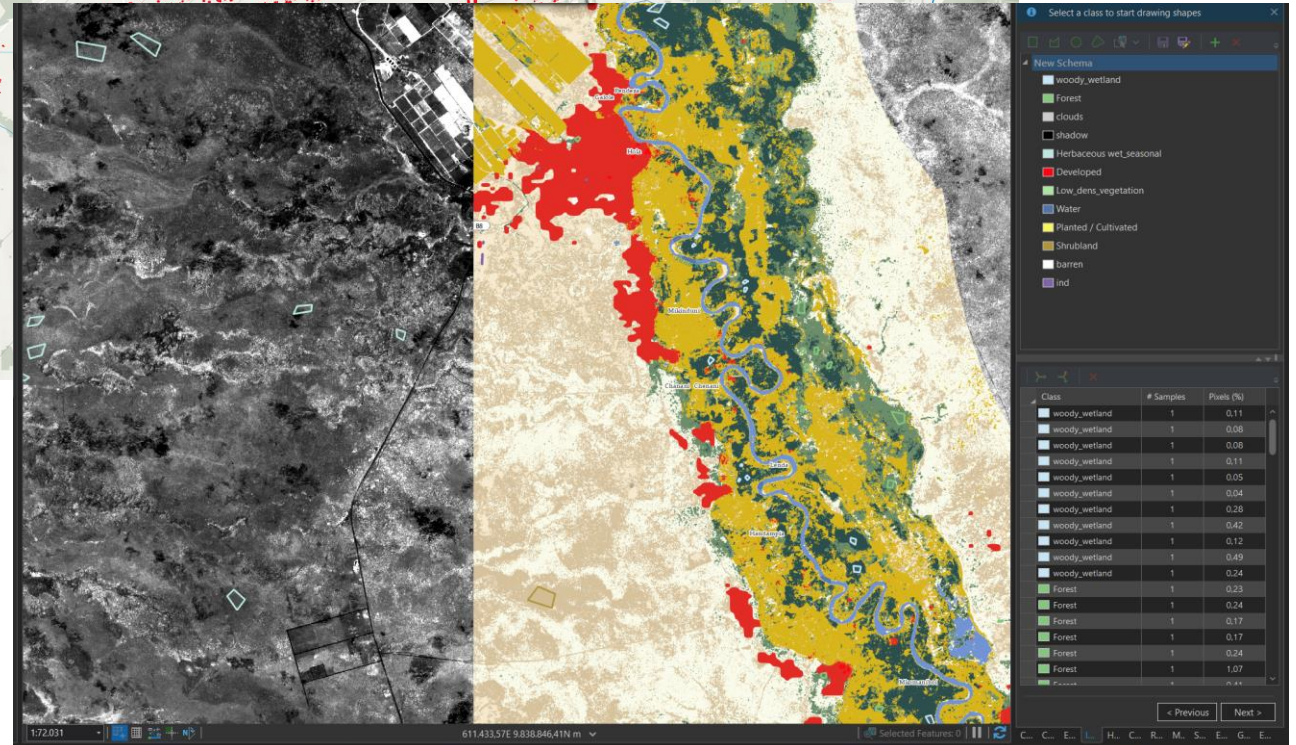
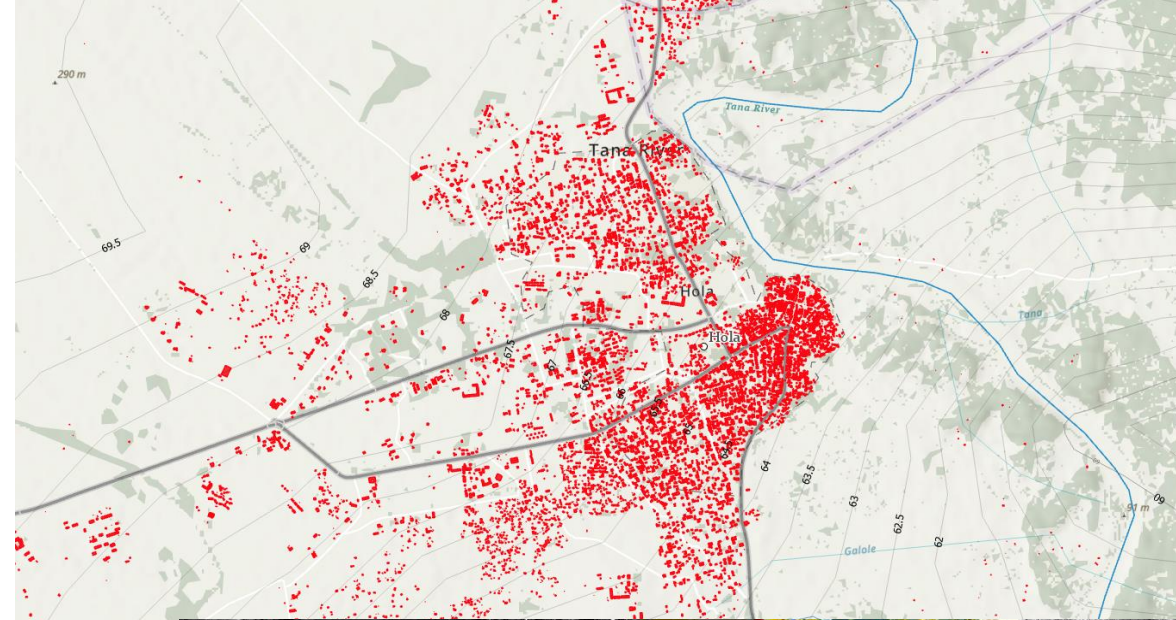
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3 Assess and identify wastewater hotspots in Mombasa (quality, sources and impact)		Roads, Subcounty, Roads, Rivers, Buildings, landuse, econ	Wastewater hotspot, Waste drainage	3.6,1	Mombasa			UNEP	County	
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28 Integrated coastal management plan for a selected area in Kilifi			Specific Site	2.4,3	Kilifi			UNHABITAT	City	
29 ISUD (LPLDP) Plan for Hola Municipality		Roads, Rivers, Protected area, Land cover, Soil, Farm land	Socio-economic data, Buildings, Forests, Detailed satellite im	2.4,2	Tana River	Garsen, Galole	Kinakomba, Mikinduni, C	UNHABITAT	City	
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37 Outcome 4: Enhanced dissemination of good practices, innovations and benefits f	Support the design of a JKP online knowledge sharing			4.1.1, 4.1.2, 4.1.3, 4.1.4,4.2.1,4.3.1,4.3.2,4.3.3	All			UNEP & UNHABITAT	Regional	Strengthening coastal counties' capa
38 Study the feasibility of conservation effectiveness (MPAs)	Cost-benefit analysis for establishing MPAs; Support	Protected areas, conservation areas, Land use, Land cover,	Ecological system, mangrove, forests, population, economic	3.2.1,3.2.2,3.2.3,3.2.4,3.2.5	Kwale			UNEP	County	Develop MPA management plan, imp
39 Provide and customise and offer training materials and courses for the managem				3.3.1, 3.3,2	Kwale			UNEP	County	Offer alternative livelihood opportuni
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# 2. Data collection

