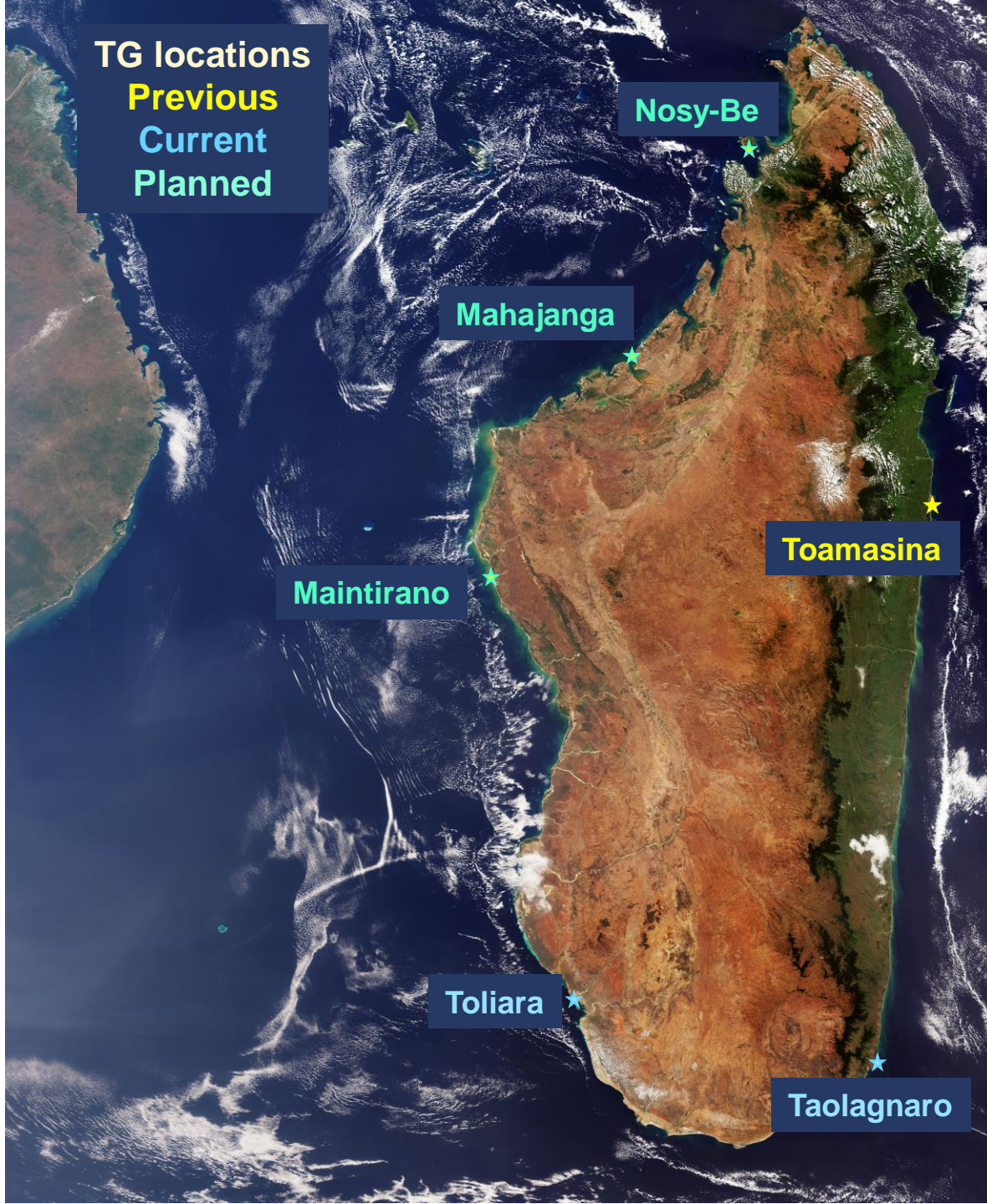


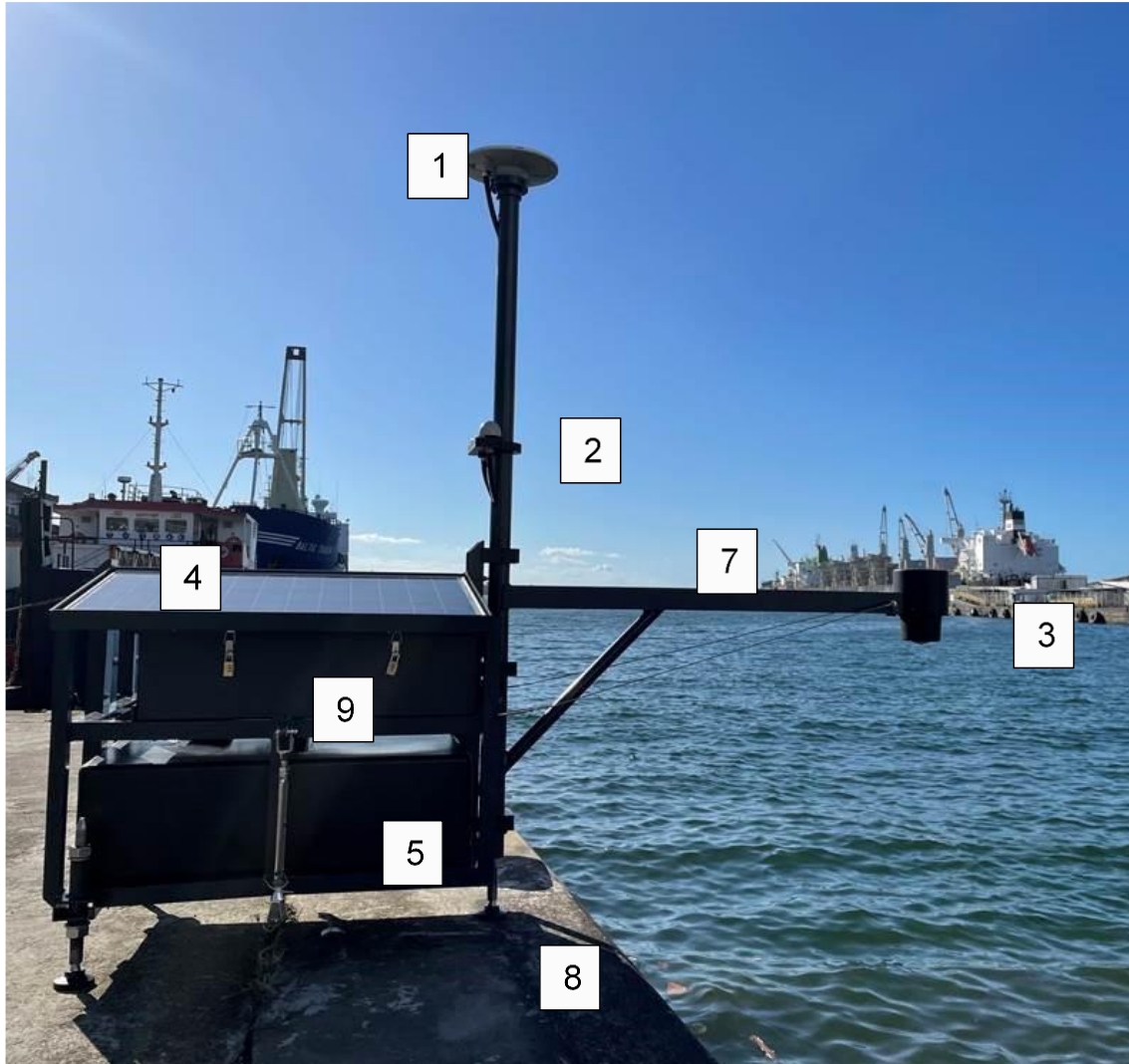
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WP4000 – SUSTAINABLE IMPLEMENTATION ROAD MAP



