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# PROTECTING BIODIVERSIT



A DESCRIPTION OF THE MAIN HIGHLIGHTS BY THE FOUNDATION'S STRATEGIC PILLARS



In 2011 BIOFUND undertook the mission of mobilizing sustainable financing for the conservation of biodiversity in Mozambique, as a contribution for a balanced development of the country. In ten years of our existence we channeled over USD 12 million for management operation activities (mostly control) in 31 Conservation Areas under public, private and community management in Mozambigue. We have developed various projects for biodiversity conservation and community development, and training Mozambican young people, and we reached more than 32,000 people with different environmental awareness actions with emphasis to the Annual Exhibition of Biodiversity. However, we acknowledge the need to do more for biodiversity. Therefore, as we celebrate the tenth anniversary of BIOFUND we adopted the theme "let us do more" for biodiversity.

Biodiversity and its services are the basis for life on the earth. Mozambique has a huge biological wealth from mountains and forests in the most remote areas to global value endemism centers, rivers and oceans. Although the value of this biodiversity is recognized at the national and worldwide level, Mozambique faces various challenges for its conservation caused by the growing economic development and the vulnerability to extreme climate events with severe impacts on people and nature.

It is urgent to reach balance between economic development and biodiversity conservation, and governments, civil society, young people, the private sector and the world in general are called to act rapidly with awareness to change the current scenario of degradation and loss of biodiversity, in order to ensure a future for humankind.

Biodiversity conservation should go hand-in-hand with the country development and growth in its widest variety of areas. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am sure that we can still do more, more for us and for new generations, because we only have one planet; and the success of our development is subject to a creation of a smooth environment with our biodiversity.

In this context, I would like to quote the wordings of His Excellency Mr. President of the Republic of Mozambique, Filipe Nyusi: "We must resist to the speech that considers that nature should be blindly subdued to the needs of economic progress. Mozambique will no longer be Mozambique if it loses its natural heritage."

For all those who everyday work for the preservation of our biodiversity and of its vital services, I wish you success and hereby invite you to join all BIOFUND employees, members and partners for this special celebration. Let us do more for biodiversity.

#### Narciso Matos Chairman of Board of Directors of BIOFUND



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### **CREATION OF A** FINANCING **MECHANISM FOR** BIODIVERSITY

The creation of the Foundation in the late 2011, the first private environmental fund in the country, provided a new approach and new financing and functioning perspectives for the conservation sector in the country, bringing innovative financial mechanisms, a relevant reinforcement in human resources and technical capacity devoted to the Conservation sector. This added value is also translated into the strengthening of the Conservation Areas (CAs) technical capacity and some partner organizations in close collaboration with governmental institutions and key partners such as the National Administration of Conservation Areas (ANAC), Mozambican Association of Safari Operators (AMOS), academia, the private sector and civil society.



#### Our donors



REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE

#### DIVERSIFICATION OF FINANCING SOURCES

We developed transparent, effective and efficient procedures, approved by the majority of donors to ensure disbursement and reporting processes. This also led to the development and strengthening of the administrative and financial capacity of the beneficiaries, in addition to the rapid diversification of financing sources



#### ENDOWMENT

We value long term Invested Capital. The Endowment, created in 2014 with the first donation of USD 10 million made by Germany Cooperation via KfW, followed by donations from Conservation International (USD 1 million) and GEF (USD 3.2 million through the World Bank).

In 2021 the endowment reached a market value of about USD 58 million, as a result of additional contributions from Germany Cooperation and GEF (through the World Bank), as well as from investment incomes We are currently among the African environmental funds with the highest endowment volume.







#### Projects funded by Endowment Funds

	Duration	Conservation Areas	Costs
<b>Abelha</b> (20% of the project)	2016 - 2021	8	Support to operational costs
BIO-Fundo de Emergência	2020 - 2021	26	Support to salaries, operational costs and investment
Pós Abelha	2021 - permanent	7	Support to operational costs
ASA	2019 - permanent	3	Support to operational costs

Cumulative disbursements from Endowment Funds since 2016 (in USD millions)



# MOBILIZATION OF FUNDS

In 2016 we started the disbursement program with a beneficiary Conservation Area, Limpopo National Park, and in the following years we rapidly scaled up the number of beneficiaries, and by 2021 we had channeled over USD 12 million, covering 1/3 of the beneficiary conservation areas global current costs, which supported management operational activities (mostly control) in 31 Conservation Areas under public, private and community management distributed across the whole national territory, occupying an area of over 60% of the total protected area in the country.





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We also had a substantial growth regarding our capacity to pass through funds for conservation from different donors and at the moment we have **over USD 60 million of projects under execution** and another equivalent (or higher) amount already under negotiation for new big projects for the coming years.