- ✓ Open source data acquisition
- ✓ Data Extraction using AI and Machine learning (Eg. Google Earth Engine, ArcGIS Pro)
- ✓ Secondary data compilation
- ✓ Data gaps analysis
- ✓ Socio-economic surveys



# 3. Data Storage

## DASHBOARD

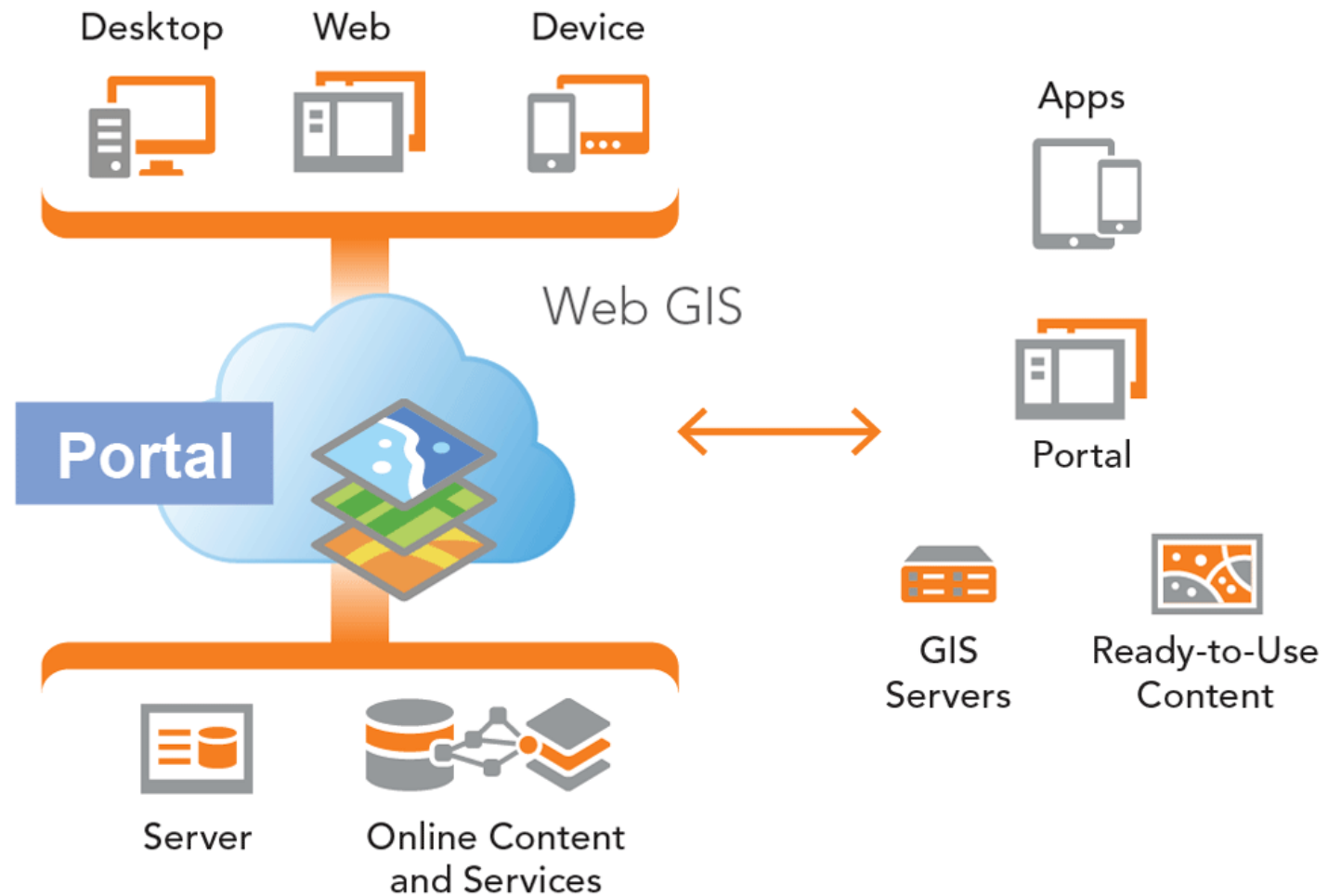
Spatial Representation of GIS Data and Project Sites within the 6 JKP counties (ArcGIS Software)

- ✓ Data needs mapping
- ✓ Available GIS Datasets
- ✓ Status of the project
- ✓ Responsible agency
- ✓ Integrated view with links to partners and relevant documents
- ✓ Consolidate a solid Data Base System to share with the JKP Counties for the Data Centers

