

**REGIONAL CO-OPERATION IN SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION  
EXCHANGE IN THE EASTERN INDIAN OCEAN REGION  
(RECOSCIX-WIO)**

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**ABSTRACT**

Research and following this management of ocean resources is a priority in the region. Most countries of the region are developing countries who cannot afford to spend the necessary funds on the research required. Therefore, a multitude of projects for the study and management of the East African Region have been planned or are being carried out by various donor countries and agencies. However, it is an unfortunate fact that there is little co-ordination or even communication among these donors. For the countries in the region and, more particularly for the policy-makers and scientists it is extremely difficult to get a clear view of what is being done in their region and who is doing it.

There is an obvious lack of communication in the region. Communication is what got us, as humans, where we are today. Culture, science, and industrial development are all based on communication between people. It is therefore clear that if we want efficiency in scientific research and management of resources in the East African Region a vital part will be the establishment of a good communication network for scientific information. This is what RECOSCIX-WIO is all about.

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