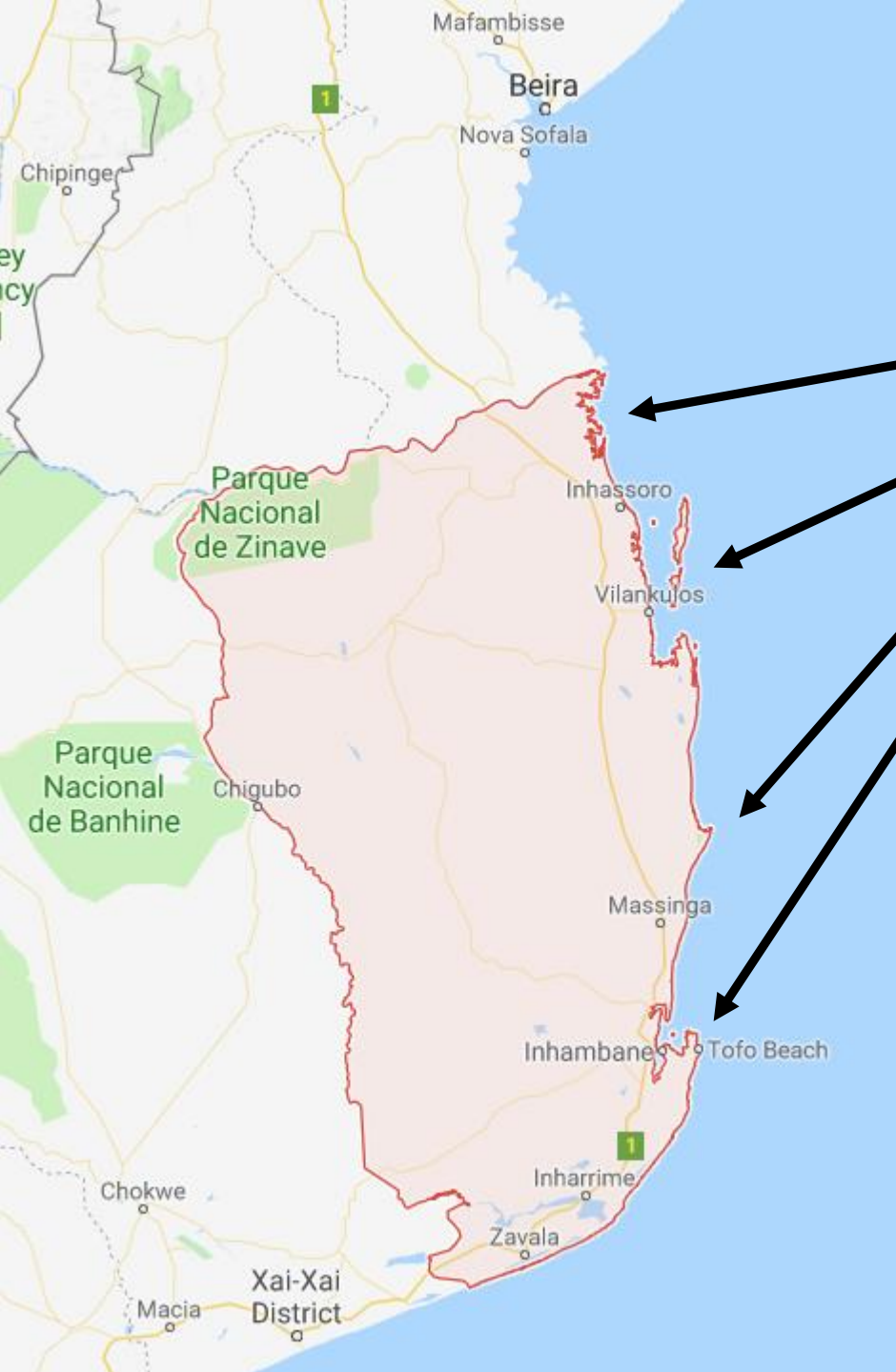


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- Save River delta
 - Bazaruto Archipelago & San Sebastian
 - Pomene Reserve and estuary
 - Inhambane Bay
- Four coastal wetlands of importance for birds
 - Reasonable quality of information for Bazaruto and Pomene, not so good for Inhambane and almost none for the delta
 - Main sources *The Atlas of the Birds of Southern Mozambique (1999)* and a small number of studies

Common name	Family	Number of species
Ducks and geese	Anatidae	15
Grebes	Podicipedidae	2
Flamingos	Phoenicopteridae	2
Storks	Ciconiidae	8
Ibises and spoonbills	Threskiornithidae	4
Herons and egrets	Ardeidae	19
Hamerkop	Scopidae	1
Pelicans	Pelecanidae	2
Gannets and boobies	Sulidae	1
Cormorants	Phalacrocoracidae	3
Darters	Anhingidae	1
Rails, crakes and allies	Rallidae	16
Finfoots	Heliornithidae	1
Cranes	Gruidae	2
Thick-knees	Burhinidae	1
Crab plover	Dromadidae	1
Stilts and avocets	Recurvirostridae	2
Plovers	Charadriidae	15
Painted-snipes	Rostratulidae	1
Jacanas	Jacanidae	2
Sandpipers and allies	Scolopacidae	22
Coursers and pratincoles	Glareolidae	3
Gulls and terns	Laridae	20
Total		144

Mozambican wetlands are very rich in bird species – 144 in total



The wetlands of Inhambane Province are not very well known but contain most of these species