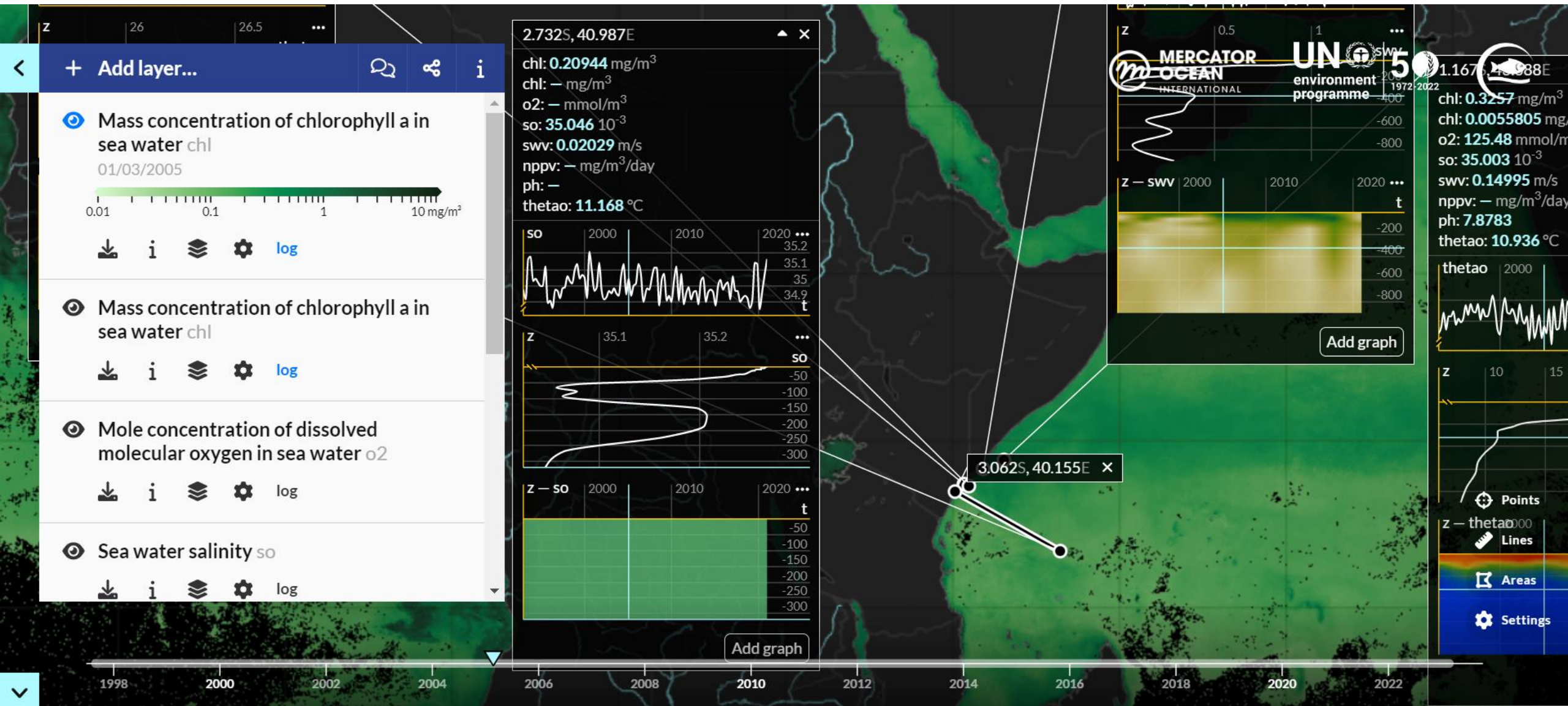


# Build GIS and data systems

- 1 GIS data center at JKP level and 6 GIS data nodes at County level.
- Plotter and network system.
- RCRMD – station set-up, networking and regular maintenance.
- Organize training course on data/information & planning.



