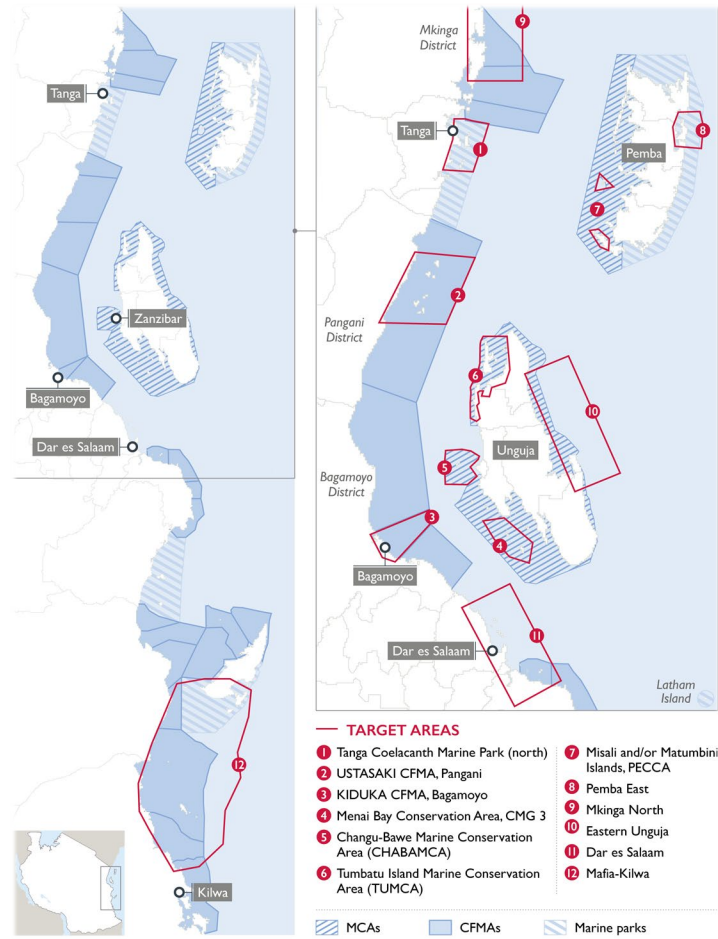




TANZANIA

HESHIMU BAHARI

ACTIVITY



Heshimu Bahari “Respect the Ocean” is a five-year activity that works to enhance the ecological resilience and productivity of high marine biodiversity areas in Tanzania.

Tanzania’s coral reefs rank among the fifty most climate-resilient reefs in the world based on their biological and oceanographic attributes and Tanzania’s marine and coastal ecosystems are home to a wide variety of coral reefs, seagrasses, open-ocean pelagic habitats, and mangroves. The ecosystems are not only home to species such as the dugong, sea turtles, and sharks and rays, but they are depended upon for a variety of livelihoods including artisan fishing, aquaculture, and marine/coastal-related tourism activities. Unfortunately, overfishing, poorly planned infrastructure projects, and climate change not only threaten these ecosystems and their fauna and flora but threaten livelihoods and food security. These challenges, coupled with the lack of a functional marine management area (MMA) framework, underdeveloped governance systems, lack of adequate financing, and an unincentivized private sector significantly constrain effective management and measurable impact in marine biodiversity conservation.

To help address these challenges, Heshimu Bahari aims to establish an enabling environment and science-driven framework for sustainable MMA and wild-caught fishery co-management by government, communities, and the private sector. The Activity has four integrated objectives:

1. Strengthen an enabling framework for a network of MMAs and fishery replenishment zones (FRZs) for resilient biodiversity conservation, climate resilient communities, and enhanced wild-caught fisheries production.
2. Community co-management of MMAs/wild-caught fisheries and climate resilience strengthened.
3. Private sector investment in MMAs and wild-caught fisheries expanded.
4. Integration of relevant science to MMA and fisheries policy and management improved.

ACTIVITY INTERVENTIONS

Heshimu Bahari interventions include:

- Facilitating dialogues and supporting the design and co-development of FRZ networks nested within existing MMAs and collaborative fisheries management areas (CFMAs) using ecological data/modeling.
- Co-developing innovative MMA sustainable financing mechanisms.
- Co-developing standard operating procedures for MMA co-management for MMAs and CFMAs.
- Co-designing compliance-linked livelihood initiatives.
- Engaging tourism private sector actors on FRZ co-development and fisheries private sector actors on value chain and FRZ initiatives that enhance MMA effectiveness.
- Facilitating dialogues with key stakeholders on the MMA science-policy-management interface.

EXPECTED RESULTS

Heshimu Bahari aims to achieve results including:

- Government capacity to manage MMAs, integrate climate science and research, and enforce regulations to combat IUU fishing strengthened.
- Policy and legal frameworks that enable co-management, sustainable financing, and appropriate expansion of the MMA and FRZ system strengthened.
- Incentives for fishing communities to actively engage, co-manage and enforce MMAs and fisheries improved.
- Durable, accountable extension systems that support community management structures to monitor, resolve conflict, and enforce co-management are established and/or strengthened.
- Women and youth participation in fisheries/MMA management strengthened.
- Community resilience and adaptive capacity to climate change increased.
- Enabling environment for fair, environmentally sound, private sector investment/management of marine resources improved.
- Sustainable mechanisms for collaboration among MMA stakeholders and scientific community expanded.
- Access to quality scientific data and analyses by fisheries and marine protected area for decision-making improved.

GRANTS UNDER CONTRACT PROGRAM

In support of the above objectives and to achieve Heshimu Bahari's development goals, the Activity will implement a \$6 million grants under contract program to support a wide range of community-based conservation efforts around areas important for marine biodiversity and climate adaptation across Tanzania, build the technical and administrative capacity of local organizations to enhance the impact of their activities, and perform critical research. Illustrative grant opportunities include modeling approaches for successful MMAs; supporting community co-management of MMAs, establishing sustainable livelihoods, and strengthening community fisheries management regimes; supporting existing and new private sector and civil society led MMAs; and supporting scientific partners to model successful approaches that support applied scientific marine research and the integration of this research into policy and management processes.

BUDGET

\$25 million

DURATION

August 2022 – August 2027

ACTIVITY LOCATIONS

Initial focus areas include Bagamoyo, Mkinga, and Pangani Districts, Pemba, Unguja, Dar es Salaam, Mafia-Kilwa, and Mtwara

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