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Jerker supports and advises IUCN country offices, thematic programmes and projects in the Indian Ocean region on marine and coastal issues.

Projects with partner institutions focus on strengthening marine research and monitoring capacity, socioeconomic assessment and livelihoods enhancement for coastal dwellers, and integrating these with management policy. Other focal areas include MPA development and the creation of representative and resilient systems of MPAs and coastal management. Following the completion of his Masters Degree in Marine Biology from the Göteborg University in Sweden, he worked for 3 years as a research associate for the Finnish Institute of Marine Research. He then spent five years in Kenya working with UENP, initially seconded to CORDIO East Africa and later at UNEP's headquarters in its Division of Environmental Conventions and the Regional Seas Branch.

From Kenya, Jerker moved to Sri Lanka for two years before returning to Africa where Tanzania is now his base.