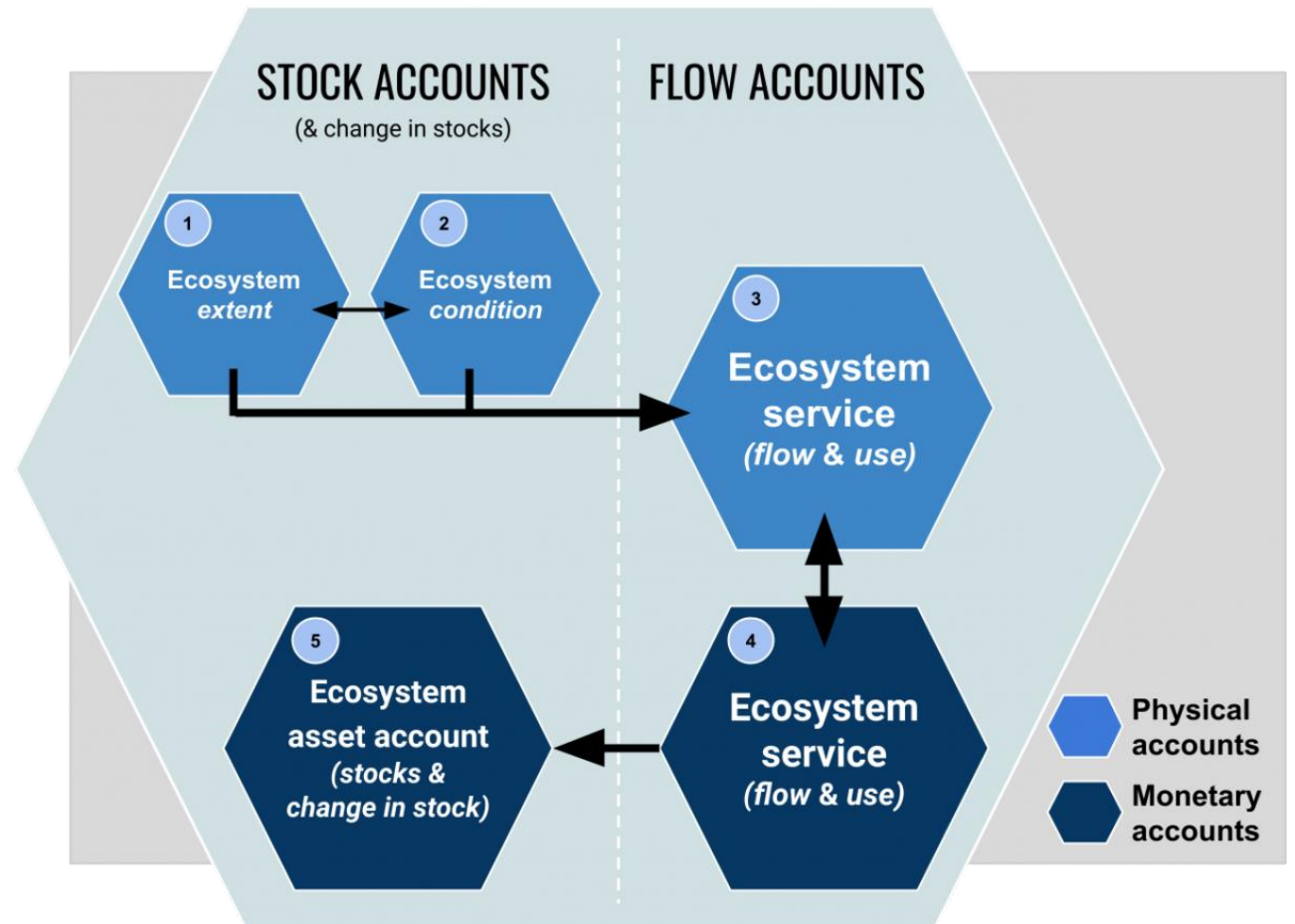
# Collaboration with [GEMS Ocean](https://unep-viewer.mercator-ocean.eu/) for the marine data – satellite and InSitu observation



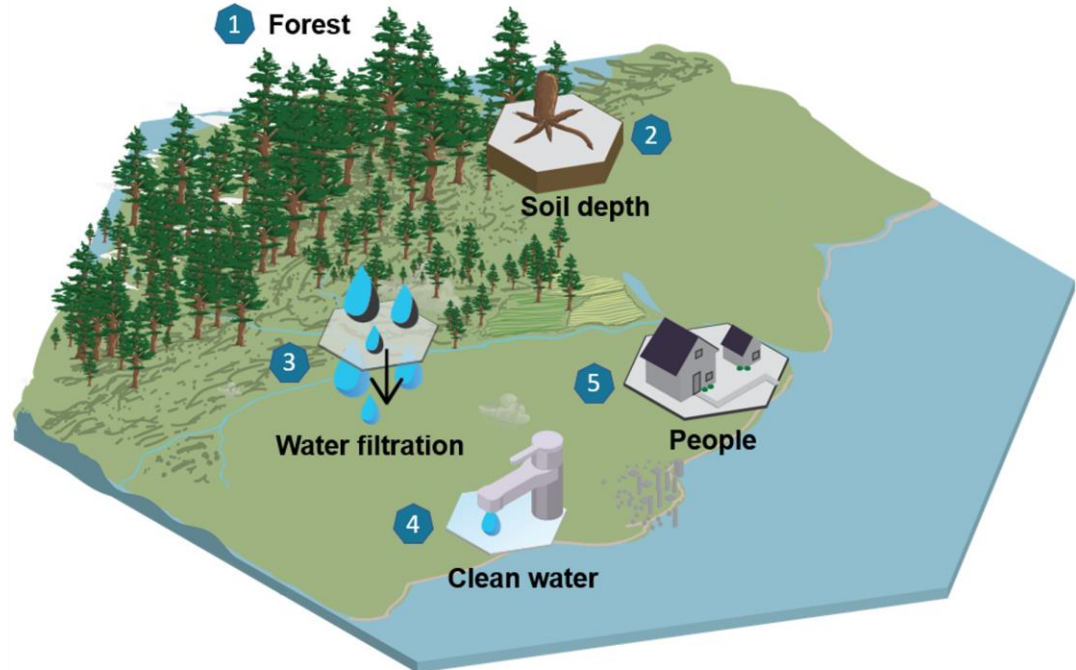
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# Ecosystem services mapping, assessment and valuation

