

THE NATIONAL SEAGRASS AND CORAL REEF ACTION PLAN

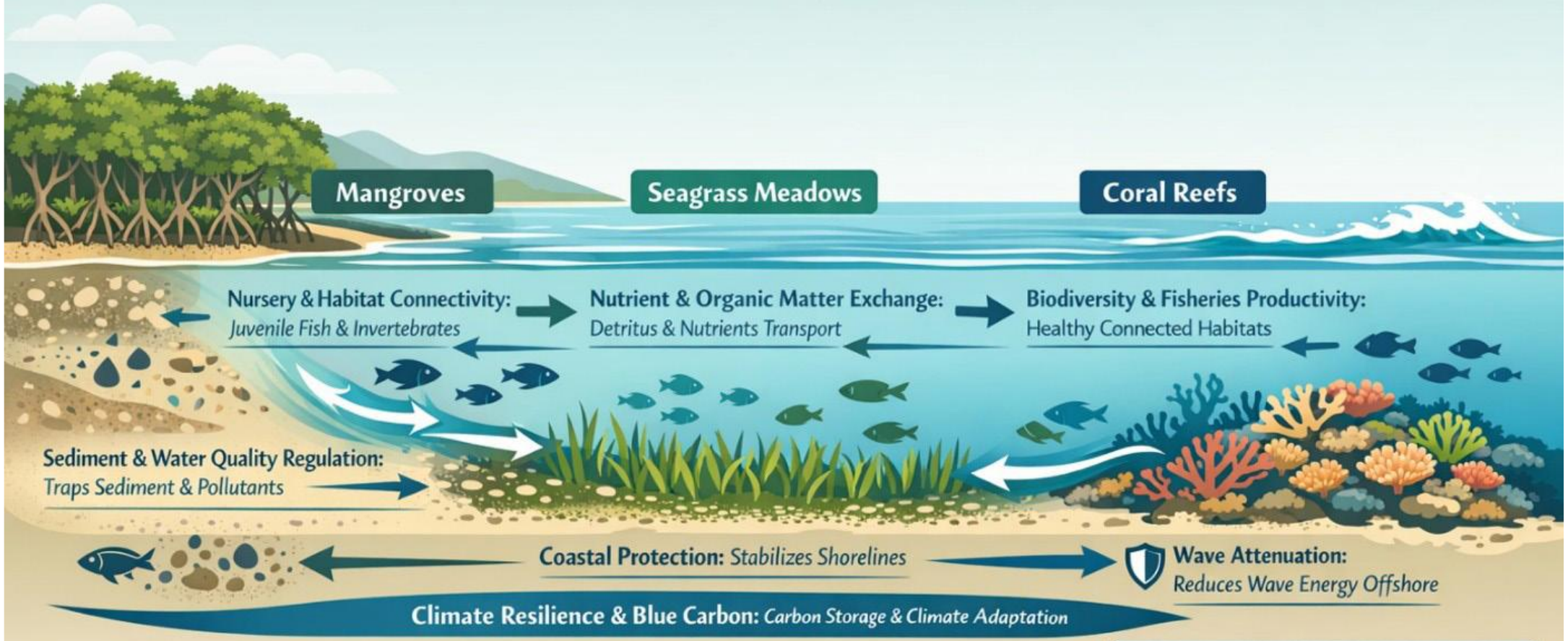
A Ten-Year Action Plan for 2026–2036



National Seagrass and Coral Reef Action Plan (2026–2036)

- It provides a **coordinated, action-oriented framework** to **halt further degradation**, **accelerate recovery**, and **strengthen the long-term resilience** of these **interconnected ecosystems.**
- It **builds on lessons** from **the 2014–2019 Coral Reef and Seagrass Conservation Strategy,**
- **Addresses persistent implementation gaps**

Connectivity Between Coral Reefs, Seagrass and Mangrove Ecosystems



These ecosystems are ecologically connected and should be managed as one coastal seascape.

Why connectivity matters for the Action Plan

- *Protect linked habitats together*
- *Reduce land-based pollution and sedimentation*
- *Maintain nursery grounds and fisheries benefits*
- *Plan restoration at seascape scale*

Vision & Goal

Vision

- **Healthy, resilient,** and **well-governed coral reef and seagrass ecosystems** that sustainably support biodiversity, climate resilience, coastal protection, and livelihoods for present and future generations.

Goal

- Enhance and maintain the ecological integrity of 100% of Kenya's coral reef and seagrass ecosystems through a combination of strengthened governance within and beyond designated protected areas, science-based management, community stewardship, and sustainable financing.



