







Remote sensing for aquaculture support in the Western Indian Ocean

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## **GMES&Africa MarCOSIO overview**

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- One of 2 marine consortia within the GMES&Africa programme
- The MarCOSIO project is lead by the CSIR (South Africa)
- The project represents 12 partners in 8 countries in Southern Africa and the Western Indian Ocean (WIO) region



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# Aquaculture Support Service

#### https://ocims.csir.co.za/hab/app/#



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### The web-based viewers The Aquaculture support service



- Web-based application for Aquaculture and Fisheries support in southern Africa
  - Spatial coverage from north of Angola to Kenya
- Low latency 1km Chl-a & SST products from Sentinel 3
- 1-2 day latency gap-free SST, SST anomaly (5km) and Chl-a (4km) products from Copernicus Marine Services (CMEMS)

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### The web-based viewers The Aquaculture support service



- Both the low resolution SST and Chl-a products already provide data for the large lakes
- If there is interest we can look at add higher resolution data products over the lakes

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Coral Bleaching Monitoring Service

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### The web-based viewers Coral Bleaching Monitoring service



- Thermal stress products
  - Gap-free satellite products derived from SST (5km resolution), providing information on potential bleaching alerts, immediate and accumulated thermal stress

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### The web-based viewers Coral Bleaching Monitoring service

- Virtual stations
  - Interactive graphical presentations of key monitoring sites showing historical information on SST within the past 12 months



#### Virtual Stations Kenya - Watamu Marine Park Virtual stations Date Range Past 12 months V Show/Hide Virtual stations: 30.5 30 29.5 29 28.5 ŝ 28 27.5 27 26.5 26 25.5 2022-10-24 2022-11-30 2023-01-06 2023-02-12 2023-03-21 2023-04-27 2023-06-03 2023-07-10 2023-08-16 2023-09 sst min sst max sst mean sst median sst centroid

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# Coastal Ecosystems Monitoring Service

https://online.cyanolakes.com/marcosio/





## The web-based viewers Coastal Ecosystems (Water Quality) Monitoring service



Enhanced vegetation product using Sentinel 2 • In collaboration with CyanoLakes

- 300 m resolution Chl-a, cyanobacteria, and floating vegetation products (near-daily)
- 10 m resolution vegetation indicator products and true color images (every 5 days)
- Several locations around Africa, but can scale to other regions

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# **Other support**





## Supporting Aquaculture WhatsApp support groups

- Useful as initial showcase and explanations of data products
- Works best if conversation is started and lead by the community



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## Supporting Aquaculture Event-scale investigations

- Harmful Algal Bloom events occurred in July and October 2022 in the Seychelles, causing fish kills in the area
- We are working with local stakeholders and researchers at the University to assess how satellite data products can be useful to detect, monitor and potentially predict such events





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### The way forward Crowd-sourcing for Water Quality information

- Aquaculture and Water Quality go hand in hand
- People on the ground use mobile devices and WhatsApp
- There is a need for a simple mechanism to effectively report on & capture water quality issues that affect public and industry





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### The way forward Crowd-sourcing for Water Quality information

- Under OCIMS we will be rolling out a simple mobile application for crowd-sourcing of general Water Quality reporting; to be upscaled into MarCOSIO region
- Manually or automatically records date-time-location; upload photos
- Directly engage with stakeholders in hotspot areas to show if/how remote sensing data can assist







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#### MARCOSIO SERVICES

The Global Monitoring for Environment and Security (GMES) and Africa MarCOSIO project will provide new co-designed decision-making services to promote sustainable management of marine resources, improve marine governance and stimulate the growth of the blue economy in the South and East African Regions.





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#### FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE **SERVICE**

#### FISHERIES SUPPORT

Provides fishers in different sectors and regulators with the tools to optimise fishing effort, improve safety at sea, better understand environmental variability, and monitor Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fisheries and fishing effort. There will be a particular focus on supporting small scale fishing communities through the ABALOBI partnership.

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#### AQUACULTURE SUPPORT

Provides users with the capability to monitor historical and current harmful algal bloom events along the coastline of Angola, Namibia, South Africa, Mozambique, Tanzania, Kenya and Reunion Islands. Decision makers will have the ability to be notified of red-tide occurrences and the ability to predict rock lobster walkouts.

LINK TO SERVICE











## **Opportunities**

- How can WE help YOU?
  - Reach out to us with your needs or specific case studies
- How can YOU help US?
  - We are looking for representatives with regional knowledge to join our technical advisory group and help guide our services development to best support different regional communities
  - Please provide any feedback on the services













## Asante Sana!

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