Safeguarding PSEPA – Precious Seas Effectively Protected and Administered

In this project, WWF will implement comprehensive measures to allow effective management of one of Africa’s largest Marine Protected Areas (MPAs). The Primeiras and Segundas Environmental Protected Area (PSEPA) in Mozambique stretches along 200 km of coastline and was identified as one of Mozambique’s most biodiverse coastal and marine areas. It is host to several coralline islands with a rich marine fauna, widespread seagrass beds and extensive mangrove areas, which form important nursery grounds. The main challenges in PSEPA are human activities, such as illegal fishing, poaching and mangrove cutting, which put immense pressure on marine resources and the environment. This is aggravated by the lack of an established MPA administration. The project therefore aims to set up a functioning management structure. This includes a coordinated enforcement system led by community rangers, to ensure strict protection of no-take zones, such as the coralline islands areas, and improved compliance with fisheries regulations. Livelihoods in PSEPA will be improved through diversifying livelihood activities and increasing food security in coastal fishing communities by promoting conservation agriculture, facilitating the set-up of village saving groups and alternative livelihood activities, as well as training in post-harvest loss reduction techniques.

Primeiras and Segundas is one the largest marine protected areas in Africa. Together with local organisations, WWF will turn this area from ‘paper park’ into a well-managed MPA.

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Primeiras and Segundas Environmental Protected Area
**KEY TARGETS**

- Newly created MPAs: 4 km²
- Effectively managed MPAs: 10,500 km²
- Number of beneficiaries: 9,455

**ACTIVITIES & AREAS OF WORK**

**MPA GOVERNANCE**
- Creating protected areas and sustainable use zones
- Designing MPA management plans
- Monitoring, control and enforcement
- Data collection & mapping
- Training and financial support of PA staff
- Long-term funding for MPA

**SPECIES CONSERVATION/SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES**
- Fisheries control and enforcement
- Traceability
- Data collection on fisheries
- Co-management of fisheries
- Conservation measures for turtles

**HABITAT CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION**
- Protection of mangroves
- Protection of coral reefs

**SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS**
- Alternative livelihoods
- Saving clubs
- Community enterprises

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