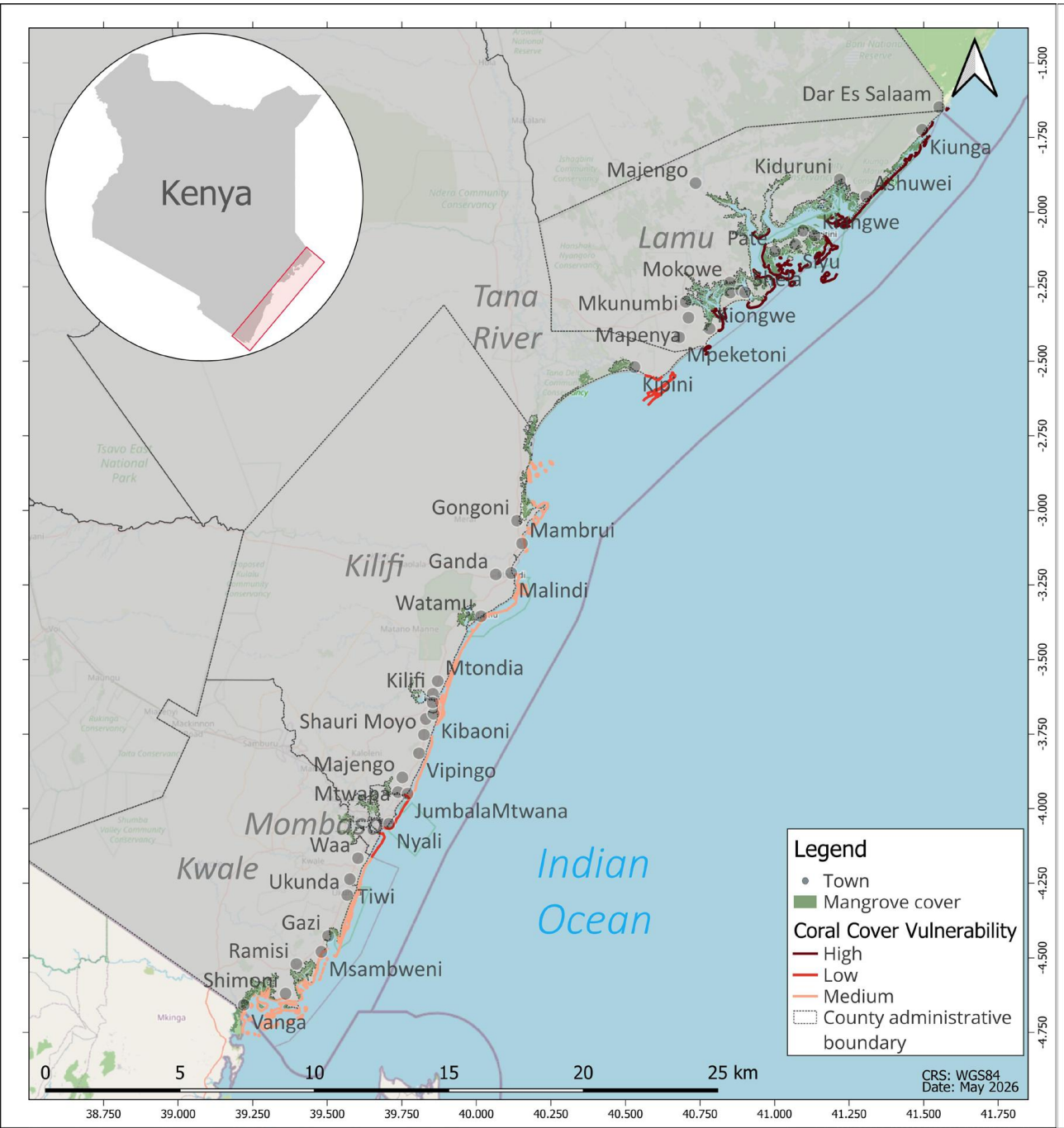
Development Process

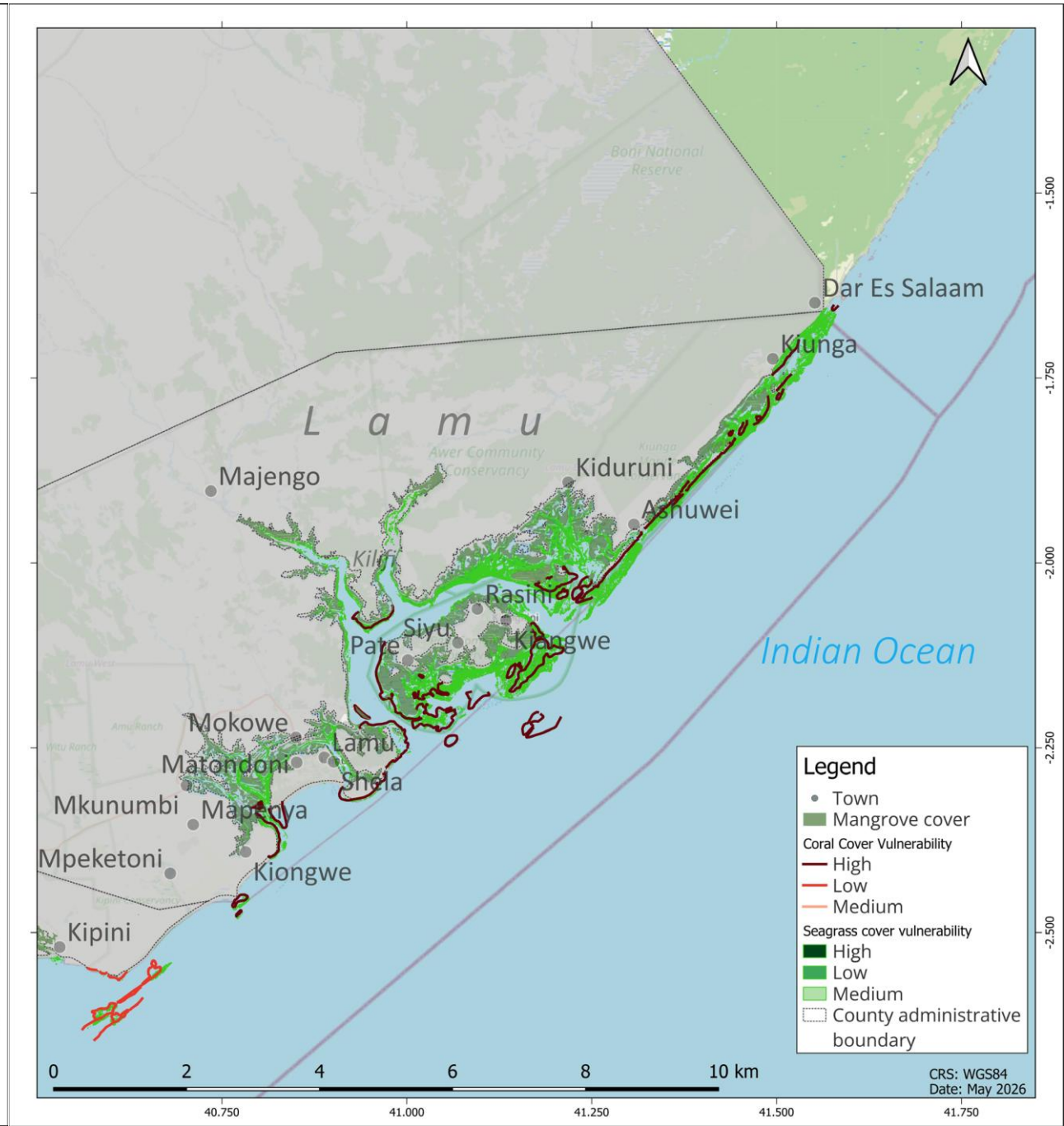
- Evidence Review
- Stakeholder Mapping
- Consultative Workshops
- Drafting Priorities & Actions
- Technical Review and refinement
- Validation & Consensus Building
- Finalization



Legal Framework

- **aligns** with Kenya's **national development priorities** and **legal frameworks**, including the **Constitution of Kenya (2010),** the **National Biodiversity Strategy** and **Action Plan (NBSAP),** the **Climate Change Act**, the **Fisheries Management** and **Development Act,** and the **Integrated Coastal Zone Management Policy**.
- **responds** to **emerging national, regional**, and **global priorities**, including the **Kunming–Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework**, the **Paris Agreement**, the **UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration**, and **Sustainable Development Goal 14 (Life Below Water).**


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Implementation & Structure

Implementation will follow a phased, adaptive approach.

- **Short-term actions (2026–2027)** will focus on strengthening governance, coordination, and monitoring systems;
- **Medium-term actions (2028–2029)** will expand protection and restoration efforts; and longer-term actions will consolidate ecosystem recovery, climate resilience, and sustainable financing mechanisms.
- **Longer-term actions** will consolidate ecosystem recovery, climate resilience, and sustainable financing mechanisms.



