

# AFD and biodiversity in Mozambique

For nearly 20 years, Agence Française de Développement, (AFD), together with the French Facility for Global Environment (FFEM), has been supporting the biodiversity sector, in partnership with the Mozambican authorities.

Interventions include strengthening conservation areas, protecting species and combating poaching, developing sustainable industries and supporting communities, and implementing sustainable and innovative financing solutions.

## Key results of AFD projects



### **No elephants poached**

in conservation  
areas supported by  
AFD since 2019



### **340ha of mangroves**

were replanted and  
15 000ha of mangroves  
were placed under  
sustainable management



### **32 tonnes of honey**

produced by communities  
in Chimanimani area were  
marketed in 2022  
(50% more than in 2019)



# AFD's three main areas of intervention

## 1 Supporting the sustainable management of natural resources in Mozambique's emblematic landscapes

AFD supports the management of Mozambique's emblematic conservation areas to promote sustainable ecosystem management and develop communities' livelihoods. These include the anti-poaching efforts in Limpopo National Park and Niassa Special Reserve (APPEM project), enhancement of natural and cultural heritage and support to grazing management in Chimanimani National Park (BIOPAISAGEM project), support to cashew, honey and mushroom value chains in Gilé National Park (ACAMOZ project and Gilé project).

## 2 Promoting innovative financial tools for sustainable financing of the sector, in partnership with the private sector

While the issue of identifying sustainable sources of financing for the sector remains a major challenge, AFD is supporting Mozambican stakeholders for the sustainable financing of conservation areas, from operational costs to infrastructure deployment.

AFD works with public and private partners to set up innovative and sustainable financing methods: compensation mechanisms for biodiversity loss (COMBO+ project), payments for ecosystem services (BIOPAISAGEM project), carbon credits (GILE project) and support for an endowment fund (BIOFUND).

## 3 Promoting an integrated approach to biodiversity issues at the heart of the country's development

AFD promotes an integrated reading of conservation issues, combining environmental protection, economic development and cross-cutting approaches such as the One Health approach (OLOH project). AFD supports Mozambique in integrating biodiversity issues into key sectoral policies by defining ambitious voluntary commitments (BIODEV 2030 project). Monitoring tools and the use of data are essential to support accurate planning and monitoring of biodiversity issues (SBAPP project).

Finally, AFD's interventions are illustrated by the interweaving of biodiversity issues with those of climate change, for example by promoting solutions to combat natural disasters (ECO-DRR project).

In Mozambique, AFD works with its partners in the biodiversity conservation sector:



# Mozambique

With a surface area of 800 000 km<sup>2</sup> and over 2700 km of coastline, Mozambique is home to a wide variety of habitats and ecosystems and extremely rich wildlife both on land and at sea. 26% of the national territory is protected by law, including 17 reserves and national parks, as well as forests, community and hunting reserves.

This biodiversity is central to the country's economic, social and environmental development. It is therefore essential to integrate the protection of biodiversity into all the country's development sectors to support the creation of economic opportunities for the population and sustainable development.

## Projects

Since 2016, AFD has committed more than 30M€ to biodiversity and rural development. Today, AFD is active in this sector through ten projects in five protected areas and at national level.

### APPEM (6M€)

Protected area management and anti-poaching in **Limpopo National Park** and **Niassa Special Reserve**

### BIOPAISAGEM (4,2M€)

Promoting sustainable management of **Chimanimani National Park**

### ECO-DRR (6M€)

Nature-based solutions for disaster risk reduction and mangrove conservation/restoration in the **Zambezi Delta** and **Marromeu Reserve**

### One Limpopo One Health (5M€)

Sustainable socio-economic development of **Limpopo National Park**

### ACAMOZ II (4M€)

Support to the cashew and macadamia nut sector in the provinces of **Zambezia** and **Niassa**

### Community-based Non-Timber Forest Product Chains (575 000€)

Structuring community-based chains for the sustainable use of non-timber forest products in **Gilé National Park**

### BIODEV 2030 (360 000€)

Biodiversity conservation commitments in key economic sectors in **Mozambique**

### COMBO+ (290 000€)

Strengthening the biodiversity offset system in **Mozambique**

### SBAPP (1 220 000€)

Supporting national biodiversity strategies by strengthening institutional biodiversity knowledge in **Mozambique**

### FARSYMABI (230 000€)

Integrating biodiversity into the agriculture and forestry sectors in **Mozambique**






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