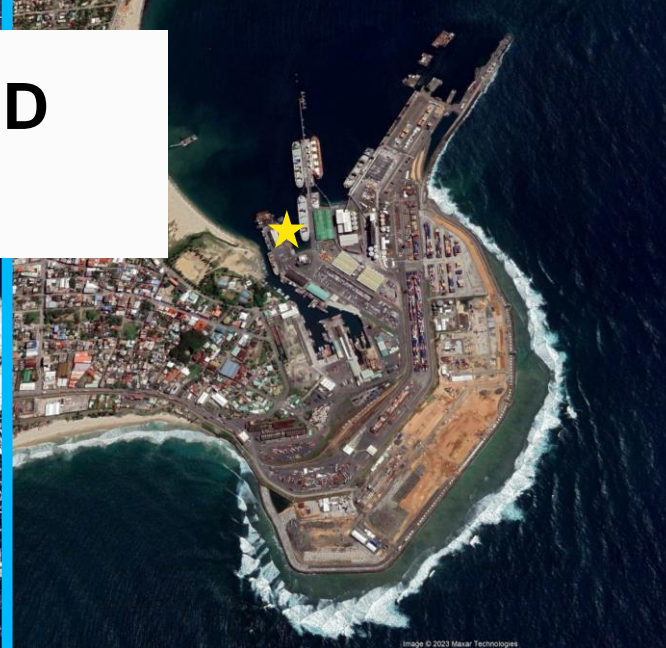
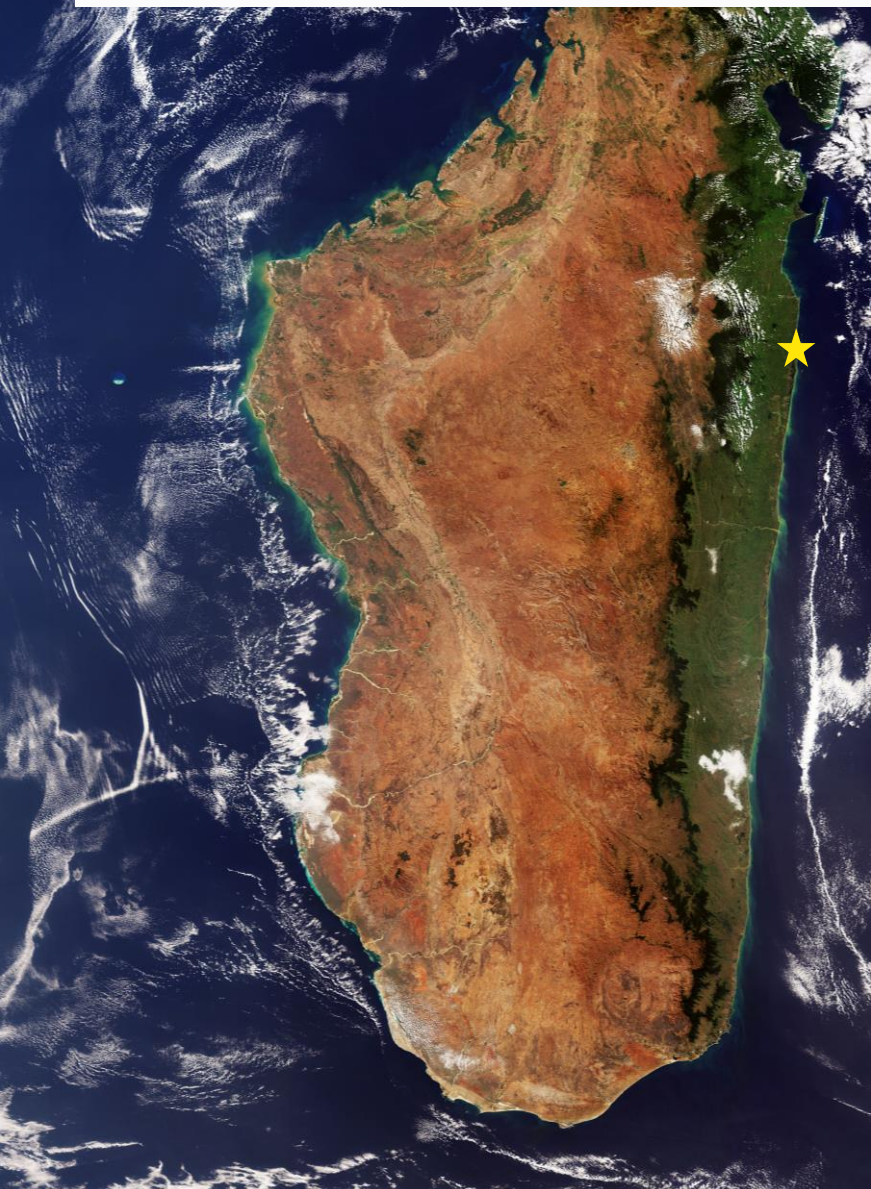
THE PORTAGAUGE



