

SUCCESS is a five-year USAID program under the leadership of the University of Rhode Island's Coastal Resources Center (CRC).

Coastal Resources Center (CRC)

- Over 30 years of ICM experience in developing nations
- 18 years as a USAID partner through Cooperative Agreements
- Successful implementation of eight major developing-country field programs and hundreds of related initiatives totaling nearly \$100 million

The SUCCESS program:

- features institutional strengthening, team-building, and regional learning networks
- employs cross-project learning
- is designed for adaptive management
- is tailored to conditions at each field site
- employs a Sea Grant-like extension approach
- features early actions at the community level through small scale site-based demonstration projects

SUCCESS is designed to be replicated in any USAID coastal country. Adaptations will be made for differences in context, complexity, and governance capacity of each place and its people.

USAID Operating Units around the world are invited to make non-competitive "Associate Awards" to carry out custom-designed programs in their home-countries.

SUCCESS is a USAID/Washington Water Team (EGAT/NRM/ENV) Leader with Associates (LWA) Agreement. It is part of the Global Program for Integrated Management of Coastal and Freshwater Systems (IMCAFS).



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**Sustainable Coastal Communities
and Ecosystems**



SUCCESS is helping
coastal nations
improve their quality of life.



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SUCCESS: Innovative coastal governance...

SUCCESS works with people and institutions to improve their quality of life.

The SUCCESS program advances integrated coastal management (ICM) – a **participatory, issue-driven and results-oriented process** – and integrates coastal management, fisheries, and aquaculture.

SUCCESS believes:

- **Improved human well-being** is inextricably linked to the health of coastal ecosystems.
- **Individual and institutional capacity** is the base for successful coastal stewardship.
- **Good practices** – adapted to the needs of the place – must guide all actions.
- **Government commitment** of human and financial resources is essential to successful, long-term coastal governance.
- The values that underpin coastal governance – **participation, transparency, equity, accountability, and the involvement of marginalized groups** – are essential to building vigorous constituencies.
- A **nested governance system** is essential to ICM success.
- ICM must address **social and environmental** changes, and link watershed activities to processes in estuaries and along coastlines.

SUCCESS ensures that **community-based governance is connected to actions and policies** at the provincial, national and regional scales.

This cross-sectoral approach can be adapted to any coastal country.

During its first year, SUCCESS is focusing on two regions – East Africa and Latin America – where CRC and its partners are already committed to long-term activities.

SUCCESS has four major and linked components:

- 1. Achieving Tangible On-the-Ground Results** by
 - Implementing sustainable coastal fisheries
 - Promoting ecosystem-based, low-impact aquaculture
- 2. Increasing Capacity through Training** by
 - Providing active mentoring systems among peers within and across target regions
 - Developing locally-tailored ICM curricula in targeted countries
- 3. Establishing Regional Learning Networks** by
 - Sharing information, technical expertise, experience and ideas on priority topics
 - Encouraging field practitioners and applied researchers to better integrate their work
- 4. Merging Science, Management and Governance** by
 - Increasing understanding of the relationships between human activities and the condition of coastal environments and resources
 - Applying methods for monitoring societal and ecosystem change at a range of spatial scales



SUCCESS is helping people improve their quality of life (health, income, education) and their physical environment through good governance.

Partners in SUCCESS

Our in-country partners – people and institutions – are the backbone of SUCCESS. In East Africa, this includes the Western Indian Ocean Marine Science Association (WIOMSA). In Latin America it includes EcoCostas, a regional nongovernmental organization (NGO) located in Ecuador, and the University of Central America in Nicaragua. In both places, local institutions and agencies are involved.

Other key partners include the Pacific Aquaculture and Coastal Resources Center at the University of Hawaii - Hilo, the U.S. Sea Grant Network, The Nature Conservancy, Conservation International, World Wildlife Fund and volunteer-based organizations.

The SUCCESS consortium of partners will help lay the foundation for coastal extension programs modeled on the U.S. Sea Grant Program. They will offer integrated services in sustainable mariculture, community-based coastal management, small-scale tourism, and improved management of inshore fisheries.