



**Regional Programme for the Sustainable Management of the  
Coastal Zones of the Indian Ocean Countries**

**PRESS COMMUNIQUE**

**Call for Proposals for projects promoting Integrated  
Coastal Zone Management (ICZM)**

**The first Call of Proposals (CFP) of the Regional Programme for the Sustainable Management of the Coastal Zones of the Indian Ocean Countries (ReCoMaP) will be launched by the end of 2007.**

ReCoMaP is a programme of the Indian Ocean Commission which aims to improve the management of natural coastal and marine resources with a view to reducing poverty amongst the coastal population of seven countries of the South West Indian Ocean region: Comoros, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Seychelles, Somalia and Tanzania.

The programme is financed by the European Union to the order of 18 million euros, of which one third will be allocated through two Calls for Proposals. The first of these Calls is to be launched before the end of the year 2007.

As part of ReCoMaP's activities, the Call for Proposals (CFP) is **a competitive funding mechanism** open to non-state actors that aims to support their participation in the process of Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM). Eligible applicants include:

- Civil society (e.g. NGOs, grassroots organisations, media, associations, women's groups, youth clubs)
- Local elected bodies (e.g. municipal, district and village councils, local authorities, regional assemblies)
- Economic and social partners (e.g. co-operatives, trade unions, associations, chambers of commerce)
- The private sector

Each project granted will have to address at least one of the **seven priority ICZM issues** mentioned below:

- Sustainable management of lagoon or near-shore resources
- Control of upland soil erosion
- Control of coastal erosion
- Solid waste management
- Liquid waste ('wastewater') management

- Mariculture
- Coastal Ecotourism

The projects should be located in one of the **priority geographical areas** identified by the National ICZM Committee (or its equivalent) of the concerned country.

Most importantly, coastal communities –ReCoMaP’s primary stakeholders– need to be at the centre of the proposed action and shown to clearly benefit from it.

Detailed **Guidelines** for this first Call for Proposals of ReCoMaP are currently being finalized and will be published on the date of the official launching of the CFP, planned for later this year. The Guidelines will provide interested parties with all the information they need to understand the CFP mechanism and prepare their project proposal. In order to provide an equal treatment to all eligible stakeholders, all available means of communication (newspapers, radio, television, etc.) will be used in each beneficiary country for the dissemination of these guidelines.

Although the CFP Guidelines are not yet available, ReCoMaP recommends all eligible applicants to start defining their projects and mobilising the stakeholders concerned by the action proposed, including the political and administrative authorities (local and/or national). **Please note that projects built on partnerships with government institutions are strongly encouraged.**

As its name indicates, the Call for Proposals is demand-driven. It invites project proposals that relate to the pre-defined thematic and geographical priorities of ICZM as well as to the objectives and expected results of ReCoMaP. The selected projects will receive a grant financed by ReCoMaP. However, applicants will be expected to contribute a small proportion of the total project cost.

***All the details of the Call for Proposals are to be found in the CFP Guidelines (to be published soon).***

***In the mean time, please do not hesitate to contact the National Focal Point (NFP) or the ICZM Officer in your country for more information about ReCoMaP and visit our website regularly:***

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