



COASTAL WORKSHOP

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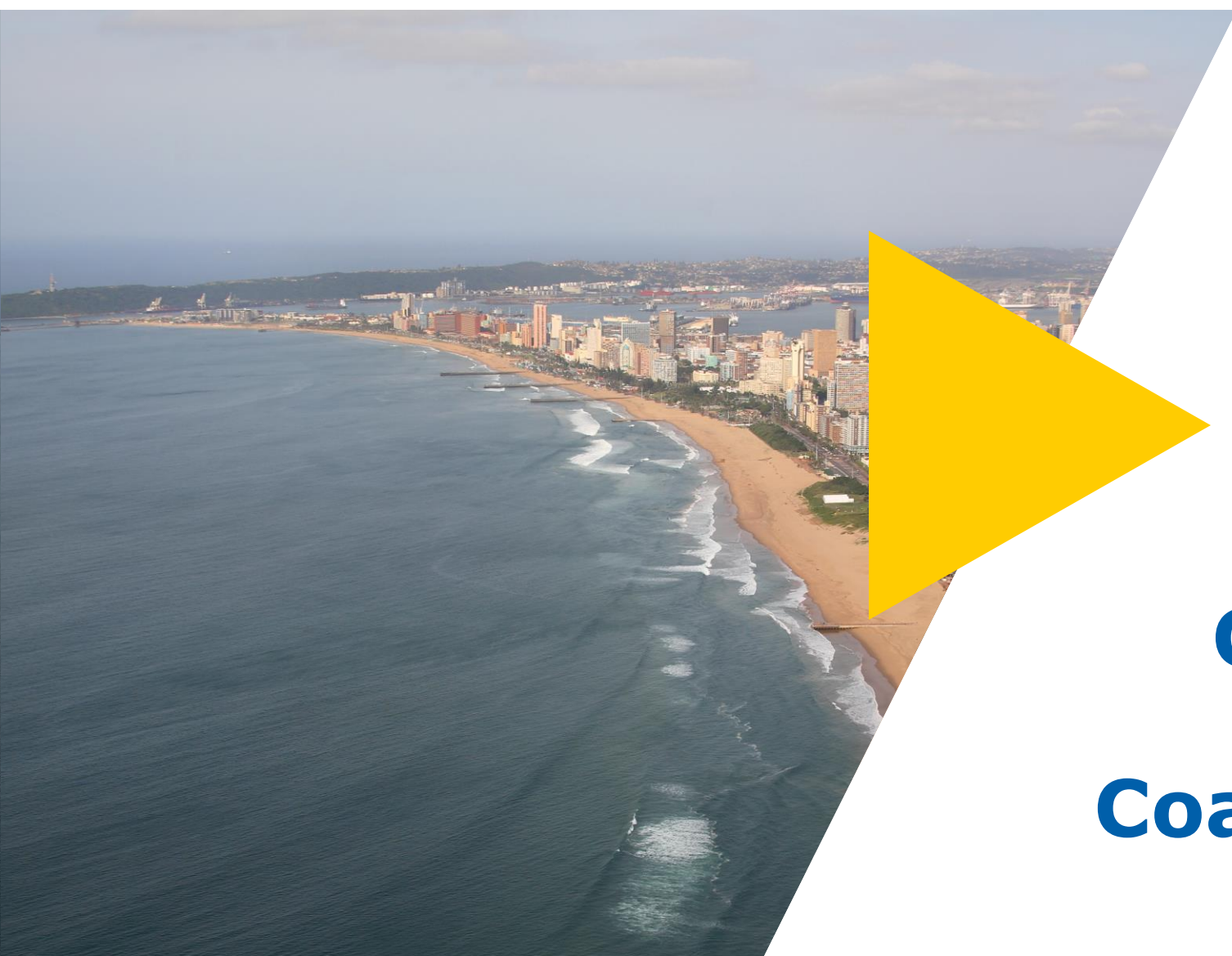
# Welcome Notes

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# **Ocean Observation and Prediction for Coastal Sustainability in Africa**