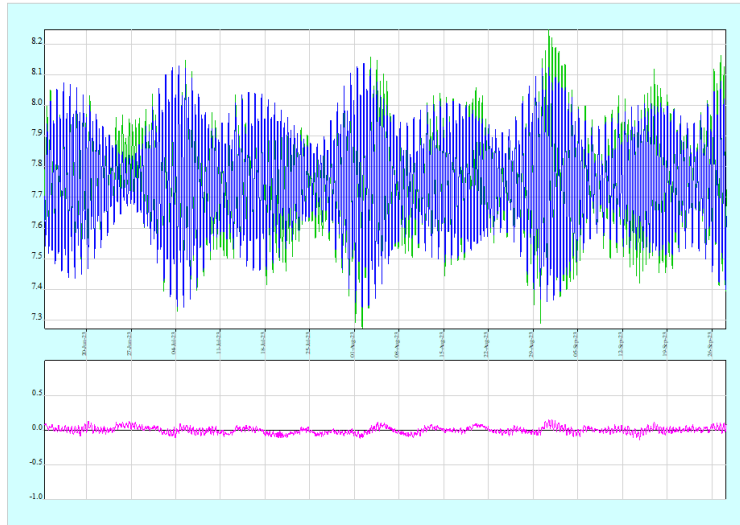
1. Trimble Zephyr GNSS antenna
2. GPS and 4G antennas for data logger time and communications
3. Vegapuls 6X radar sensor shown with protective cover
4. Solar panels
5. Water ballast tank
6. Turnbuckle anchoring point
7. GNSS mast / radar arm
8. Levelling feet
9. Instrument box

PORTGAUGE INSTALLED

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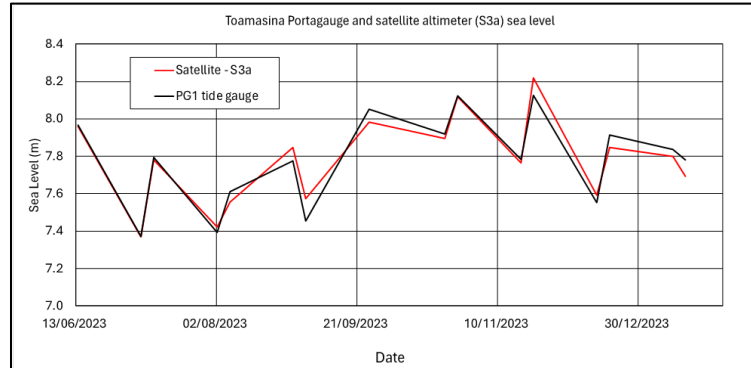


PORTAGAUGE AT TOAMASINA

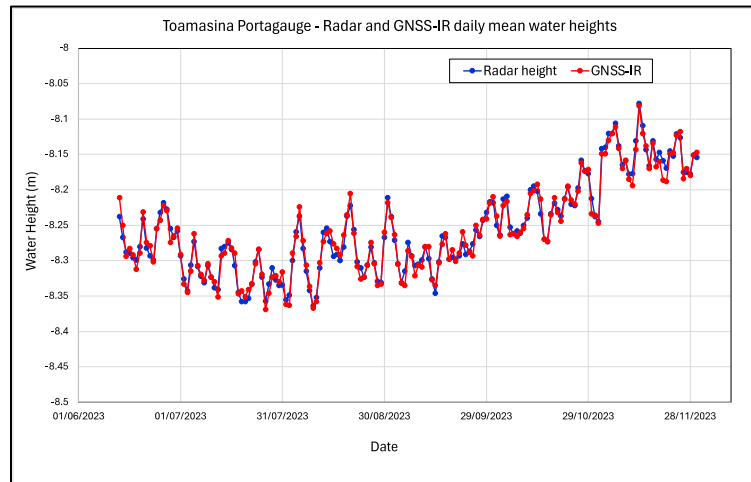


Portagaugage radar gauge data (blue) overlaid on model tidal predictions (green) and residuals (magenta) for eight months from 13/06/2023 to 31/01/2024

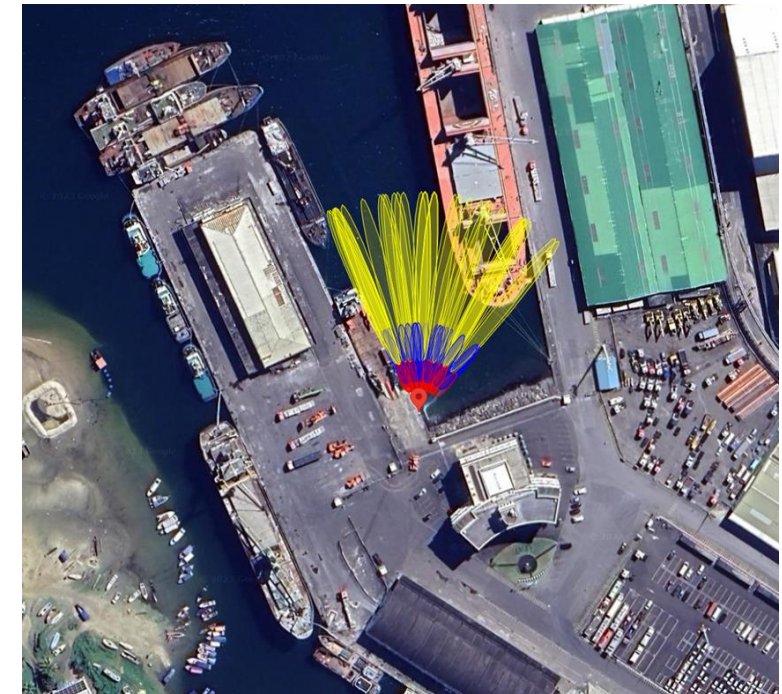
A relatively short-term deployment of the NOC Portagaugage can provide sufficient data for a reliable cross-validation against satellite altimeter data.



