Component 3:

Catalyzing Action and Supporting the Transition to Sustainable Blue Economy

This component translates scientific evidence and recommendations into concrete on-the-ground actions by supporting national and regional initiatives to accelerate the transition to Sustainable Blue Economy.



Component 4:

Knowledge Management, Communication and Community Awareness

This component establishes an integrated institutional knowledge management system for Sustainable Blue Economy in the region, including documenting lessons learned and disseminating scientific and technical outputs through regional and international channels



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What is the HESBERSGA Project?
HESBERSGA is a regional project executed by PERSGA, implemented by UNEP and supported by the Global Environment Facility (GEF).

Maintaining healthy marine ecosystems and achieving sustainable well-being for the peoples of the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden

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The project aims at establishing an integrated regional system for marine resource management based on scientific evidence and effective governance mechanisms that enable member states to achieve Sustainable Blue Economy objectives while protecting marine and coastal environments



Project Strategic Objectives

1 Strengthen Regional Marine Environmental Governance

Review and update the Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA) and Strategic Action Programme (SAP) for the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden region to address emerging environmental and climate issues while aligning with priorities for the transition to Sustainable Blue Economy. These frameworks will guide regional and national strategies, action plans, and investments.



2 Enhance Data Frameworks and Action Plans

Develop advanced data management systems and establish national and regional action plans and effective coordination mechanisms that support informed decision-making for Sustainable Blue Economy transition. This includes economic valuation of marine ecosystem services (fishery productivity, coastal protection, climate regulation, and eco-tourism) to guide sustainable management of marine and coastal resources and natural capital.

3 Catalyze Transition and Demonstration Initiatives

Accelerate the transition to Sustainable Blue Economy through concrete demonstration projects and targeted interventions that test sustainable practices before scaling them up regionally. This includes sectoral and cross-sectoral pilots in biodiversity and living marine resources management, tourism, blue ports and shipping, renewable energy, and circular economy (marine litter, wastewater, and e-waste management), while strengthening coordination among member states and encouraging investment in priority blue economy sectors.

4 Strengthen Capacities and Raise Awareness

Establish a regional platform for implementing specialized training programs, exchanging and disseminating knowledge, and raising awareness to strengthen national capacities and deepen public understanding of Sustainable Blue Economy principles, opportunities, and practices

Project Components

Component 1:

Update of Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis and Strategic Action Programme for Sustainable Blue Economy Transition



This component develops and updates the Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA) for the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden region. Based on the findings of updated TDA, the Strategic Action Programme (SAP) will be updated at regional and national levels, providing a comprehensive framework to guide regional and national strategies, action plans, and investments

Component 2:

Enhanced Data Frameworks, Action Plans and Coordination to Support Sustainable Blue Economy Transition



Developing advanced data management frameworks and establishing national action plans and effective regional coordination mechanisms that support an informed and coherent transition to Sustainable Blue Economy. This includes integrating the economic values of marine ecosystem services into natural capital management and marine spatial planning tools to support decision-making in member states.