

Establishing a network of Marine Protected Areas across São Tomé and Príncipe through a co-management approach

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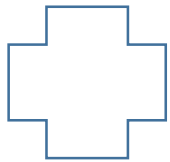
Project Logic



Challenges

- Rapid increase in population > growing fishing pressure
- Unsustainable practices (fishing methods, fishing zones)
- Limited knowledge (stocks, catch levels)
- Little knowledge of fishermen about legislation and rules (coupled with their lack of involvement in the definition of legislation), with consequences on compliance
- Lack of resources by the authorities to monitor catches and fishing methods used





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Sustainable co-management of fisheries
in the South of São Tomé Island

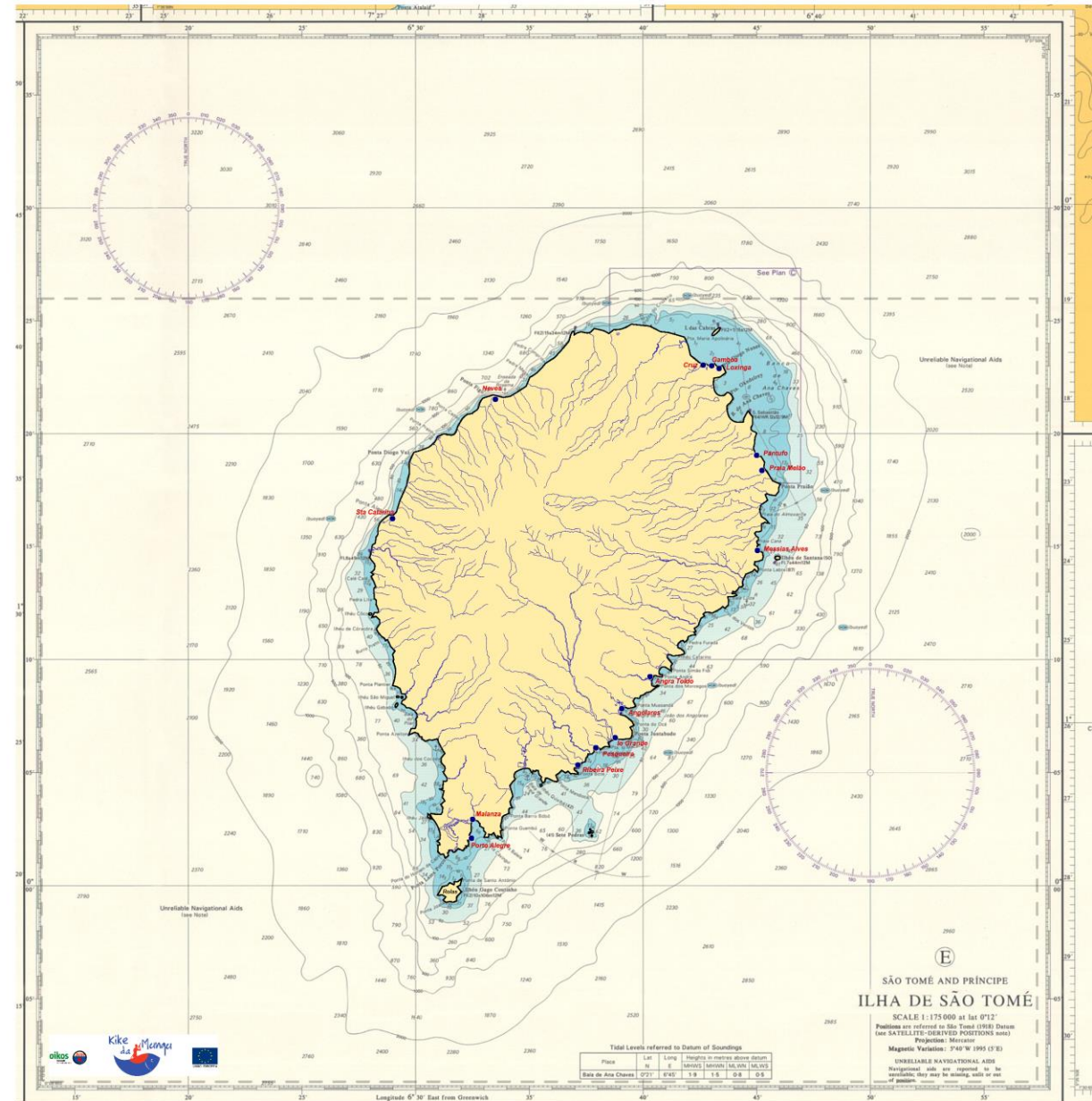


Estabelecimento de uma rede
de Áreas Marinhas Protegidas
em São Tomé e Príncipe
através de uma abordagem de
co-gestão