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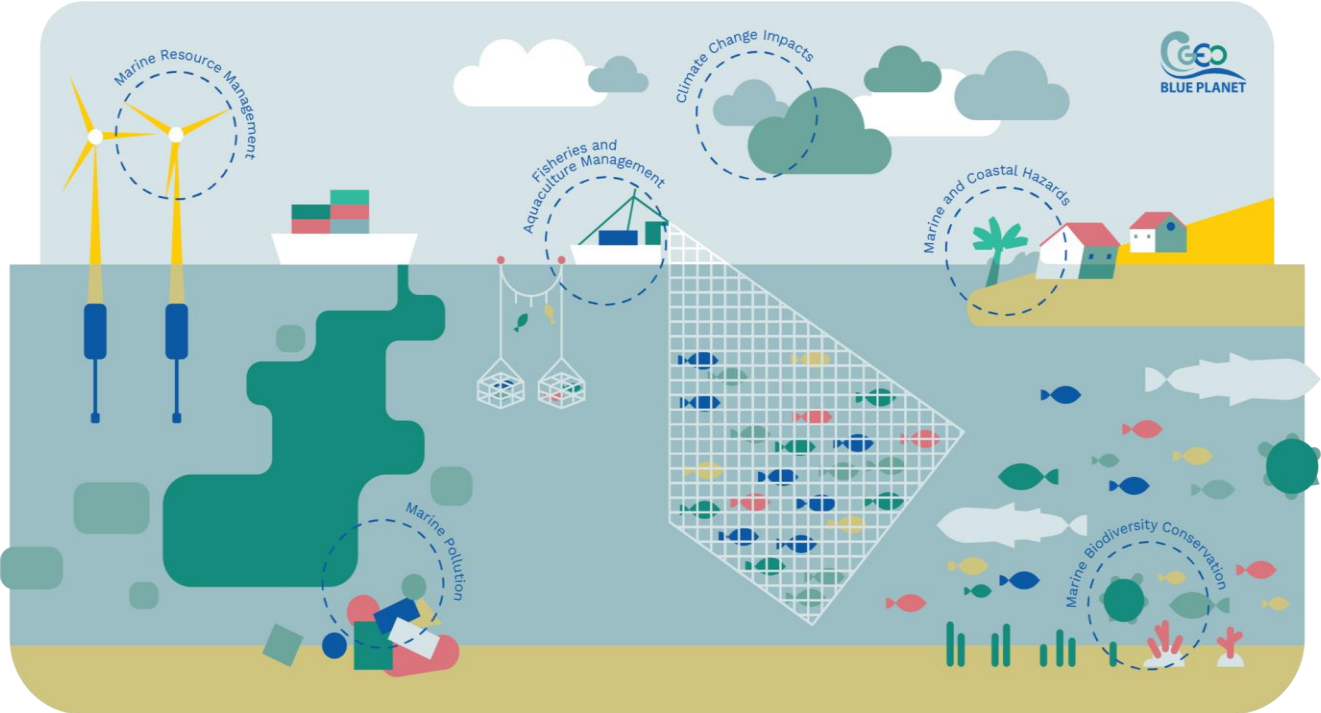
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