- UN System of Environmental Economic Accounting Ecosystem Accounting ([SEEA EA](#))
- Built on five core accounts:
- Implementing partner - UoN



Example of how ecosystem assets generate ecosystem services to beneficiaries in a spatial relationship



- 1 Asset



Forest
- 2 Condition



Soil depth
- 3 Service



Water filtration
- 4 Benefit



Clean water
- 5 Beneficiaries



People

The model starts with identifying an ecosystem asset, in this case, a forest, that can be measured by its extent (e.g. hectares).

This forest asset can be further described in terms of its condition, through indicators that reflect its overall quality (e.g. soil depth).

The biomass in this forest collects and filters rainfall before it reaches streams and rivers, providing the important ecosystem service of water filtration.

The benefits generated by the filtration service take the form of cleaner water and reduced water treatment costs.

These benefits accrue to the actors in the economy, including businesses and households that produce elements of well-being that can be measured using quantitative economic techniques.

# Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment

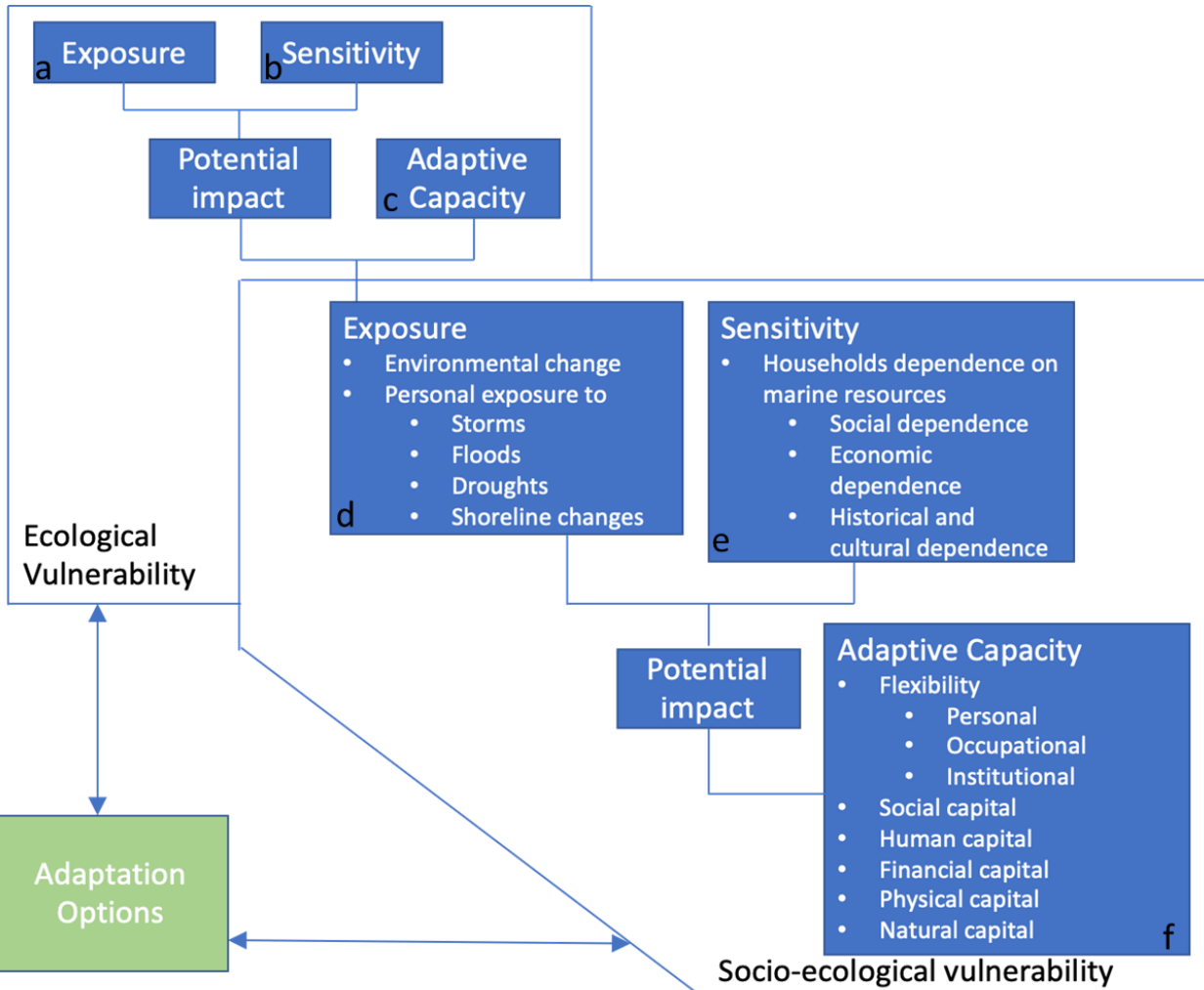