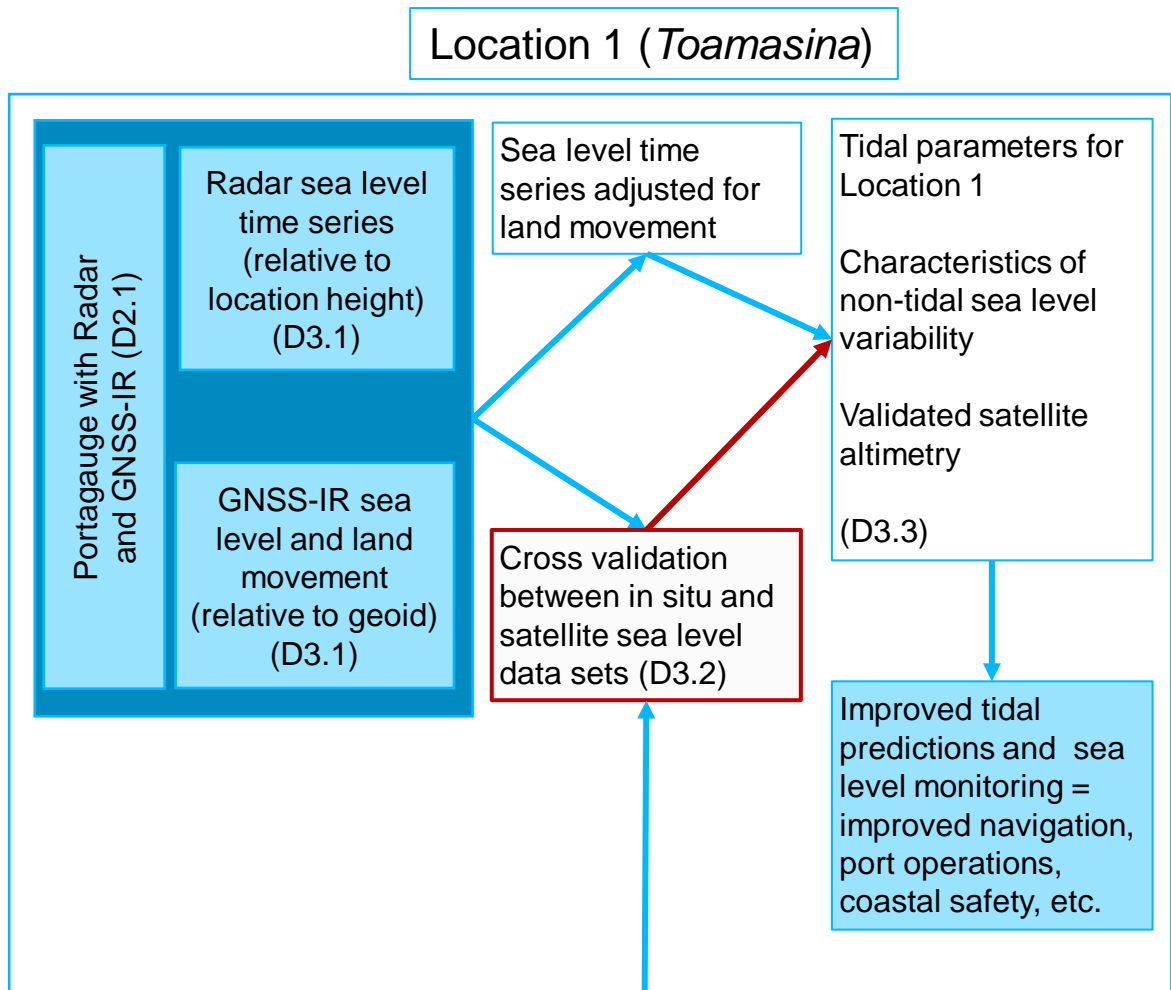
Cross-validation between Toamasina Portagaugage and satellite altimeter (S3a) sea level



Daily mean water height measurements from the Toamasina Portagaugage radar sensor and GNSS-IR



Field of view for GNSS-IR measurements in Toamasina Port



Satellite Altimeter Sea Level (along-track)
Validation reference, 20 year time series and spatial variability (D3.1)

National sea level monitoring system
Road Map (D4.1)

Move Portagauges to Location 2



Move Portagauges to Location 3



End of ESA-funded project

Relocate Portagauges and repeat data collection and analysis

Improved tidal predictions and sea level monitoring = improved navigation, port operations, coastal safety, etc.

A wide-angle photograph of a sunset over the ocean. The sun is low on the horizon, partially obscured by dark, dramatic clouds. The sky is filled with golden and orange light, which reflects on the dark, rippling water of the sea. The overall mood is serene and powerful.

REQUIREMENTS FOR SEA LEVEL MONITORING

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Sea level data are vital for



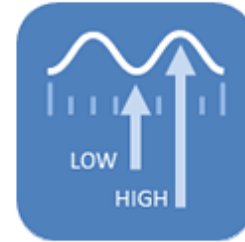
Research into sea level
change and ocean
circulation



Coastal protection
during events such as
storm surges



Providing flood warning
and monitoring
tsunamis



Tide tables for port
operations, fishermen,
and recreation



Defining datums for
national or state
boundaries

Sea level is one of the most useful oceanographic variables, used for a wide variety of scientific, economic and social purposes.

ISSUES IN MEASURING COASTAL SEA LEVEL FOR DEVELOPING STATES

The main four reasons that tide gauges are non-operational in developing states, identified by Hogue (1999), are:

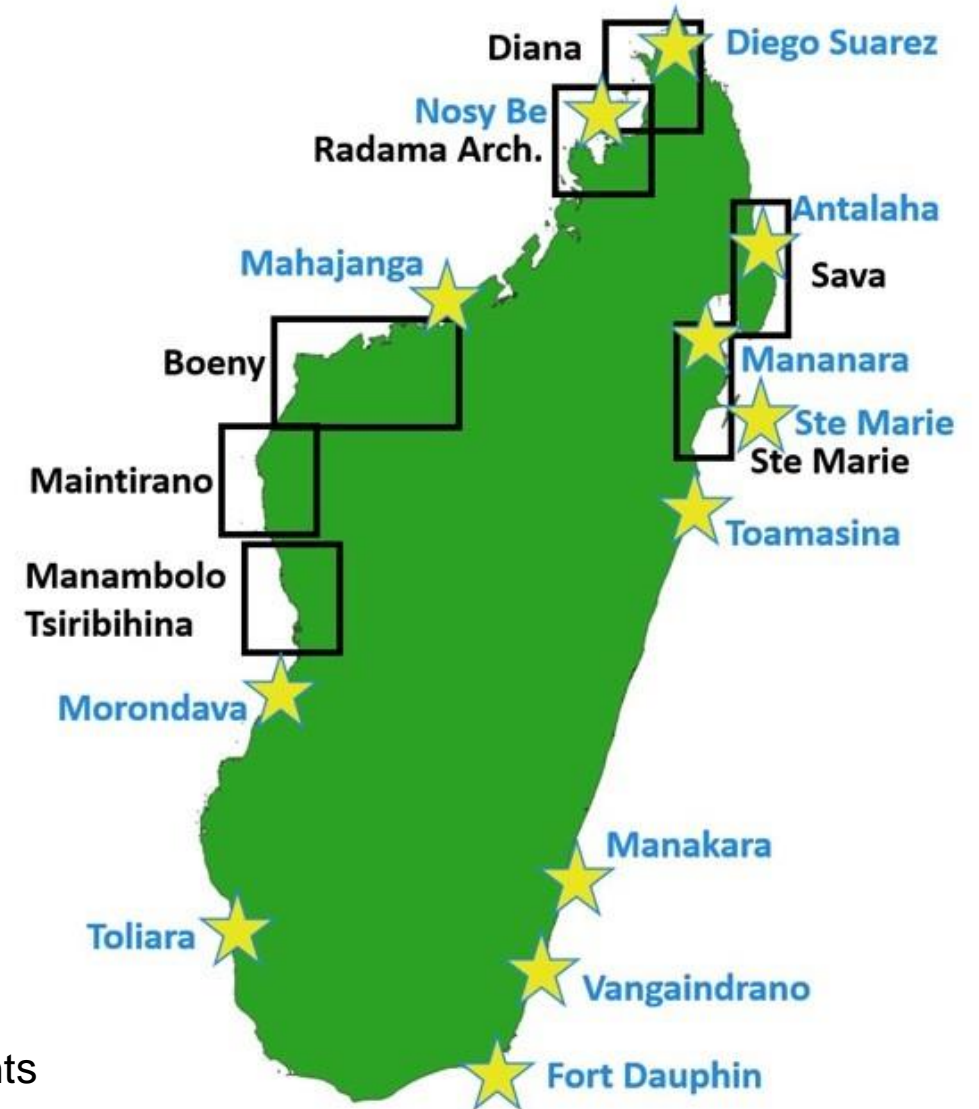
- Lack of equipment (and difficulty acquiring replacement parts (Mundlovo et al., 2007));
- Lack of qualified maintenance personnel;
- Lack of funds to maintain tide gauges;
- Difficulty in accessing remote tide gauges due to poor transport infrastructure, poor roads and insurgency.