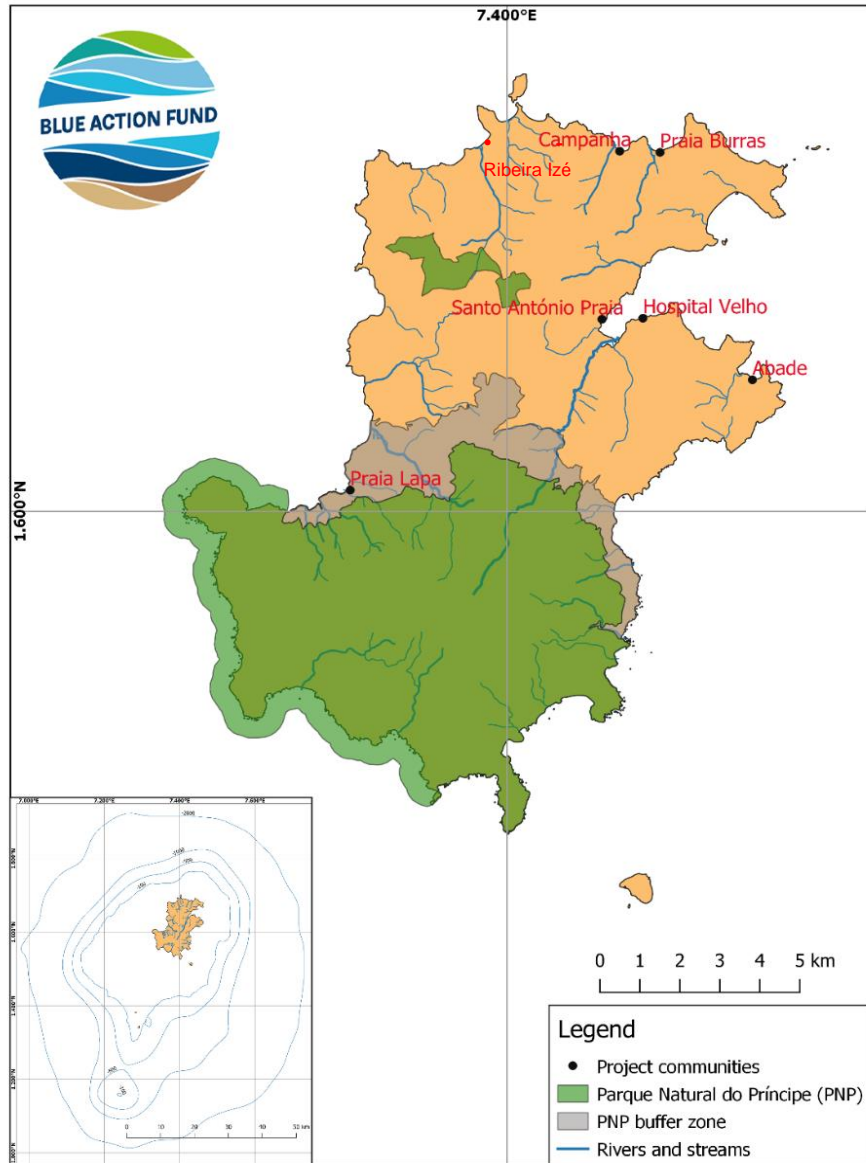


Target Communities

São Tomé

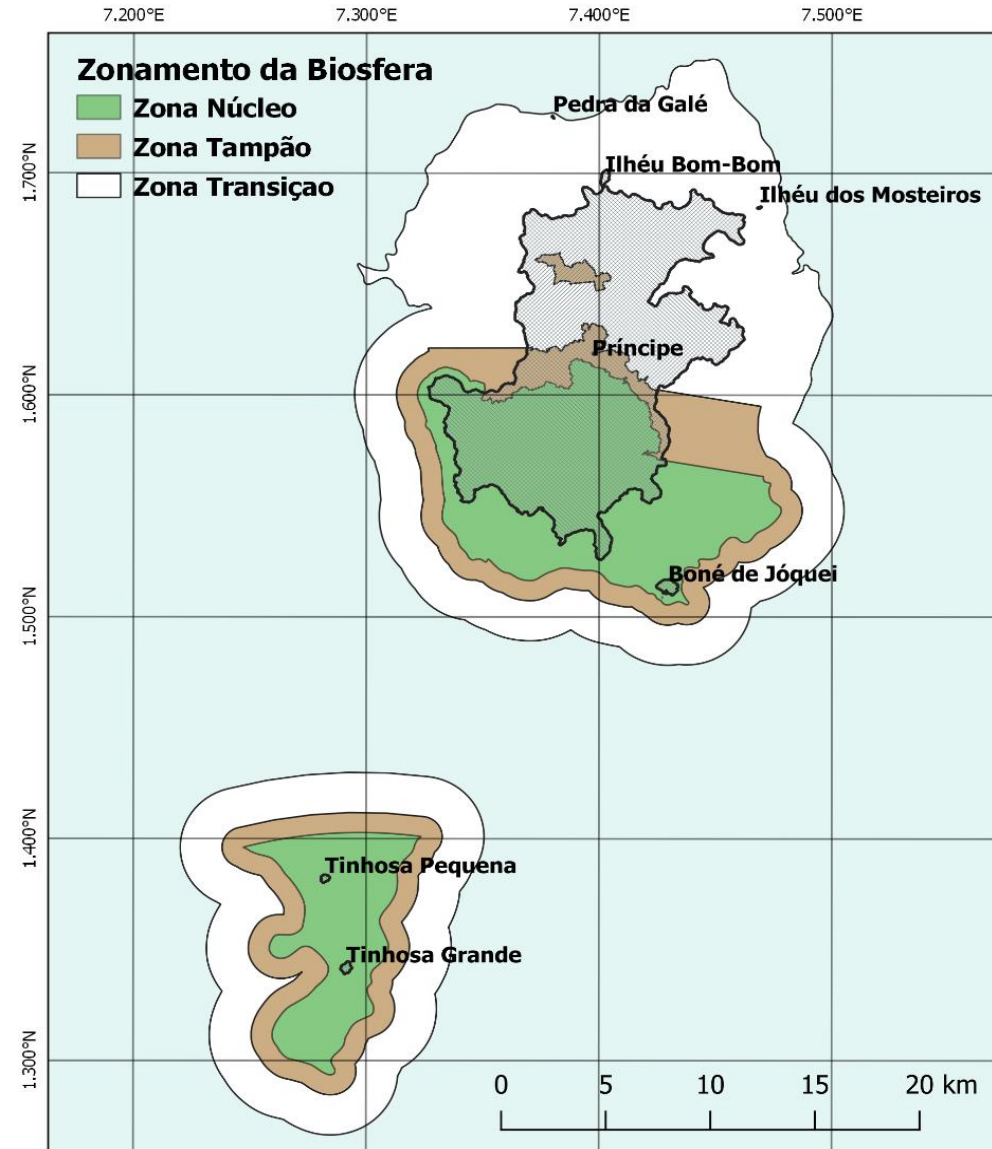


Blue Action Project Communities, Príncipe Island



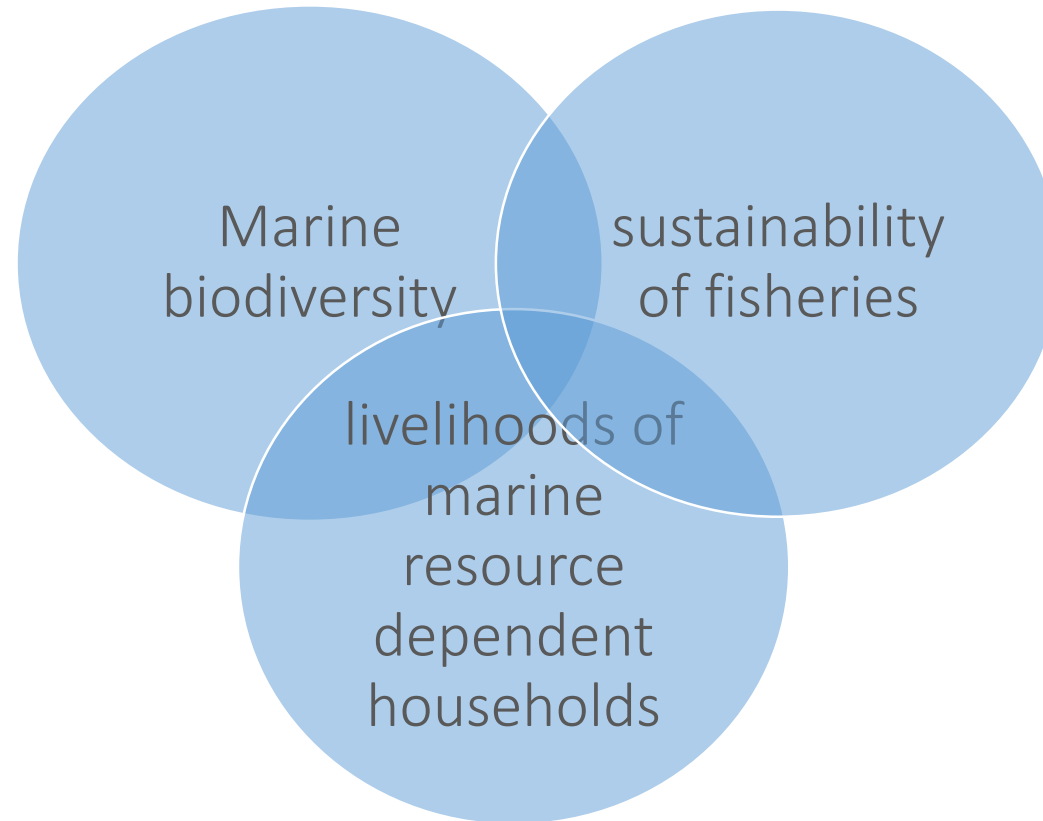
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Target Communities Príncipe



General Objective

To conserve and secure on São Tomé and Príncipe:



Specific Objective: “Marine habitat is secured under local designations and effectively monitored and patrolled”

Theory of change

if community members and the government jointly design MPAs and sustainable use zones

if fishers are enabled to co-manage and patrol these areas

then we will address the key drivers of marine biodiversity loss and protect species and habitat around São Tomé and Príncipe

