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Research Opportunity: WIOMSA Marine Research Grant (MARG I) & the GMES and Africa MarCOSIO Grant

Dear Commonwealth Blue Charter members,

We hope this email finds you well. Kindly find below details for upcoming research grant opportunities.

The Western Indian Ocean Marine Science Association (WIOMSA), the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), the Global Monitoring for Environment and Security (GMES), and Marine and Coastal Operations for Southern Africa and the Indian Ocean (MarCOSIO) are offering the following opportunities for marine research grants and funding aimed at early career researchers, MSc, and PhD students in the field of marine science.

1. MARG I (Marine Research Grant I):

MARG I is designed to support early-career researchers, including MSc and PhD candidates, in conducting well-defined research projects in their home countries/institutions. The research can encompass various aspects of marine and coastal ecosystems management. Projects aligned with strategic directions identified by the WIOMSA Strategic Objective (2021-2025) and the Ocean Decade Africa Roadmap are encouraged. Special funding is available for Seagrass research projects that enhance socio-ecological resilience and blue economy development in the Western Indian Ocean (WIO) region.

2. GMES and Africa MarCOSIO Students Grant:

This grant aims to provide competitive funding for MSc and PhD research in fields relevant to Earth observation (EO) data and technologies in South and East African marine and coastal domains. Research projects should utilize Earth observation tools, develop satellite services and products, and be relevant to the marine, coastal, and inland lake environments. Applicants pursuing degrees in remote sensing, oceanography, climatology, geography, hydrology, environmental risk management, geoinformatics, computer science, artificial intelligence, or related fields are encouraged to apply.

Please note, all applications must be submitted by 18 October at 11:59 p.m. EAT through the online application system on the [WIOMSA link](#).

For detailed information about the application process and eligibility criteria, please visit: [Call for proposals: WIOMSA Marine Research Grant \(MARG I\) & the GMES and Africa MarCOSIO Grant - WIOMSA Blog](#)

Please share with your networks.

Kind regards,
The Blue Charter team.



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**Research Opportunity -
WIOMSA Marine Research Grant (MARG I) & the GMES and Africa MarCOSIO Grant**

This refers to the email dated 02.10.2023 from Blue Charter Secretariat regarding the above.

The Western Indian Ocean Marine Science Association (WIOMSA), the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), the Global Monitoring for Environment and Security (GMES), and Marine and Coastal Operations for Southern Africa and the Indian Ocean (MarCOSIO) are offering following research grants opportunities.

1. MARG I (Marine Research Grant I)
2. GMES and Africa MarCOSIO Students Grant

The Commonwealth Blue Charter Secretariat is offering these opportunities with an expectation to enhance the socio-ecological resilience and blue economy development in the Western Indian Ocean (WIO) region.

Attached hereto the details (email) on "Research Opportunity - WIOMSA Marine Research Grant (MARG I) & the GMES and Africa MarCOSIO Grant" for detailed information about the application process and eligibility criteria, which we received from Commonwealth Blue charter secretariat.

Please note application closing date is 18 October 2023 at 11.59 p.m.

M.R. Hassen
Director General (Ocean Affairs, Environment & Climate Change)
For Secretary

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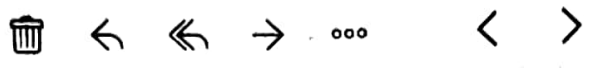
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