“To achieve a fully operational national tide gauge network and make data available to end users, some national capacity development is required” (Razakafoniaina, 2001)



USER REQUIREMENTS

Applications	Derived Products	Characteristics
Risks	Sea level rise	Interoperable
Disasters	Tidal predictions	Daily data
Coastal retreat	Cyclone surges	Regularity
Marine erosion	Tide gauge data	Timely and high resolution
Coastal protection work	Satellite data	Easy to handle formats
Livestock and marine culture	Sea level at specific times and places	
Hotels		
Urban planning		



The locations of the regional areas (black boxes) and specific sites (stars) for which sea level data was required by respondents

REVIEW OF LOCATIONS



REVIEW OF POTENTIAL PORTAGAUGE LOCATIONS



Important considerations

- Sea level variability
- Locations prone to flooding and erosion
- Most vulnerable populations
- Vulnerable infrastructure
- Port locations

Practicalities

- Security
- Suitable site available (next slide)
- People available to operate
- Site access

SITE SUITABILITY FOR TIDE GAUGES

An ideal location for a tide gauge:

- Away from risks of shipping and construction
- On flat, solid, stable ground
- Does not dry out at low water
- Exposed to the open ocean (i.e. not up-river, in an estuary or behind sand banks or lagoons).
- Harbours are suitable as they are exposed to the ocean, but also provide some protection from extreme conditions

Avoid these!

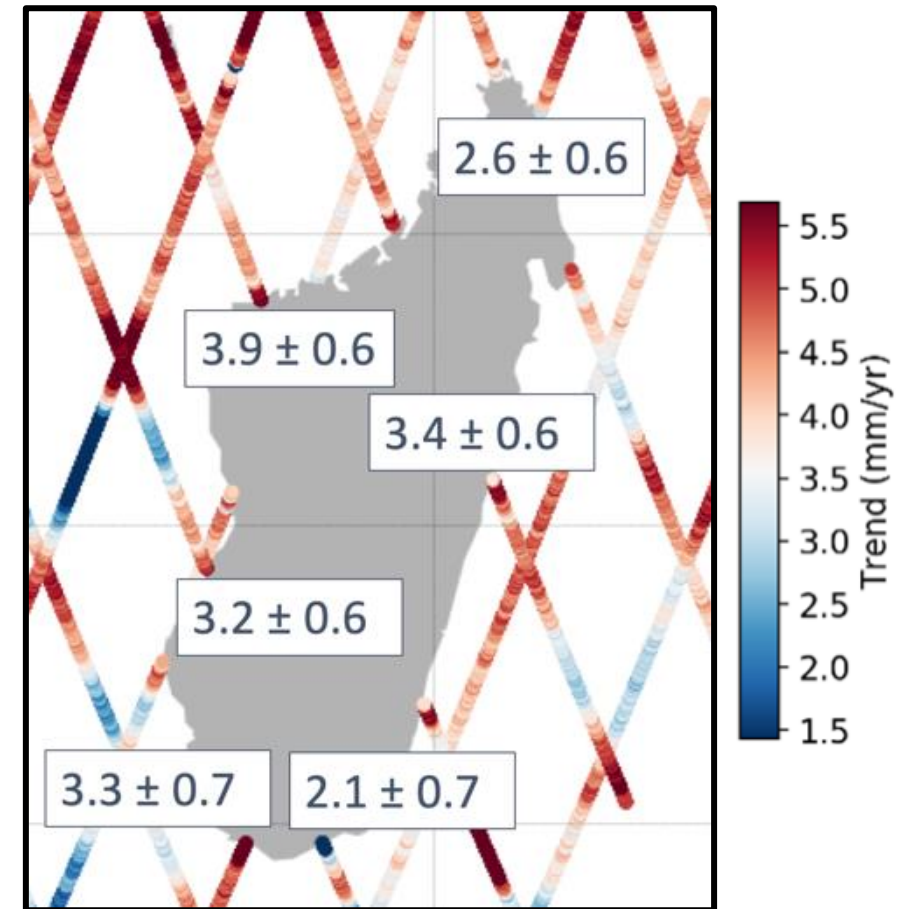


SEA LEVEL VARIABILITY

Tidal variability

Location	Mahajanga	Morondava	Toliara	Toamasina	Mananjary
Highest Astronomical Tide	2.07m	1.96m	1.49m	0.36m	0.27m
Lowest Astronomical Tide	-1.98m	-1.95m	-1.47m	-0.37m	-0.29m
Maximum Range	4.03m	3.91m	2.96m	0.72m	0.55m

Long term sea level trend

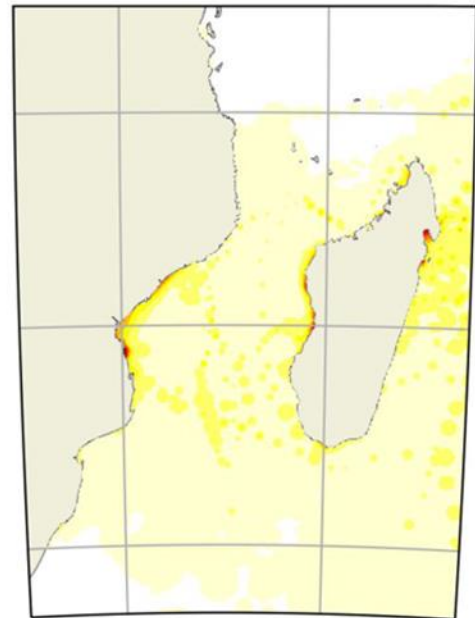


For the coast of Madagascar – trend is 2.1 to 3.9 mm/yr (2000-2020)