#### **BIO CARD**







#### 2019-2020 | MOZPARKS

Supporting Mozparks on setting satellite monitored tags in rhinos

#### 2020-2023 | BOBOLE BOTANIC RESERVE

Ecologic Restoration Project of Raphia australis (an endangered species) in Bobole Botanic Reserve, and improvement of life quality for the local communities.

#### 2022-2023 | WWF/APAIPS

Setting satellite monitored tags in sea turtles in Ilhas Primeiras e Segundas Environmental Protection Area.



#### BIO-FUNDO DE EMERGÊNCIA

Under the theme "Protecting Natural Resources in Times of Crisis" BIO-Fundo de Emergência Program ensured financing for 26 Conservation Areas of which 11 under public management, 13 under private management and 2 community managed, resulting in the protection of 13.139.211 hectares of biodiversity in about 63% of the national network of Conservation Areas in Mozambique.





DR. CARLOS LOPES PEREIRA FUND

In 2020 we established Dr. Carlos Lopes Pereira Fund to acknowledge the bravery of the outstanding rangers in the performance of their duties. There was an annual award for 5 best rangers in 2021 and 2022, in addition to that, the Fund also includes an acknowledgement to exemplar rangers and assistance to the ranger's families who might eventually become unable to perform their duties.



### CONSERVATION

We contribute for the protection of species, ecosystems and natural processes in the beneficiary protected areas, whereby 90% of biodiversity conservation indicator species that we support maintained or increased its populations in the last 6 years (according to the annual census and monitoring reports).

We supported the monitoring and protection of sea turtle species across all marine protection areas, as well as cleaning beaches, removal of weeds, and recovery of land habitats especial in Pomene National Reserve, Maputo National Park and in Vilankulo Wilderness Sanctuary.





#### CONSERVATION

In 2019 we created the Leadership Program for the Conservation of Mozambique (PLCM), within MozBio 2 project, initially funded by the World Bank. PLCM has been a mechanism for promoting and raising technical capacity in the National System of Conservation Areas.









Development of SNAC training needs Diagnostic platform.

The following courses were financed: Training of tour guides at SAWC Wildlife Economy, Governance and CBNRM for 4 SNAC officers Training SNAC professionals in Administrative and Financial Procedures in English.



Internships for over 100 young people (41 women) financed in 3 editions with technical professional and higher levels.

18 Conservation Areas and 7 conservationorganizations covered including ANAC,BIOFUND, FNDS, WCS PPF, DINAF and WWFin the context of internship programs.

28 scholarships for master degree and 9 research grants (of which two research teams) were financed.



Various environmental awareness activities were conducted: Biodiversity exhibitions; Environmental education lectures Creation of a Conservation room at Sussundenga Secondary School.

### CIVIL SOCIETY AWARENESS

Between 2015 and 2019 we conducted the itinerant exhibition of biodiversity in 5 provincial capitals where we reached a public of over 15,000 people. In 2021 we expanded and diversified our intervention, as we started conducting exhibitions in events co-organized in Conservation Areas and other places, and in the same year we carried out the first online exhibition.







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# SHARING INFORMATION

We developed a public utility database, namely the virtual library and the Conservation Areas platform, with information about species, ecosystems and Conservation Areas. The virtual library has about 2,500 items and more than 4,200 access since its creation.

We participated and/or financed the production of more than 30 scientific articles including inventories, studies, CAs handling



### CO-MANAGEMENT AND NETWORKING

We led the study drafting process on co-management Partnership Analysis in Mozambique and the presentation of a roadmap and Legal Framework for co-management partnerships in Mozambique Conservation Areas which helped contextualizing the management of Conservation Areas in the African context, outlining the main recommendations for the promotion of co-management policies, broadly discussed, validated and promoted in the International Conference on Nature Based Tourism, organized by the Ministry of Land, Environment and Rural Development (MITADER) 2018.

We have been playing a more and more leading role in the establishment, reinforcement and promotion of networks and partnerships, maximizing synergies, collaboration and sharing of information where possible, actively partaking in working groups with the main donors, local NGOs and Ministries, and gathering and releasing information on conservation projects in the country, on the organization website. We explored innovative initiatives which have a great potential of ensuring the sustainability of relevant habitats conservation, with emphasis to the leadership and engagement on biodiversity offsets, advocacy actions and capacity building for governmental and private partners, and focus on the support to the development of laws and regulations, as well as procedures that enable the implementation thereof.

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### INTERNATIONAL NETWORKS OF ENVIRONMENTAL FUNDS

Consortium of African Funds for the Environment







In 2021 we hosted the 11th General Assembly of the Consortium of African Funds for the Environment (CAFÉ), with Remote participation of 1,068 people from 32 countries.

We grew and learned from RedLAC and CAFÉ networks experience (of which we are co-founders) and we are now an environmental fund of reference in Africa.



### PARTNERS

The creation of BIOFUND and the outcomes reached would have not been possible without the priceless support from a number of different individual and organizational partners herewith listed and many more detailed.

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There is time when Mankind is called to change to a new level of awareness. that time is now.

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