



REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE

Status of Marine Spatial Planning  
in  
*Mozambique*

# Current Status

- The Government, through the Ministry of The Sea, Inland Waters and Fisheries (MIMAIP) and in coordination with other related sectors, developed the Maritime Spatial Planning – POEM, which has been formally adopted and launched in August 2021, during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Growing Blue Conference held in Vilankulos – Inhambane Province.

**NAME OF THE PLAN (YEAR)**

**MARITIME SPATIAL PLAN (POEM)**

<b>Scale of the plan</b>	National
<b>Pre-planning</b>	Status: Complete
<b>Assessments for planning</b>	Status: Complete
<b>Plan development</b>	Status: Complete
<b>Plan completion</b>	Status: Complete
<b>Plan approval</b>	Status: Complete
<b>Plan implementation</b>	Status: Underway
<b>Plan review</b>	Status: N/A

# Key Authorities/ Institutional Framework

- The preparation of POEM was the responsibility of the Ministry of the Sea, Inland Waters and Fisheries (MIMAIP);
- Is the central state body that directs, coordinates, plans and ensures the implementation of policies, strategies and action plans in the areas of the sea, inland waters and fisheries;
- National Institute of the Sea (INAMAR), recently created, has the mandate to coordinate the implementation of MSP related activities;
- The Ministry of Land and Environment –DNDT-PNDT complimentary document for POEM;
- Others.

# stakeholders involved

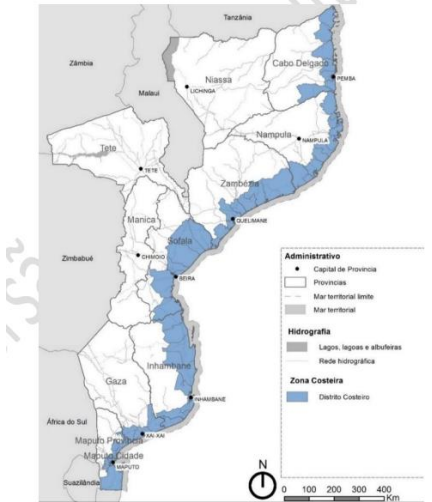
- POEM Advisory Committee;
- Ministries with MSP related issues (e.g. Mineral Resources and Energy, Transports and Communications, Culture and Tourism; Economy and Finance and others;
- Civil Society organizations that act at sea (GOSCMAR) and NGOs (FOSCAMC);
- Private sector;
- Small-scale fishers associations / Community Fisheries Councils – CCP);
- National Council of the Sea;
- Relevant academics scientific research and other entities;
- Local leaders where the community has fishing centre.

# Supporting Legal and Policy Framework

- Sea Policy and strategy;
- National Territorial Development Plan;
- Integrated Coastal Zone Management Strategy.
- Law of the Sea
- Regulation establishing the Legal Regime for the Use of the National Maritime Area (RJUEM);
- Regulation on the management and planning of for beaches and coastal areas;
- Sectoral legislations – Environment, Fisheries, Oil & Gas, Tourism, etc
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# Practical Application in the countries

- The National Maritime Spatial Planning Plan (POEM) covers the entire Maritime Area of Mozambique being complemented by PNDT covering 40 coastal districts;
- At local level it will be implemented from a small-scale marine spatial planning: MSP for Maputo bay – specific allocation Plan as implementing action plan of POEM.



It has about 2,700 km of coastline, and a continental shelf of about 104,300 km<sup>2</sup> (POEM)

# MSP benefits

- Ensure the integration of the Green-Blue Economy and the green growth agenda into national development priorities,
- Ensuring ecosystem conservation, biodiversity and sustainable use of natural resources;
- Improve the business environment for national and international private investment attraction



# Approach and principles used for MSP development

- Conservation and sustainable use of marine resources for the development of the Blue Economy, adaptation and resilience to Climate Changes

# MSP guidelines used

- National Legislation covering water and land (law and regulations)
- Objectives of sustainable development by the United Nations especially related to the need to protect and develop the maritime spaces;
- Sea Convention and Protocol;
- Agreement signed (for example the one on Conservation and Management of Crossfish Populations and Fish Stocks Highly Migratory);
- And others.

# Linkages between National MSP, Region, and Strategy

- Areas for links and synergies are mainly those who are transboundary in nature (environmental: MPAs and Climate Changes Adaptation, management of migratory species), generation and sharing of knowledge (research and Human Capacity development)
- Remain gaps
  - National Blue Economy Strategy to guide and specify what linkages and synergies should be build from the regional / continental Ocean Governance Framework and those from the neighbouring countries.

# Next Steps

- Dissemination and socialization of POEM in the different sectors;
- Build capacity to INAMAR and other related government agencies to implement POEM (operationalize the POEM database);
- Piloting the development of the MSP for Maputo Bay – with support of the SWIOFC-NC Partnership Project.

**Muito Obrigada**