EXTREME EVENTS

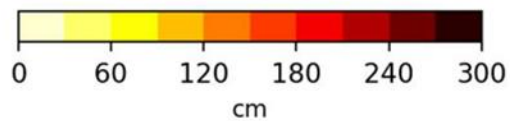
Storm surge

Combined Max SSH for 66 storms



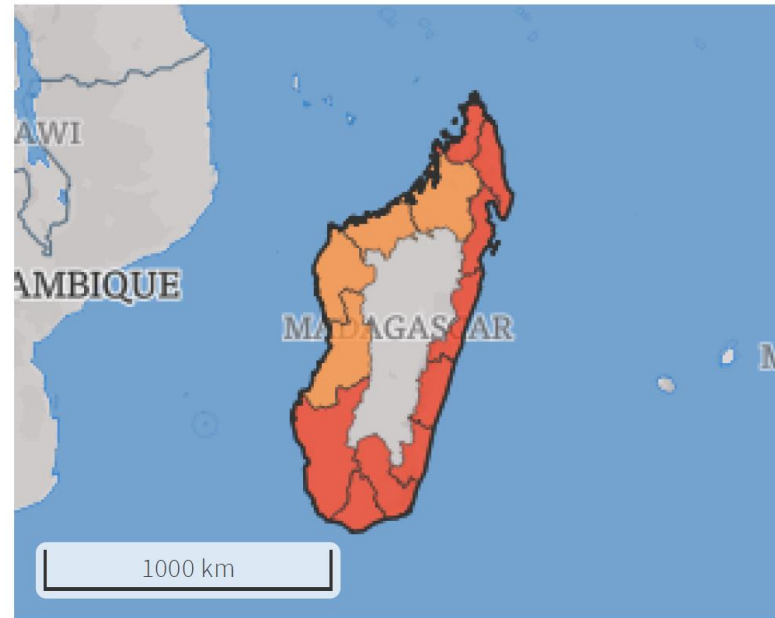
35°E

45°E



NOC C-RISC project

Tsunami



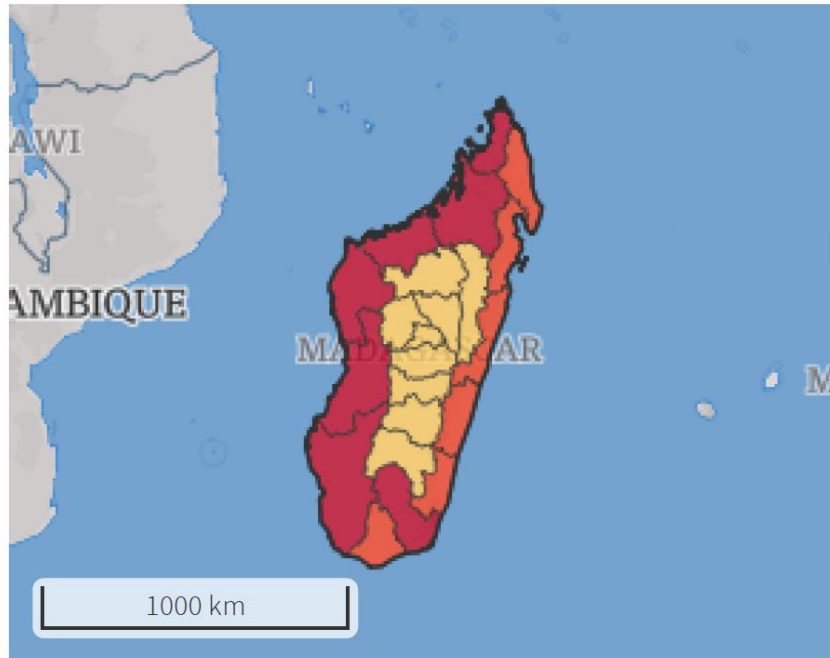
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■ High ■ Medium ■ Low ■ Very low

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FLOODING AND EROSION

Coastal flood risk



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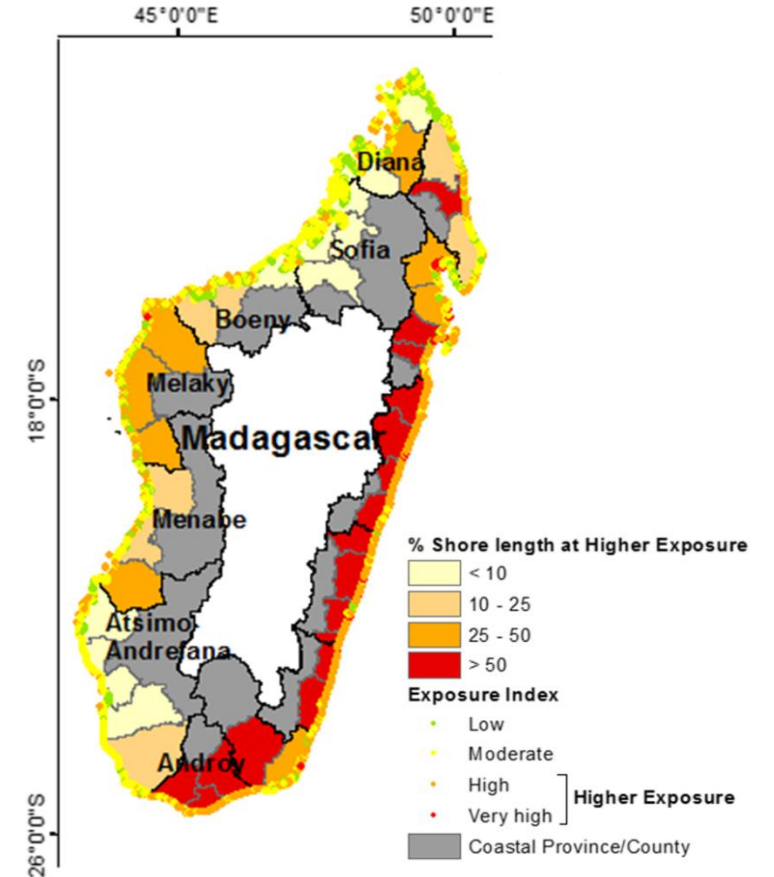
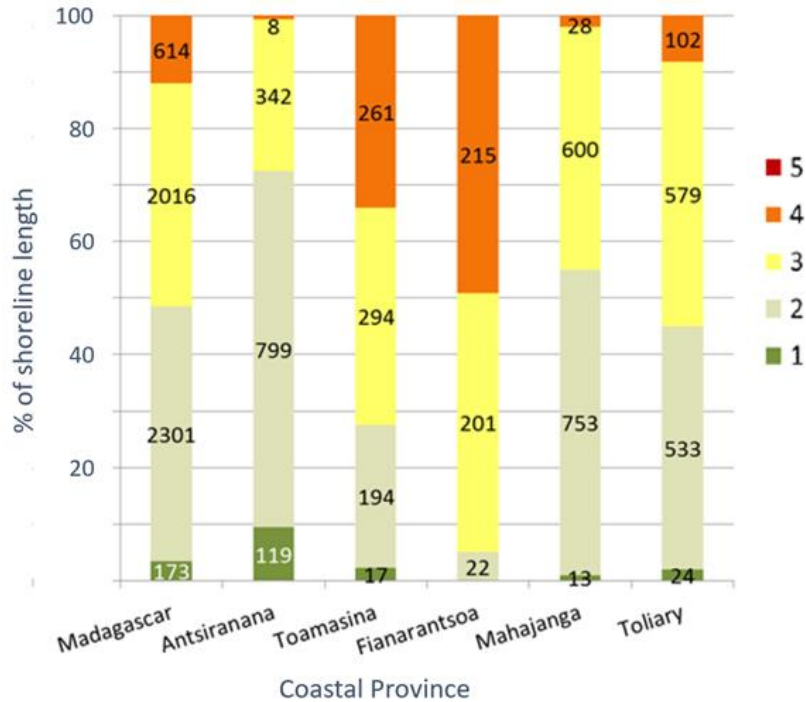
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Erosion



