



# Global Workshop on Source-to-sea Management

*Cross-sectoral and transboundary cooperation: How to break down silos*

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# Interaction: Orange Senqu River and Benguela Current System



# Impacts of the Orange Senqu River on the Benguela Current System

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Source of water for:  
Communities  
Economic activities  
Ecosystem services  
Subsistence fishing  
Recreational fishing



Anthropogenic impacts  
Sediments  
Nutrients  
Floods  
Reduced flows



# Cooperation: BCC and ORASECOM

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- BCC and ORASECOM have a history of cooperation with the GEF and UNDP
- Through this cooperation – the two **commissions** have been collaborating to establish a common understanding on how these freshwater and marine ecosystems interact and influence each other.
- Collaboration is essential for the respective and joint management of the river basin, marine ecosystem and estuary.
- **The Commissions** have Strategic Action Programmes that recognizes the importance of interactions and management of the estuary.



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Working together towards:

- Harmonising/aligning surveys (water quality, plastics, sea-birds)
- Standardising monitoring protocols and how samples are analysed – inter-laboratory benchmarking
- Joint training of staff and officials in areas of common interests
- Data and information exchange