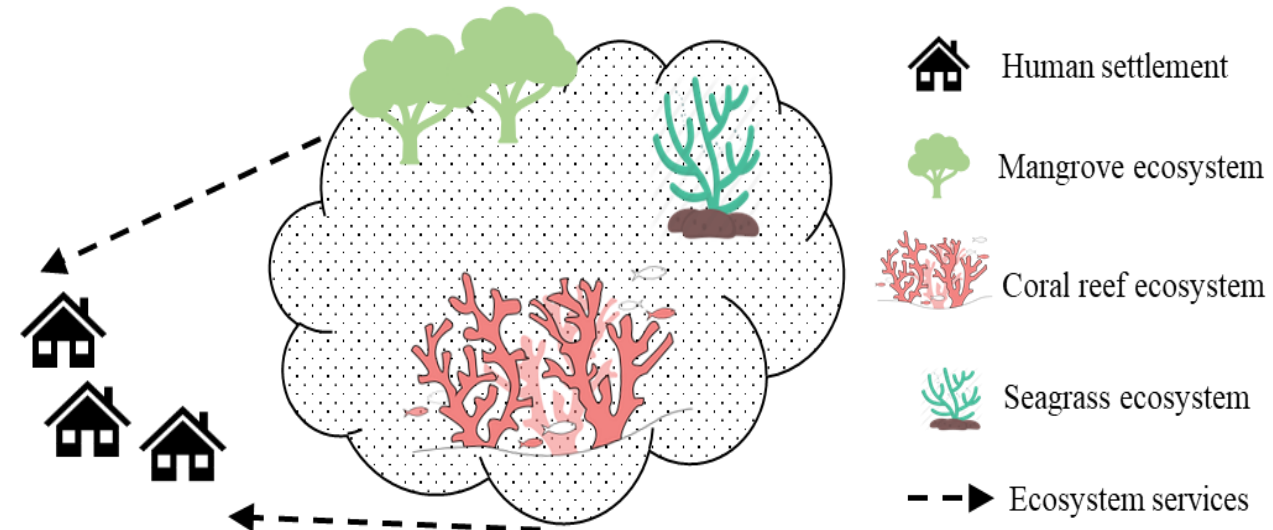
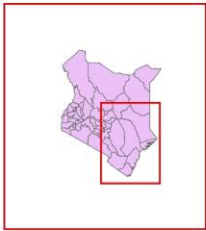


Illustration of range of CCVA Targets subject to detailed investigation






# GO BLUE PROJECT

## Result Area 2



### Legend

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|  Kilifi |  Mombasa      |
|  Kwale  |  Taita Taveta |
|  Lamu   |  Tana River   |

1. Hola Municipality Plan
2. Report on Land-Sea Nexus for CSP
3. Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment
4. Ecosystems mapping & Valuation

1. Lamu Waterfront Public Space
2. Mangrove Blue Carbon
3. Data Station with socio-economic data
4. Ecosystems Mapping & Valuation

1. Solid Waste Audit
2. Solid Waste Strategy
3. Material Recovery Facility
4. Data Station with socio-economic data
5. Ecosystems mapping & valuation

1. Mazingira Public Park
2. Kilifi Neighbourhood Regeneration Plan
3. Data Station with socio-economic data
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1. Marine Protected Area (MPA)
2. Locally Managed Marine Area (LMMA)
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1. Mikindani Constructed Wetland
2. Tudor Urban Water Sports
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