



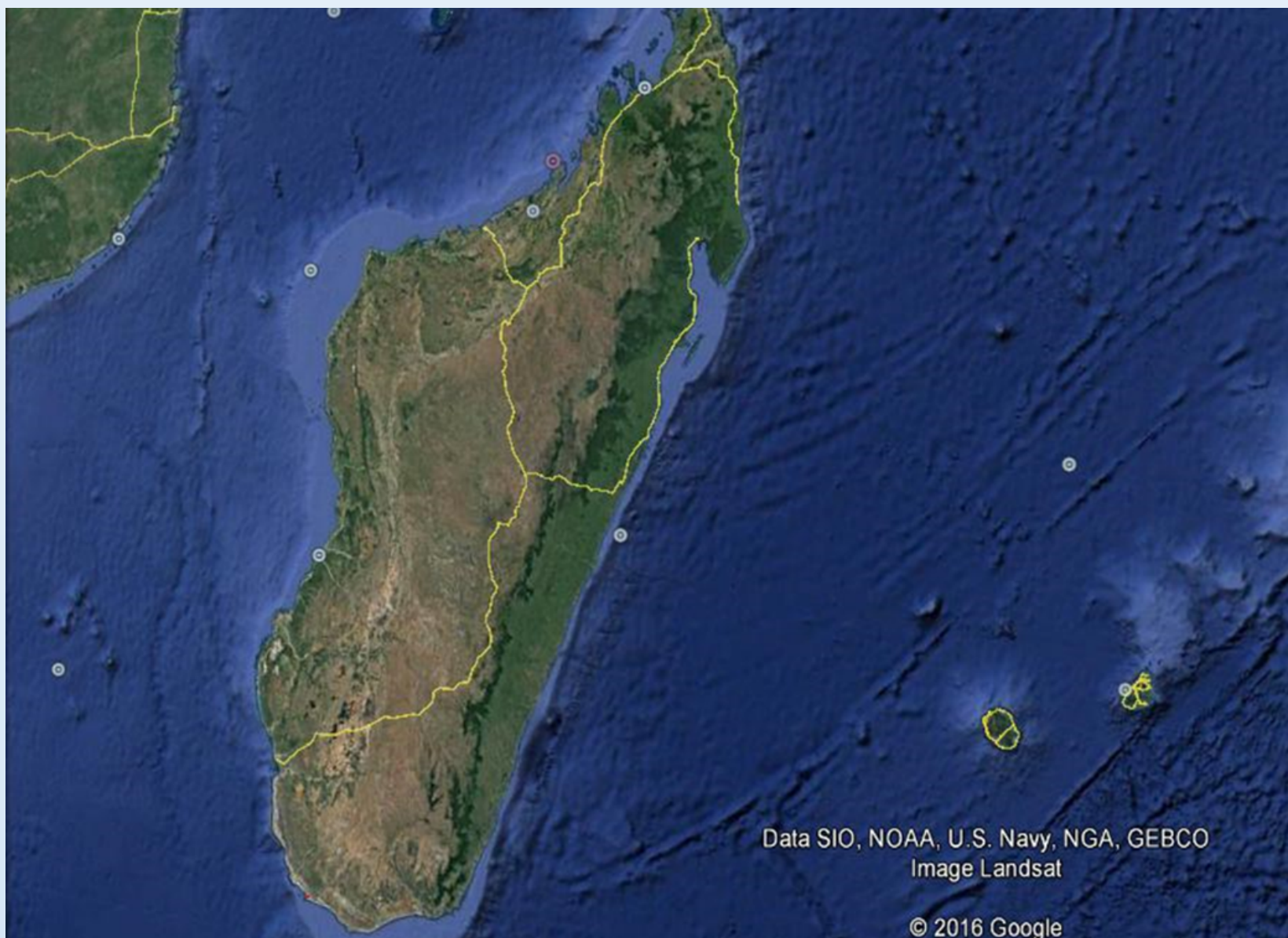
MG5 : National Facilitating Committee for the GEF Dugong and Seagrass Conservation Project



Project Summary

MG5 aims to build an **effective National Facilitating Committee (NFC)** to provide country-level oversight of project activities and ensure that dugong and seagrass conservation considerations are integrated within relevant national environmental policy, planning and regulatory frameworks.

MG5 will undertake a thorough analysis and review of gaps in legislation concerning dugong and seagrass ecosystem conservation through participative approaches, with a view to developing concerted recommendations for legislative reform that contribute to the improvement of the protection of dugongs and their habitats.



Main Activities

To act as national representative of Dugong and Seagrass conservation project

To establish a National Facilitation Committee (composed of 1 representative of each project partner) to facilitate exchange between project partner and to ensure that the conservation of dugong and seagrass is integrated into national environmental policy and

To conduct in-depth analysis and review of gaps in dugong conservation legislation through a participatory approach to develop concerted legislative reform recommendations that contribute to enhanced protection of dugongs and their habitat

Results

National Facilitation Committee created. Two meetings with project partners organized: (1) meeting and exchange between project partners, (2) preparation of Second Executive Project Steering Committee.

Preparation and organization of the current MTR

Visit of two projects sites among the five ones Managed by two national partners.



MTR reviewer and the GEF National Partner representatives



Wrecked Seagrass at Ankasetra seashore



Director of the Sahamalaza and Radama Islands Park boat interview



Traditional welcoming to the MTR team



Nosy Berafia Women association

Next Steps & Lessons Learned

- Review of national legislative, gaps/barriers policy and regulatory review ;
- Elaborate a conservation plan and a legal framework for this planning ;
- Develop an awareness program and,
- Create a national exchange platform

Lesson learned:

- Mutual Exchange,
- Collaboration

About Our Organization

The Ocean State Secretary at the Ministry of Fishery resources and Fishery is a governmental Department newly created in Madagascar for the implementation of the national Ocean policy.

Our mission is to:

- Promote preservation; manage the exploitation and ensure the security of marine resources and develop the blue economy;
- Implement and coordinate the State action in the ocean.