VULNERABILITY



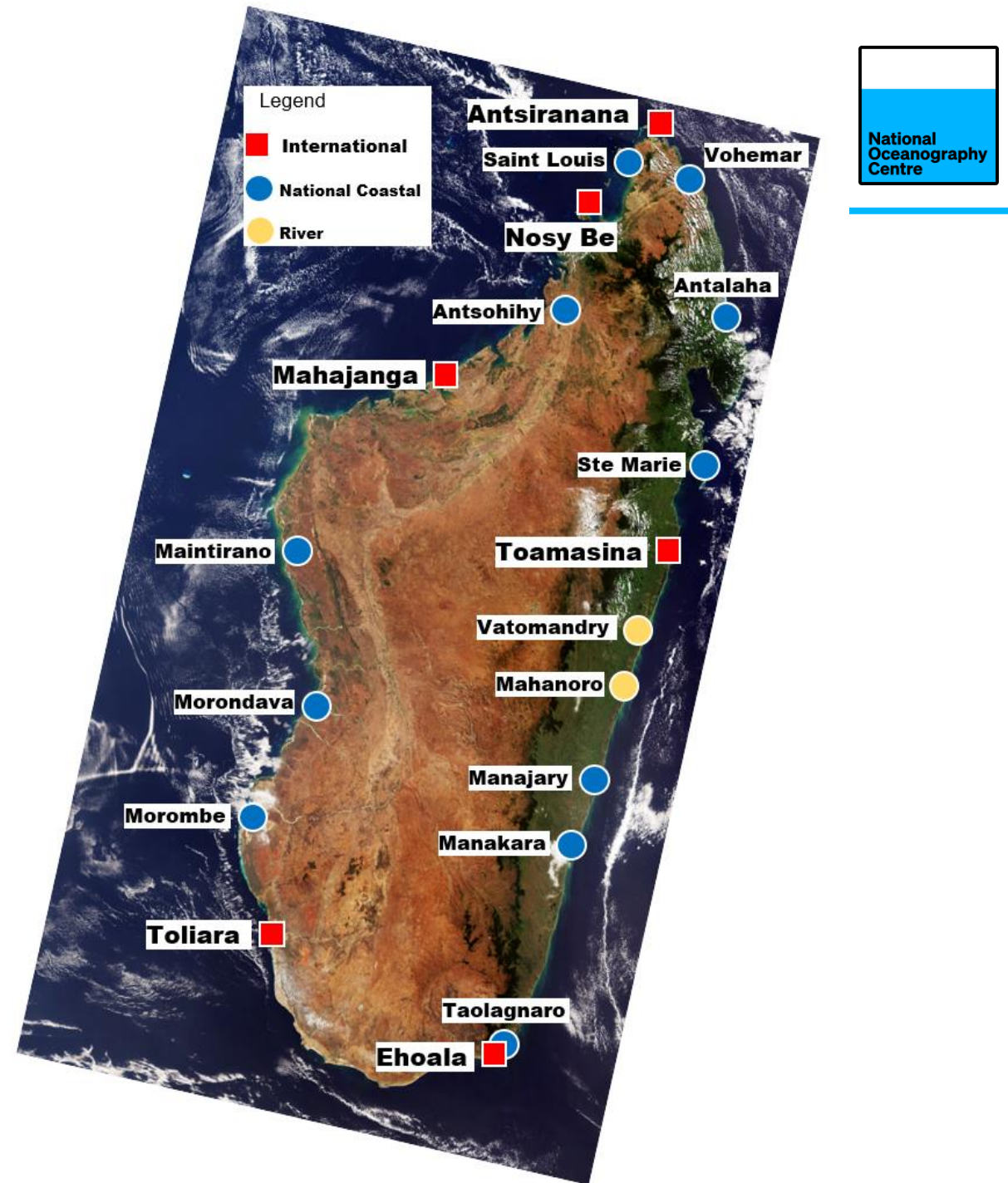
Distribution of the five classes of the index of exposure to coastal hazards (5 = very high exposure, 1 = very low exposure) in percentage of shoreline length (Esteves and Ballesteros 2019). The map shows the locations of the Provinces, these were abolished as administrative areas in 2007, with the creation of smaller regions

IoE is calculated based on 7 variables: [geomorphology](#), [relief](#), [wave exposure](#), [wind exposure](#), [surge potential](#), [presence of natural habitats with an important coastal protection role](#) and [relative sea-level change rate](#).

1,156,800 people in Madagascar are at higher exposure to coastal hazard (within 5km of coast) (Esteves and Ballesteros, 2021)

PORTS

Ports of National Interest: Toamasina, Toliara, Antsiranana (Diego Suarez), Mahajanga, Ehoala (Fort Dauphin) and Nosy Be



HUMAN RESOURCE

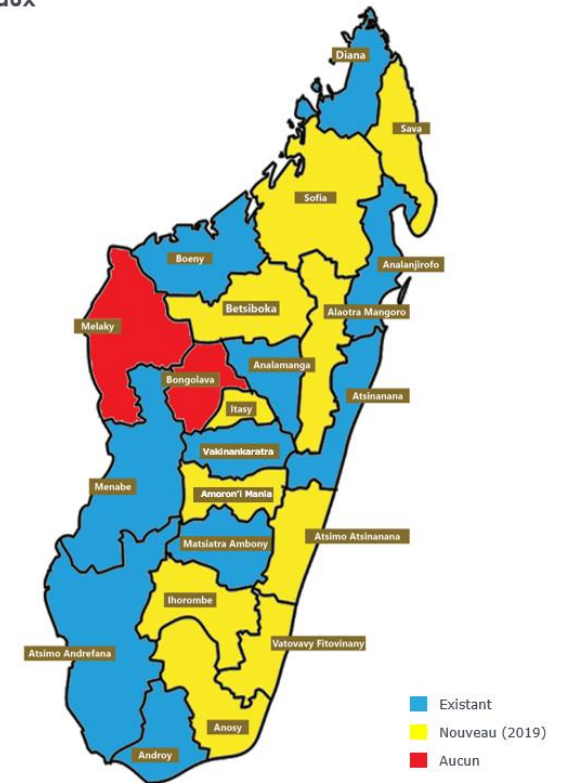
Installation

Operation – trouble shooting problems, downloading data

Data processing



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SITE ACCESS

Transporting the Portagaugue across Madagascar

Is it easier to transport by ship?