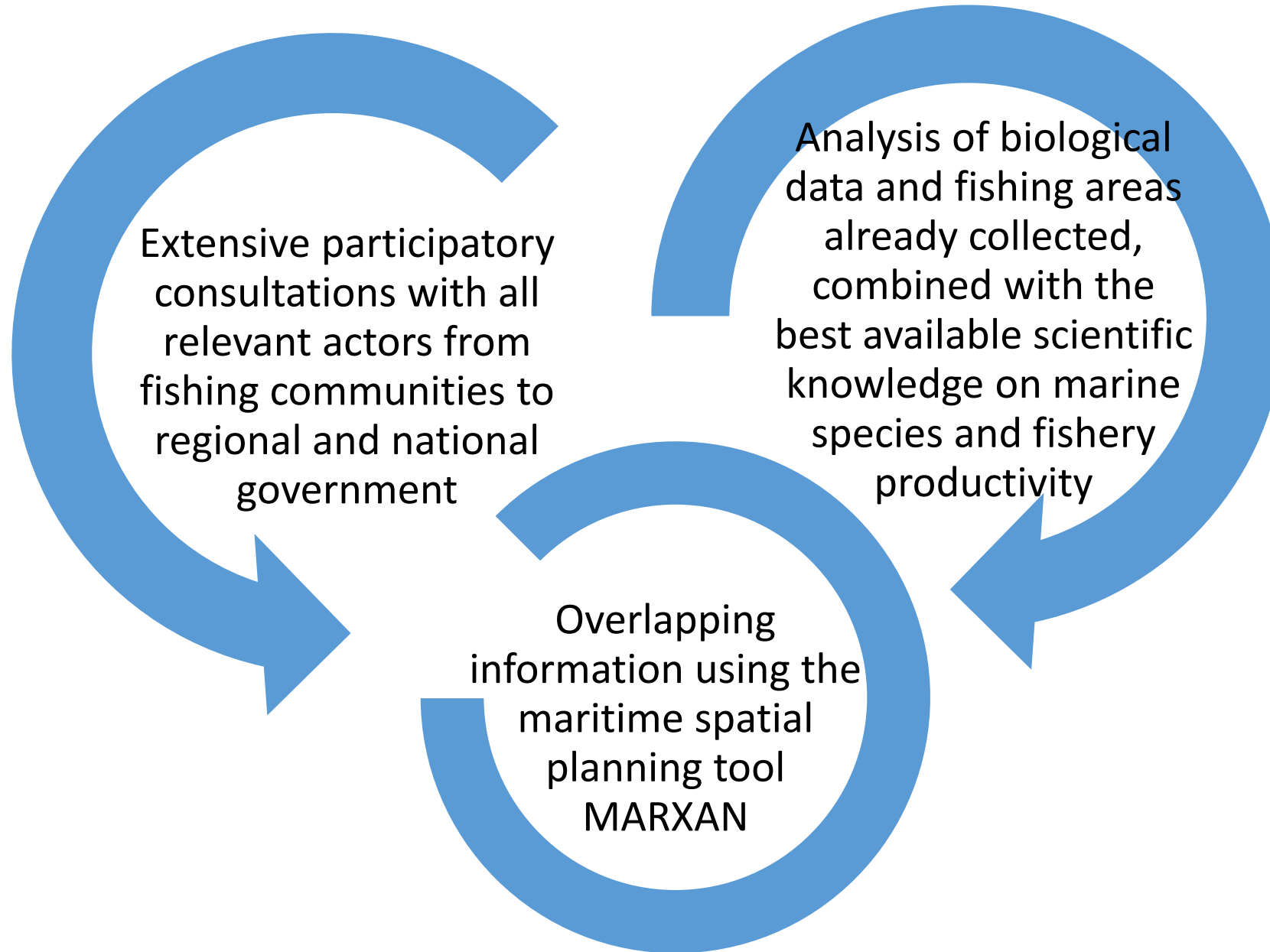
if the existing livelihoods of local households are more sustainable and sources of income more diverse

if there is increased government capacity for informed decision-making, policy development and law enforcement

Workplan and project activities



Activities



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- Undertake workshops with stakeholders to support MPA network development, and use Marxan-with-Zones (spatial planning software) to identify a MPA network that meets both conservation and sustainable fisheries targets
- Compilation of existing data on Marine Biodiversity of STP
- Fish landing surveys (participatory process)
- BRUV surveys (Baited remote underwater videos)
- Sea turtle and sea birds tagging

Activities



- Management plans for MPAs
- National legislation to support co-management
- Operational strategy for maritime surveillance, including a Community fisheries control mechanism and capacity building of relevant government departments
- Biological monitoring plan
- Long-term funding strategies for MPAs

Activities

- Expansion of the community ideas initiative
- Small Business Training Sessions
- Assessment of microfinance opportunities
- Means for reducing post-harvest losses in fisheries
- Research for new markets for fish of higher quality / value
- Socio-economic monitoring to assess impacts



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