Indicative Budget

- The indicative total budget for the ten-year **seagrass budget** is approximately **KES 3.3 billion (approximately US$ 25.5 million)**,
- while the **coral reef budget** is **KES 4.05 billion (approximately US$ 31.3 million).**



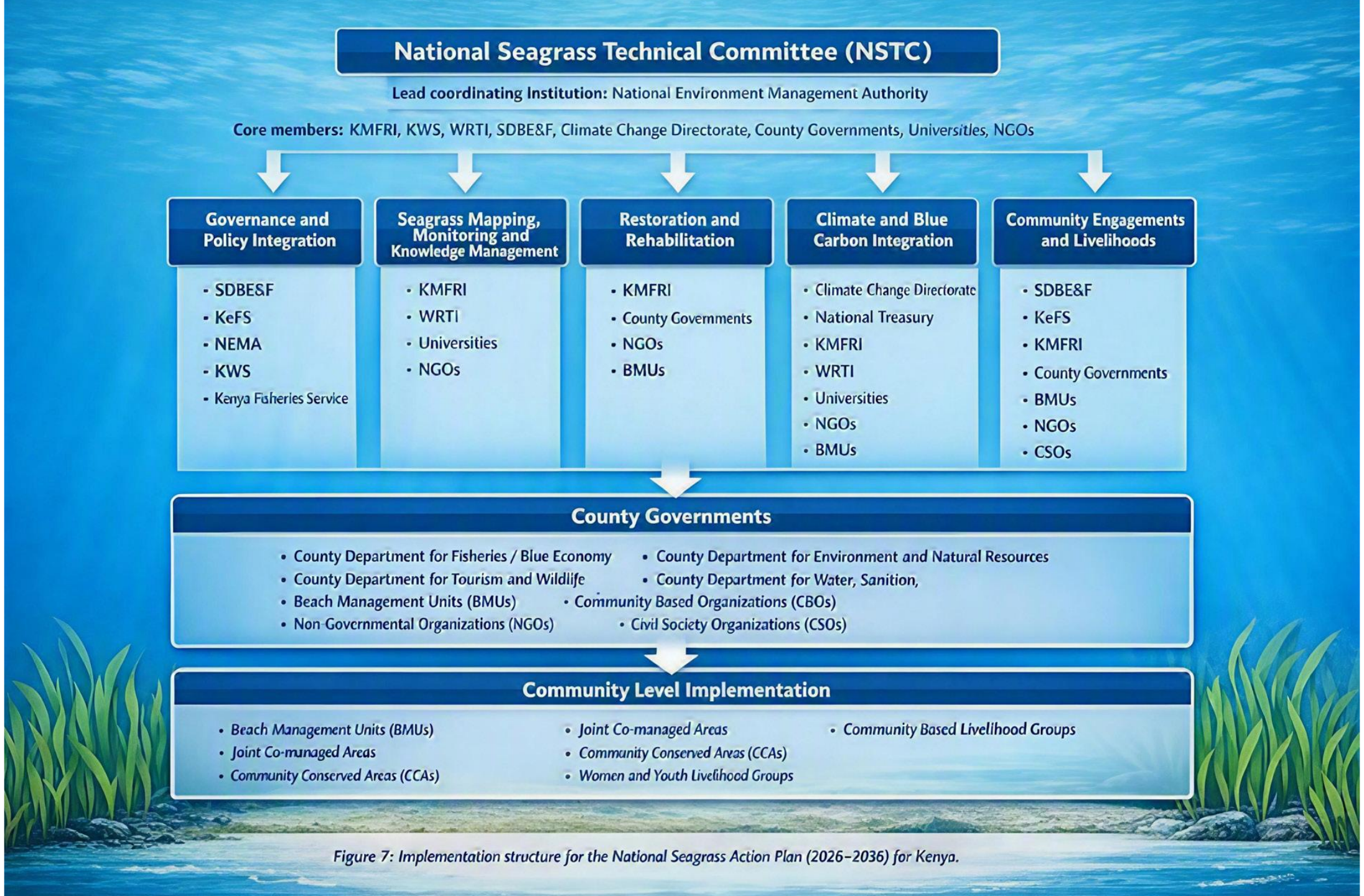


Figure 7: Implementation structure for the National Seagrass Action Plan (2026–2036) for Kenya.



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