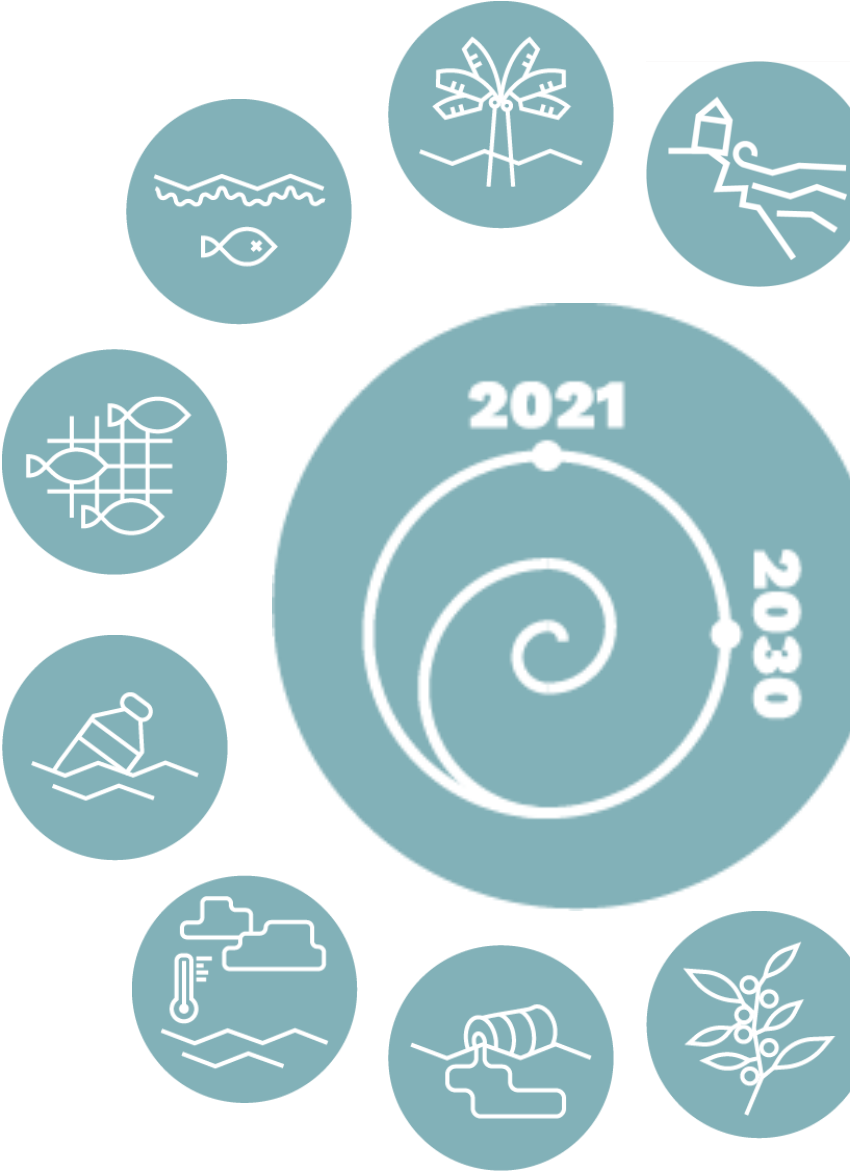
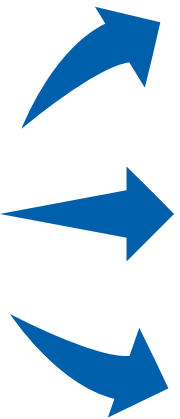
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