



## South Africa's Action Request – 'MOSAIC' – (Meaningful Ocean Spatial Planning through All-of-Society Inclusive Co-Design)

**Invitation to Researchers, Local Government and State-Owned Enterprise stakeholders to participate in a workshop –**

**Co-developing procedures and guidelines for the State to enable inclusive engagement and 'whole-of society' Marine Spatial Planning**

### Project Background

The Department of Forestry Fisheries and Environment (DFFE) submitted a request to the International Platform for Ocean Sustainability (IPOS) in 2025 for support to develop strategies and procedures that will help enable a 'whole-of society' approach to Marine Spatial Planning, and inclusive engagement processes.

The 'MOSAIC' project responds to this request. It runs for 12 months, ending in December 2026. It brings international support to South Africa, collaborating with local and diverse knowledge holders, to bring practical and implementable solutions that bridge the gap between science and Policy. The project will directly support Priority 1 of the Draft National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan which recognises that a whole-of-society approach is essential for effective ocean governance.

We recognise that many of the researchers and people working in local government and at state-owned enterprises in the region actively participated in the Algoa Bay Project and specifically the Pilot Marine Spatial Planning process. The MOSAIC project aims to build on this work, taking critical elements of MSP forward with the State. The aim is to co-develop deliverables with the State, stakeholders and rightsholders who are connected to coastal and marine environments, and who need to play an active part in MSP and ocean governance processes. Therefore, it is critical that the knowledge, activities and experiences of stakeholders across disciplines and mandates be brought into the process to inform the deliverables. In parallel, we are engaging with representatives of civil society, the private sector, and coastal communities. The aim is to bring stakeholders together at a later stage to collaborate around the deliverables.

### Invitation:

**You are invited to participate in a workshop at the Institute for Coastal and Marine Research on 23 June 2026, from 09:00 am to 13:00 pm.**

The workshop will be interactive, and will broadly cover the following aspects over a series of engagements:

- Co-developing a Vision for a climate-smart, just, whole-of society Marine Spatial.
- Understanding, describing, and mapping past, current and planned activities in the local coastal and marine area.
- Determining and mapping stakeholders and rightsholders.
- Unpacking challenges, pressures and cumulative impacts of multiple coastal and ocean activities and the need for an ecosystem-based approach.
- Hearing from stakeholders how inclusive engagement needs to happen from your perspective and experience.
- Defining who is part of 'whole-of society'.
- Co-developing indicators of whole-of society MSP.

We would greatly appreciate your time, having an opportunity to workshop these aspects with you. **Please send your RSVP by 5 June 2026 to the contact people below.**

If you would like to have more information, please feel free to make contact with the project team:

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