

Ramsar Convention

Inter-institutional Working Group

Fisheries Management Plan 2015-2019

COMADRIP 2021-2022

Feed the Future Ghana Fisheries Recovery Activity 2021-2026

MPA Technical Advisory Committee

Fisheries Management Plan 2022-2026

Background

International Treaty that provides the framework for the conservation use of wetlands and their resources.

Part of the integrated Coastal and Fisheries Governance Initiative for the Western Region of Ghana

Use of MPAs as a tool to address declining fish stocks, and commission a report to develop an MPA strategy.

A project building on a research into conservation of coastal areas, which identified multi-use MPAs as a conservation plan for the western region.

Activity aiming to mitigate the collapse of Ghana's small pelagic species.

Highlighted as a necessary co-management structure by the government of Ghana during a Feed the Future workshop.

MPAs included as a measure to ensure sustainable fisheries.

Key partners

RAMSAR
IUCN

USAID (funded)

FC
Prof. Nunoo

University of Cape Coast, local communities, NGOs, ministries.
Lighthouse foundation

USAID funded

GFRA

FC
USAID

MPA outcome

Songor , Sakumo and Keta lagoon complex Ramsar sites.
• Less than 1% MPA coverage

Identification of 11 possible locations for MPAs, using 4-point scale selection (socio-economics, educational gain, ecological benefits and feasibility of implementation.

- 23 small scale coastal multi-use MPAs for fisheries management and biodiversity conservation.
- Deep sea MPAs considered.
- Objectives and measures of each