Local access



DISCUSSIONS WITH STAKEHOLDERS, FEBRUARY 2024



A wide-angle photograph of a sunset over a large body of water. The sky is filled with soft, orange and yellow clouds, transitioning to a darker blue at the top. In the distance, a range of dark mountains is silhouetted against the horizon. The water in the foreground is dark with gentle ripples.

COSTS AND FUNDING SOURCES

COSTS



Item	Details	Estimated cost (Euro)
Installation of Portagauge at new port location	Local DGM staff to liaise with port authorities to identify a suitable location for Portagauge installation Two DGM staff to install Portagauge FTM staff (with assistance from local DGM staff) to level Portagauge to local benchmark Hire of forklift and possible storage costs prior to installation	10,500 (per installation x5)
De-installation of Portagauge	Two DGM staff to de-install and pack Portagauge. Hire of forklift and cost of packing case repairs or packing materials	7,500 (per de-installation x5)
Transportation of the portagauge between locations	It is expected that this will be by ship	2,000 (per move x5)
Operational cost	Local DGM staff to check on Portagauge Cost of SIM card/data transfer Data checking and processing by DGM Project management from NOC and SatOC	57,000 (per deployment x5)
	Total repeat costs	75,000 (15,000 per deployment)
Data Management	Computer hardware Computer Software (TASK and POLTIPS licences) BODC Data Management	9,000
Survey at Toamasina	One off cost at Toamasina to carry out levelling to local benchmark. FTM staff, with assistance from local DGM staff	500 (one off cost)
Portagauge Maintenance	Visit to Portagauge for maintenance/repair by NOC staff Assistance from in-country staff Portagauge parts	30,500 (two visits)
Stakeholder engagement	Visit of NOC and SatOC staff to Madagascar for meetings with stakeholders, knowledge exchange and data sharing	25,000 (one visit)
	Full implementation plan for five further deployments	140,000
Capacity building in data management with DGM, IH.SM and FTM	Creation of training material Visit of NOC and SatOC staff to Madagascar to host capacity building workshop Hire of venue Expenses of Malagasy attendees	31,000 (one off cost)
	Total estimated cost for 4-years	171,000

POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCES



- **UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC)**

UN Ocean Decade Capacity Development Call (closes 31/8/24)

- **International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) Capacity Building Work Programme**

Capacity Building support, but not for instrumentation

- **WIOMSA**

Regional funding focussed on marine conservation, fisheries, ecosystems and climate change

- **Indian Ocean Commission**

- **UK FCDO Blue Planet Fund**

Will provide targeted technical assistance to the Government of Madagascar

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS



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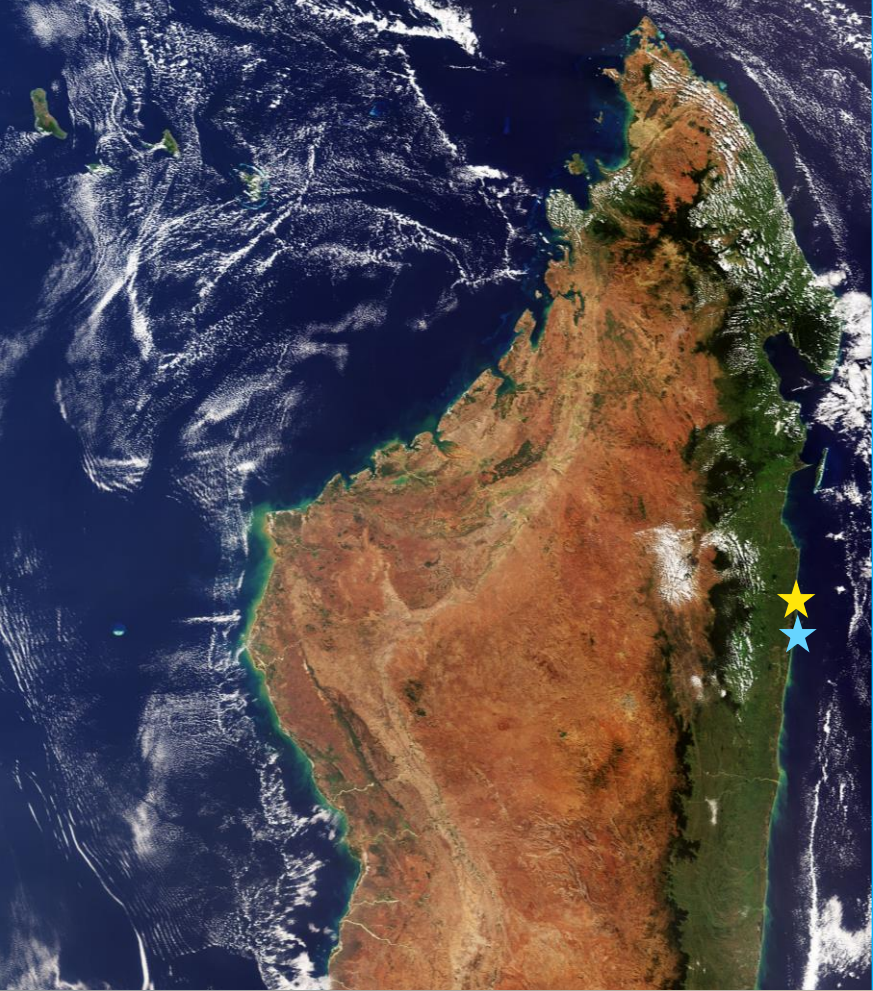
PASS-SWIO has:

- Provided of the port gauge concept
- Trained DGM staff
- Highlighted a high level of interest from Malagasy stakeholders

We recommend implementation of the system at all major ports in Madagascar over 4 years starting with either Mahajanga or Nosy Be and capacity building to address the need to co-ordinated national data management infrastructure.

Other recommendations:

- Provide Road Map to stakeholder agencies, IHO, the Indian Ocean Commission and WIOMSA
- Make GNSS data available to FTM and further discuss issue of low precision local geoid model
- NOC to discuss Tsunami warning systems with BNGRC
- Improve data on sea level change and geomorphology of Madagascar to better understand exposure to coastal change
- FFSAR processing of Sentinel 3 data along Pangalanes Canal to understand water levels



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