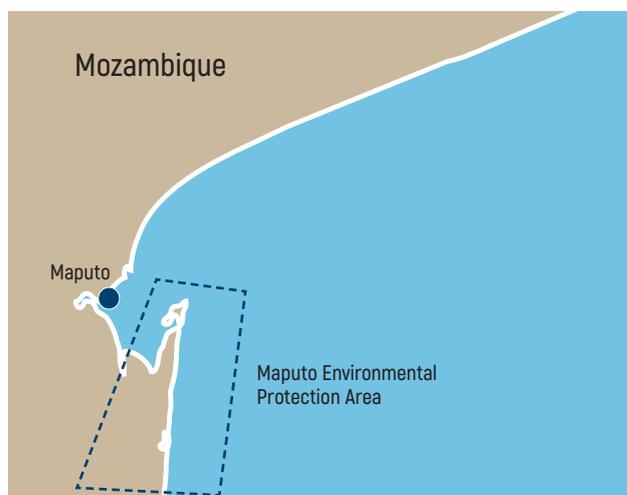


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## Ecosystem-based Adaptation to climate change in the Maputo Environmental Protection Area: Conserving and building resilience



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| Project duration       | June 2022 – May 2027  |
| Country/ies            | Mozambique  |
| Lead organisation      | Peace Parks Foundation  |
| Partners               | ADRA Germany, ADRA Mozambique, Livangingo, Centro Terra Viva (CTV), Associação do Meio Ambiente (AMA) |
| Total project costs    | € 7,854,031   |
| Blue Action Fund grant | € 5,914,768 (75%)   |
| Match funding          | € 1,939,263 (25%)   |



In 2019, the Government of Mozambique proclaimed the establishment of the Maputo Environmental Protection Area (MEPA), located in southern Mozambique, bringing various land-use areas under one umbrella and substantially increasing the ocean protection zone. In 2021, the Maputo National Park was established within MEPA, affording an even higher level of protection. The National Park links to the iSimangaliso Wetland Park in South Africa, which is a designated World Heritage Site (WHS). A joint application for recognition as a transboundary WHS is being submitted to UNESCO. This region is considered one of the most biologically diverse and endangered ecoregions on Earth. It is one of the most important turtle nesting sites in Mozambique and home to many rare and endangered species such as migratory whales, dugongs, and loggerhead and leatherback turtles. Dominant habitats include extensive mangrove forests, seagrass meadows and coral reefs, which shape biodiversity and the socio-economics of local communities.

Climate-risk assessments show that climate hazards pose high risks to the region's ecosystems, particularly from extreme weather events that are likely to physically damage ecosystems and negatively impact vulnerable communities

who are heavily reliant on natural resources. Compounded by unsustainable human pressures, the effects of climate change are already being felt by these vital ecosystems and small-scale fisheries, as are knock-on effects on tourism revenue.

The recent declaration of the Environmental Protection Area and resulting management responsibilities present a unique opportunity to set this landscape on a path to long-term sustainable development. This project will help provide the financial and technical capacities needed to formally adopt climate adaptation strategies as a priority in this development process. Through this project, a human-centered and evidence-based ecosystem approach to adaptation and disaster risk reduction will be implemented, focusing on awareness and preventative and restorative measures. The project will bring together local authorities and civil society structures to help engage, enable and empower vulnerable coastal communities to take control of their own future. Through the lessons learned in this context, the region has the potential to become a lighthouse project for how to effectively implement Ecosystem-based Adaptation throughout marine protected areas in Mozambique.

## KEY TARGETS

Newly created MPAs:  
N/A

Effectively managed MPAs:  
4,200 km<sup>2</sup>

Number of beneficiaries:  
18,620

## KEY ACTIVITIES AND AREAS OF WORK



### MPA GOVERNANCE

- ▶ Update of MPA management plans to include climate change mitigation and adaptation
- ▶ Training and technical assistance to support the implementation of operational plans
- ▶ Infrastructure improvements to increase resilience against the impacts of climate change
- ▶ Business plans and sustainable financing strategies
- ▶ Capacity building of government agencies and contributions to policy and regulatory frameworks



### SPECIES CONSERVATION/SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES

- ▶ Support for monitoring, control and enforcement to prevent illegal and unsustainable fishing
- ▶ Capacity building of Community Fishing Councils and Community Natural Resource Management Committees
- ▶ Awareness campaigns on the protection of natural resources



### SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS

- ▶ Climate vulnerability assessments, disaster risk reduction and response plans, early warning systems
- ▶ Creation of sustainable employment and initiatives to increase value added in supply chains
- ▶ Vocational, skills and financial literacy training and promotion of female leadership
- ▶ Public and reproductive health programmes
- ▶ Manufacturing and promotion of sustainable cooking stoves



### HABITAT CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION

- ▶ Mangrove forest, seagrass bed and coastal dune rehabilitation
- ▶ Capacity building of communities to help them undertake restoration activities
- ▶ Monitoring of ecosystem health and management recommendations



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