Resident

Borrelho-de-fronte-branca
Charadrius marginatus

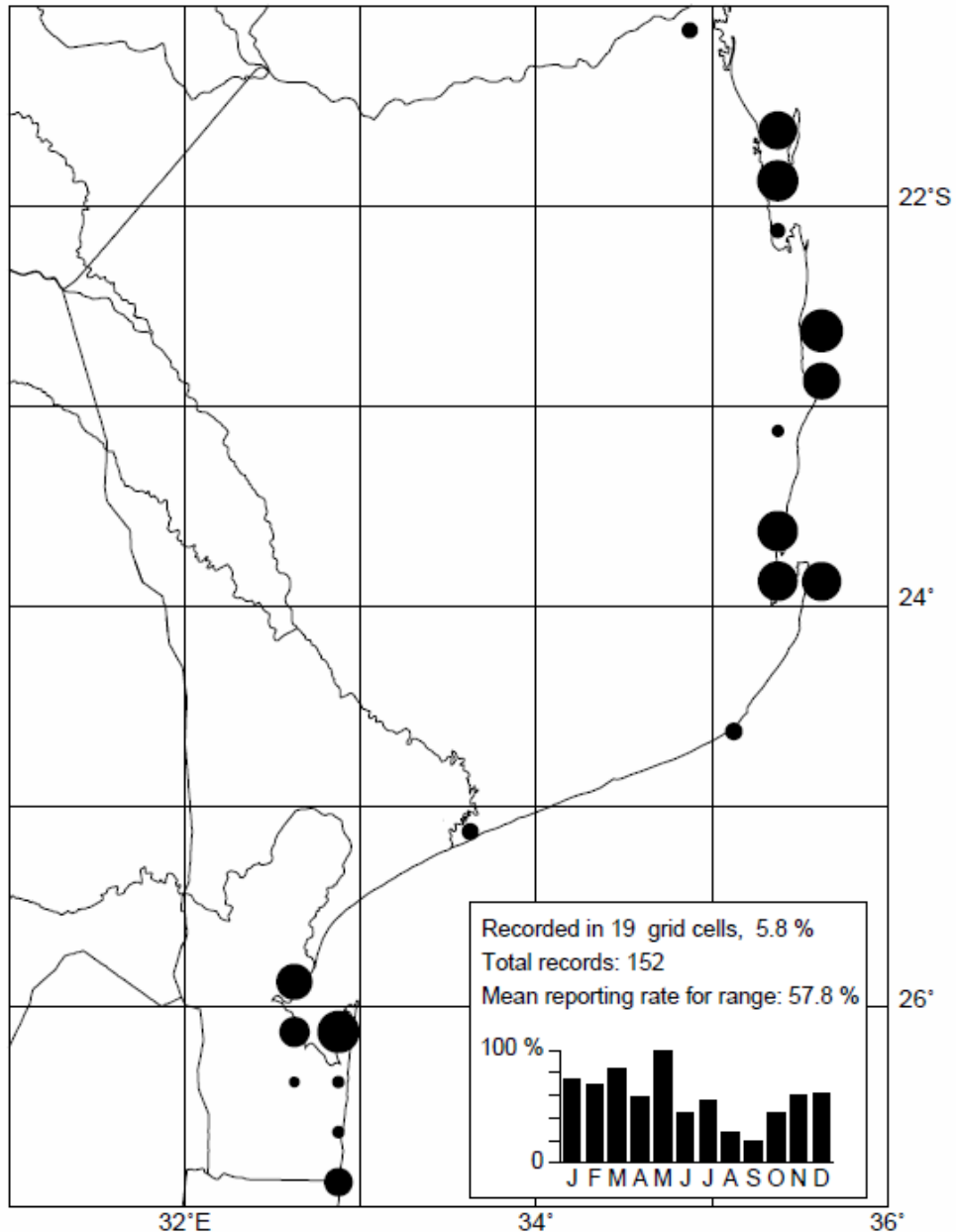


Recorded in 34 grid cells, 10.3 %
Total records: 145
Mean reporting rate for range: 39.8 %



Breeding on the beaches and
wetlands of Inhambane

WHIMBREL



Migrant



Maçarico-Galego
Numenius phaeopus

One of 32 long distance migratory wetland birds which arrive in Inhambane Province in August and spend the northern winter here

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Ruler

Line Path Polygon Circle 3D path 3D polygon

Measure the distance between two points on the ground

Map Length: 10,014.28 Kilometers

Ground Length: 10,009.01

Heading: 207.91 degrees


☒ Mouse Navigation

Save Clear

- 3 flights of 4 days
- Each of 3,000km
- 10,000km in total



A new discovery....



Steppe Whimbrel
Numenius phaeopus alboaxillaris

Maputo Bay, Feb 2016

A subspecies of Whimbrel only known from eight records in Africa and thought to breed in Kazakhstan

And an old record...





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To remind birders in the Middle East to be on the look out for Steppe Whimbrel in the next few weeks. [osme.org/content/finding ...](https://osme.org/content/finding-steppe-whimbrel)
[#alboaxillaris](#) @_OSME



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- Save River delta
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- Four coastal wetlands of importance for birds
 - Rich in species of wetland birds
 - Important for both resident wetland birds and long-distance migrants
 - A Province with an extremely high density of coastal wetland sites of global importance for birds and other biodiversity
 - and great rarities