GRANT FACT SHEET

Network of Community-Managed MPAs for Inshore Small-Scale Fisheries in Mozambique

Rare works to sustain small-scale fisheries and to conserve critical ecosystems that are crucial for coastal protection, food security and livelihoods. Despite their ecological, social and economic importance, Mozambique’s coastal ecosystems are under direct anthropogenic threat from unsustainable natural resource use and increasing fishing pressure. As a result, fish catch continues to decrease which, in combination with persistent financial exclusion, puts even more pressure on vulnerable coastal communities and the marine ecosystems on which their livelihoods and food security depend. Addressing these threats, Rare is empowering fisheries-dependent communities across six sites in Mozambique to establish and maintain locally managed access areas with reserves. In partnership with the Mozambican government, the project focuses on strengthening human, technical and institutional capacity needed to increase compliance with the new fisheries management systems. To strengthen financial resilience of these communities, the project aims to reduce post-harvest catch loss and to increase the value of the existing fisheries. In parallel, financial inclusion measures, such as saving clubs, support the communities in their ability to retain and manage income. Proven behaviour adoption measures and trainings will address the locally identified barriers to shift behaviors and values towards a community-led fisheries approach, ensuring a long-term impact of the project.

Building on experience in East Asia and Latin America, Rare introduces a behaviour-change approach to improve conservation and livelihoods in several locations on the coast of Mozambique.

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"Photo: Rare Mozambique Mefunvo Island Memba Fequete Pomene Zavora Machangulo"
KEY TARGETS

- Newly created MPAs: 304 km²
- Number of beneficiaries: 7,500

ACTIVITIES & AREAS OF WORK

MPA GOVERNANCE
- Creating protected areas and sustainable use zones
- Designing management plans
- Monitoring, control and enforcement
- Training of PA staff
- Co-management approaches
- Awareness-raising & education

SPECIES CONSERVATION/SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES
- Fisheries management
- Data collection on fisheries
- Co-management of fisheries

SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS
- Training in livelihoods
- Saving clubs
- Post-harvest loss reduction
- Economic empowerment of women
- Initiatives to increase value added in supply chains
- Post-harvest loss reduction

HABITAT CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION
- Protection of mangroves
- Protection of coral reefs
- Protection of seagrass beds

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