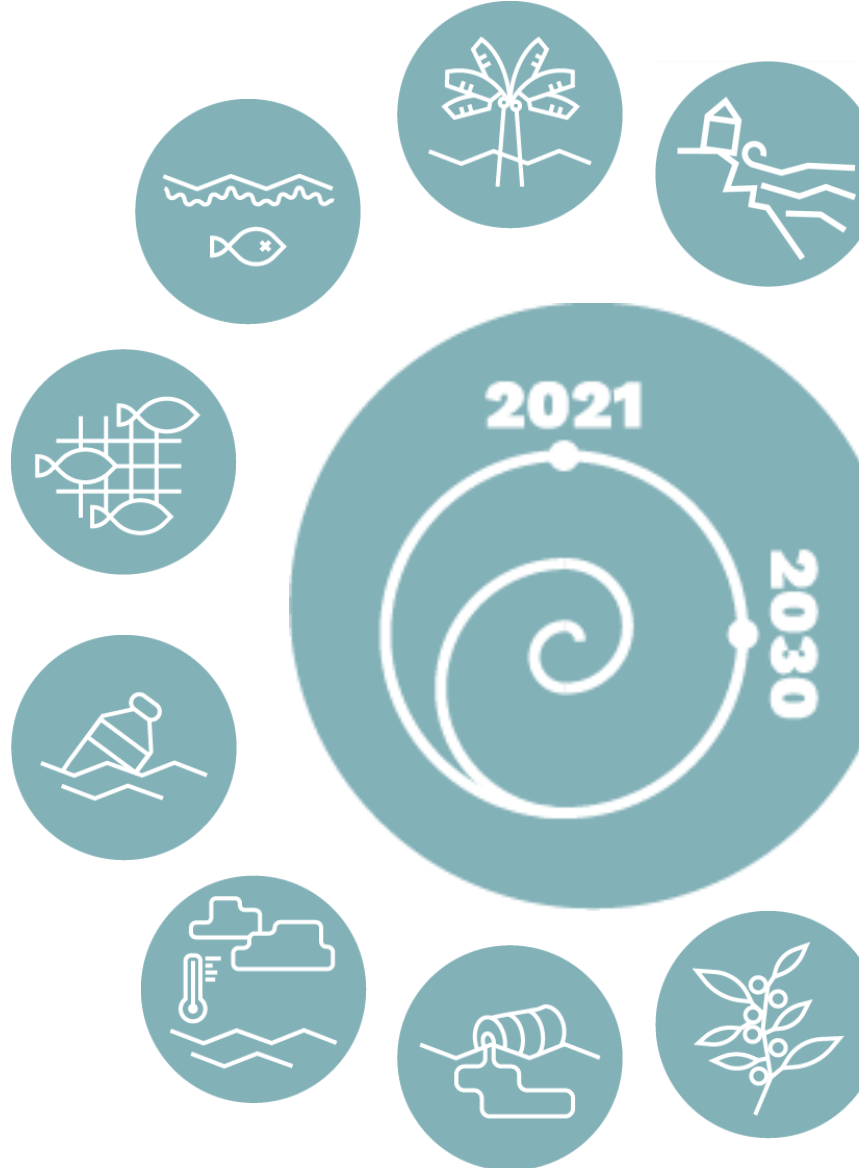
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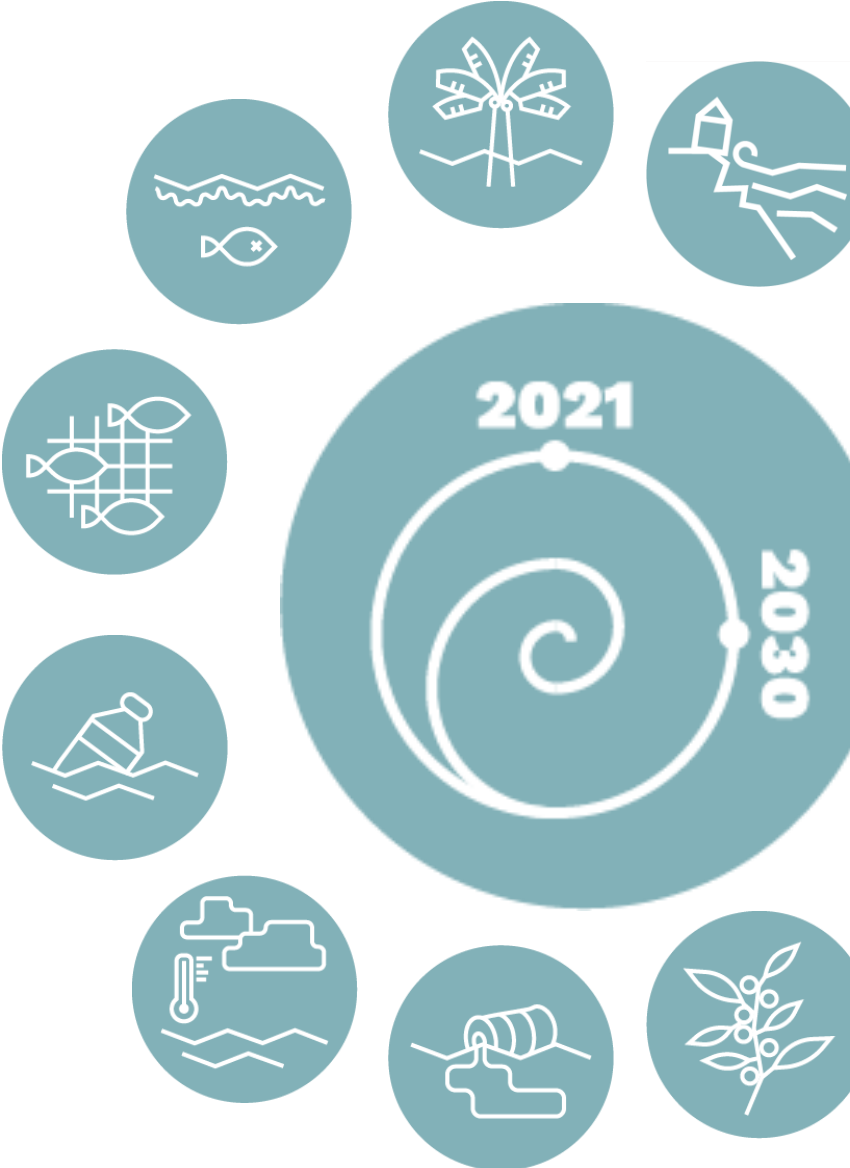
Thematic Areas