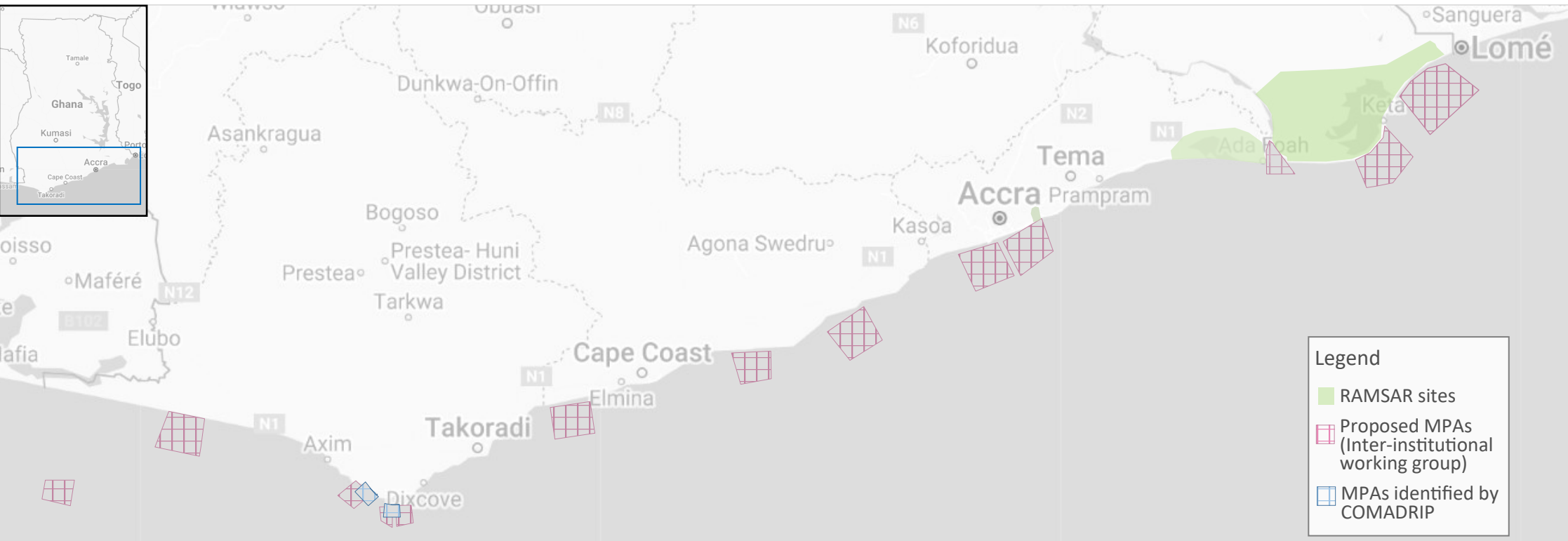
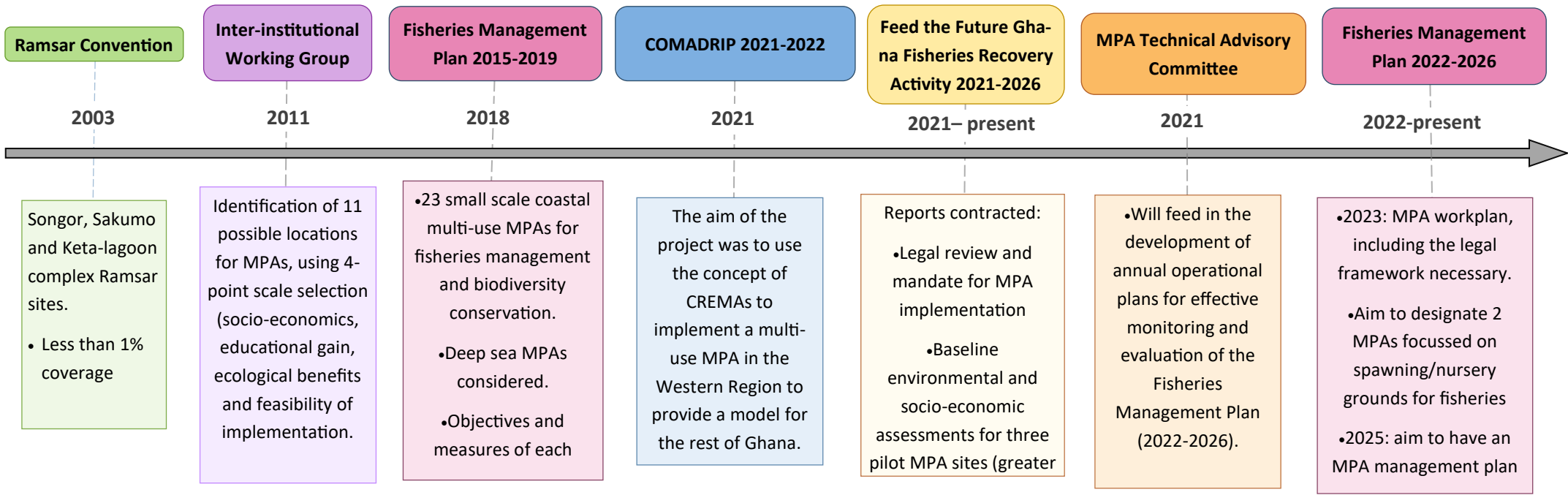
The aim of the project was to use the concept of CREMAs to implement a multi-use MPA in the Western Region to provide a model for the rest of Ghana.

Reports contracted:
•Legal review and mandate for MPA implementation
•Baseline environmental and socio-economic assessments for three pilot MPA sites (greater Accra, Volta,

•Will feed in the development of annual operational plans for effective monitoring and evaluation of the Fisheries Management Plan (2022-2026).

- 2023: MPA workplan, including the legal framework necessary.
- Aim to designate 2 MPAs focussed on spawning/nursery grounds for fisheries
- 2025: aim to have an MPA management plan developed.

Implementing Ministries— Agencies
MESTI - Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
Forestry Commission - Wildlife Division (WD)



List of acronyms

CREMA	Community Resource Management Area
COMADRIP	Coastal Marine Conservation Drive Project
EPA	Environmental Protection Area
IUCN	International Union for Conservation of Nature
FC	Fisheries Commission
GFRA	Ghana Fisheries Recovery Activity
MESTI	Minister of Environment, Science, Technology and Innovation
MoFAD	Ministry of Fisheries and Aquaculture Development
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
WD	Wildlife Division