

WIOMSA MAGAZINE. CALL FOR ARTICLES FOR SPECIAL ISSUE ON COASTAL ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION

The WIOMSA Magazine has been a popular publication for many years. The Magazine is written with the general public as the main target group. The magazine is not a scientific publication but instead offers a chance to regional experts to communicate their work to a wide audience.

We are inviting articles on the theme “Restoring damaged WIO Coastal Ecosystems”. Restoration of coastal ecosystems is regarded as a viable nature-based solution in achieving a wide range of global development goals. It is for this reason that 2021–2030 has been proclaimed the United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, *to support and scale up efforts to prevent, halt and reverse the degradation of ecosystems worldwide and raise awareness of the importance of successful ecosystem restoration.*

Over the years, restoration of critical coastal habitats such as mangroves, seagrasses, coral reefs has been undertaken in the WIO region. While some of the restoration initiatives have remained at the experimental level, others have gone beyond that to be implemented at a large scale. In the process, a wealth of lessons from different restoration experiences on success and failure have been learnt and their dissemination will provide a great opportunity for shared learning across the region.

That is why this issue welcomes submissions, both analytical commentaries as well as experiences, that broadly relate to the theme. The stories could focus on successes, failures, challenges, lessons learnt and highlighting opportunities. They could also cover community participation and how restoration fits in the wider ecosystem management and livelihood options for communities, costs and economics of restoration activities and comparison of different restoration techniques.

Submitted articles must be interesting, of inspirational value and raise awareness of what the initiative has experienced in terms of successes, failures and challenges. What are some of the best practices or creative solutions out there?

Guidelines:

- We are seeking reader-friendly articles, popular-magazine style, rather than in an academic style.
- Start your story with a brief description of the restoration initiatives including its aim and location.
- The main aim of your story should be to describe what the situation before restoration was, its objectives, techniques/methods used and rationale for their selection, actors involved and their roles, successes and challenges and how they were resolved. And what is the current status of the restored site? Highlight evidence of returned ecosystem goods and services
- We would like you to finish the article with lessons learnt and opportunities for replication and long-term sustainability.
- We encourage submissions from a diverse group and experts.

Specifications:

- Articles should be between 400-900 words (approx. 450 words = one page, 900 words = 2 pages).
- Photos in high resolution, jpeg format and preferably unedited (or at least without special effects). Please do not send us images for which you do not have the copyright.

The deadline for submission of articles is 12 June 2020. Submit your articles to the Executive Secretary, WIOMSA at secretary@wiomsa.org.

If you have any questions, please [email](#) us.