# GEO Blue Planet Activities



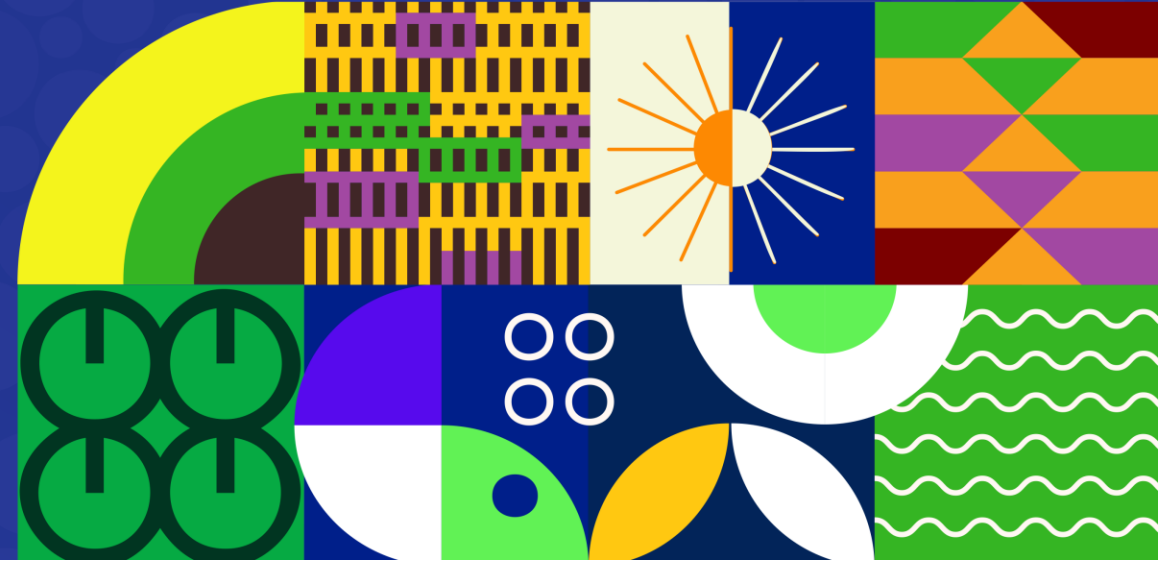
# GEO Blue Planet Activities



# GEO BLUE PLANET 5<sup>th</sup> SYMPOSIUM

24 - 28 October 2022 | Accra, Ghana

[symposium.geoblueplanet.org](https://symposium.geoblueplanet.org)



Specifically geared towards improving GEO Blue Planet's **engagement with African nations** in an effort to expand the Earth Observation community of practice, strengthen local capacity and provide access to resources, tools and services.

- **High level opening remarks**
- **3 plenaries** (fisheries, ecosystem conservation, coastal hazards)
- **5 workshops** (Marine litter, Sargassum, Coastline Changes, Climate adaptation, Fisheries & Aquaculture)
- **Training sessions** (academic & non-academic tracks)
- **Copernicus Private Sector Opportunities** (EU & Ghanaian EO-based SME pitches) in collaboration with Copernicus User Uptake Programme/ AIRCentre





# WORKSHOP

BLUE PLANET 4 - 7 March 2024, Nairobi, Kenya

## Ocean Observation and Prediction for Coastal Sustainability in Africa



Explore the role of **ocean observation and prediction in addressing stakeholders needs** aligned with the AU blue strategy, the UN Ocean Decade roadmap for Africa.

The Workshop encompasses **two days of plenary sessions**, with

- Presentations on policy, blue economy and decision making and their needs for Ocean observation and prediction.
- Keynotes on the ocean, coastal hazards, blue carbon and observation and predictions capabilities in Africa.
- Flash presentations on Earth-observation based products and services for Africa.

The following two days will be dedicated to **break out workshops on the four Thematic Areas** of Focus where participants from stakeholder groups and service providers will be guided to map actors, discuss needs and co-create a concept for an EO-based service/tool addressing the theme at hand.

SHORELINE AND SEABED MAPPING

FLOODING AND INUNDATION

ECOSYSTEM MAPPING

COASTAL WATERS QUALITY



**Thank you for  
joining !**

**Many Thanks to all partners who made it possible :**

