MARITIME SECURITY AND GOVERNANCE

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💰 **Budget:** € 5 000 000

📍 **Location:** Kilifi, Kwale, Lamu, Mombasa & Tana River Counties (Kenya)

⏳ **Period of Implementation:** January 2021 – November 2024

🤝 **Key Beneficiaries:** Kenya Coast Guard Service (KCGS), Kenya Maritime Authority (KMA), Kenya Fisheries Service (KeFS), Bandari Maritime Academy (BMA), Beach Management Units

Key areas of intervention

- **Law Enforcement at Sea**
- **Maritime Domain Awareness and Intelligence Gathering**
- **Search and Rescue**
- **Monitoring, Control and Surveillance**
- **Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing**
- **Prevention and Fight against Maritime Pollution**

Key outcomes

- Support the **local capacity of Kenyan maritime agencies** on maritime security and governance.
- Support better information exchange and **interagency coordination** on maritime security and governance.
- Enhance the **relationship between Kenyan maritime agencies and coastal communities**.

Overall objective

Strengthen maritime security and governance in Kenya to allow for the blue economy to develop.

What is the Go Blue Programme?

Go Blue is a partnership between the European Union and the Government of Kenya to advance the Blue Economy Agenda through coastal development. Under the umbrella of the Blue Economy, the overall objective of the programme is to unlock the potential of sea-land opportunities for sustained and inclusive economic growth and employment, while fostering a sustainable use of the coastal and marine environment as well as promoting an effective and integrated maritime governance along the Kenyan coast.

PROGRAMME COMPONENTS

📈 Go Blue Growth

🌍 Go Blue Environment

🛡️ Go Blue Maritime Security

What is the European Union?

The Member States of the European Union have decided to link together their know-how, resources and destinies. Together, they have built a zone of stability, democracy and sustainable development whilst maintaining cultural diversity, tolerance and individual freedoms. The European Union is committed to sharing its achievements and its values with countries and peoples beyond its borders.

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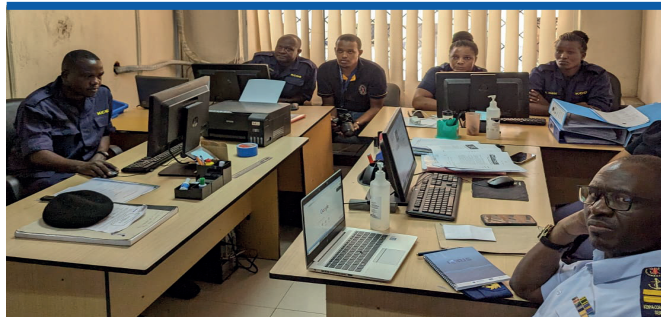KeFS

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Stepping up enforcement capabilities

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE KENYA COAST GUARD SERVICE OPERATION CENTRE (XOC)

Go Blue provided critical support for the establishment of the Kenya Coast Guard Service (KCGS) Operation Centre. Now **running 24/7**, the KCGS Operation Centre benefited from a unique demand-driven **comprehensive assistance package** designed to support KCGS through every development steps of their Operation Centre.

- ☑ **Definition of the Operational Framework**
- ☑ **Provision of equipment**
- ☑ **Coaching and training of watch standers**

SUPPORT TO FISHERIES ENFORCEMENT CAPABILITIES

The protection of marine resources is key to ensure the resilience of the blue economy sector in Kenya. Under the guidance of the Kenya Fisheries Service (KeFS), Go Blue developed a comprehensive set of activities to ensure a **sustainable fisheries management** along the Kenyan coast.

- ☑ **Development of curricula on monitoring, control and surveillance**
- ☑ **Training of 134 Fishing Constable Guards and Fisheries Officers from the five coastal counties of Kenya**
- ☑ **Establishment of 32 coxswains for KeFS patrol operation at sea**
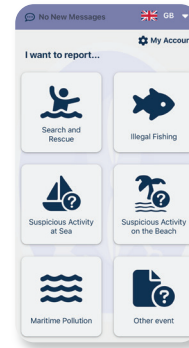

Engaging coastal communities

Developed in partnership with the Kenya Coast Guard Service (KCGS), the Community Watch Programme is a first-of-its-kind pilot initiative implemented along the Kenya coast to **strengthen information exchange and interrelationship between Kenyan maritime agencies and coastal communities**. It relies on the assumption that safety and security at sea cannot be achieved without the involvement and commitment of local communities, who can notably serve as a valuable source of information for maritime law enforcement actors. If successful, the Community Watch Programme will be replicated across the Western Indian Ocean region, thereby further consolidating Kenya's frontrunner role on maritime security in the region.

DELIVERY OF SAFETY TRAININGS FOR FISHERS

In support of KCGS' engagement with coastal communities, the project has **trained 35 KCGS officers to deliver safety trainings** tailored to the needs of fishers. **81 Beach Management Units (BMUs) from all five Coastal Counties** have so far benefited from this initiative, which already represents more than **2500 fishers equipped and trained** by KCGS on safety at sea.

DEPLOYMENT OF THE USALAMA BAHARINI COASTAL APP

The Usalama Baharini Coastal App is an innovative smartphone application developed under the **Indian Ocean Regional Information Sharing (IORIS) system** to provide a direct channel of communication between fisher communities and the Kenya Coast Guard Service (KCGS) to report maritime incidents along the Kenyan Coast. Designed as a **user-friendly tool with state-of-the-art functionalities**, the Usalama Baharini Coastal App acknowledges and empowers fisher communities as critical players for ensuring the safety and security of the Kenyan Coast.

Supporting Search & Rescue operations

Incidents at sea are causing each year hundreds of casualties in Kenya. Together with the Kenya Maritime Authority (KMA), Go Blue has launched an **ambitious plan to overhaul the current Search & Rescue (SAR) organization** and raise the operational capabilities up to the best regional standards.

- ☑ **Identification of safety hotspots along the Kenyan Coast**
- ☑ **Development of SAR contingency plans**
- ☑ **Procurement of 5 SAR boats**
- ☑ **Establishment of interagency SAR response teams**
- ☑ **Training on SAR operations**

Strengthening interagency cooperation

In an environment with multi-faceted and interconnected threats, interagency cooperation is essential for agencies to maintain maritime security and safety in the territorial waters. This is why Go Blue has pledged to support **stronger interoperability and better cooperation among stakeholders** involved in Kenya's maritime governance.

- ☑ **Development of interagency courses on maritime governance**
- ☑ **Support to interagency exercises and meetings**
- ☑ **Support to the National Maritime Strategy**