



REPÚBLICA DE MOÇAMBIQUE

**Mozambique Statement at the Eleventh meeting of the Conference of Parties of
the Nairobi Convention
Antananarivo, 20 - 22 - August 2024**

**Nairobi Convention for the Protection, Management and
Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the
Western Indian Ocean Region**

His Excellency Max Fontaine Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of the Republic of Madagascar;

Honorable Ministers

Distinguished Guests;

All protocol observed

1. First of all, allow me on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Mozambique, to take this opportunity to congratulate all Member states of the Nairobi Convention to attend this important event and thanks the Government of Madagascar as the current Chair of the Bureau;

Honorable Chair,

Mozambique is one of the most vulnerable countries in the world, has a coastline extending over 2,700 km severely heated by extreme climate events. The Nairobi Convention extended US\$ 962,225 to government institutions to undertake various projects including:

- **Seagrass Action Plan in Maputo and Inhambane Bays Mozambique,**
- **Mangrove Restoration and Livelihood Support through Community Participation**
- **Updating the National Marine Ecosystem Diagnostic Analyses**
- **Enhancing National Level Policy Harmonization and Institutional Reforms;**
- **SWIOFC Partnership Project, Phase 1: Protection and Management of Marine and Coastal Ecosystems, Among others.**

Honorable Chair,

During your mandate as the chair of our Convention, we have also received significant support in the implementation of other strategic initiatives, such as:

- **The recent launch of the national Blue Economy Strategy of Mozambique;**
- **The expansion of the Palma-Quirimbas Terrestrial and Marine Conservation Area, which increases the Marine Conservation areas to 5.2% of the 12 % commitment of our country;**
- **The recent approval of the Fisheries Management Plan of the Cahora Bassa Reservoir (2023-2027) as well as the Artisanal Fisheries Management Plan in the District of Pebane (2023-2027).**

- **SIBMOZ - Mozambican biodiversity information system, launched in 2023, which presents the country's 162 ecosystems, 64 of which are marine;**
- **2nd edition of the National Conference on Marine Biodiversity in 2024;**
- **The revitalization of the Marine Spatial Planning process in the country;**
- **The declaration by UNESCO of the Quirimbas Archipelago as a Biosphere Reserve, formed by 11 islands; among others.**

Honorable Chair,

Mozambique, would like to express its deep appreciation and gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Madagascar for proudly hosting the Eleventh Conference of Parties of the Nairobi Convention and for its great hospitality.

We would also like to reiterate the commitment of the Republic of Mozambique, to work as intense as we may can, to ensure full engagement of our Government, our Global, regional and international partner on the implementation of both the Program of work 2025-2028, the 2022-2024 Work Plan, as well as the COP 11 decisions and parallel instruments to be adopted in this extraordinary forum, towards biodiversity conservation and a strong blue economy in our WIO region.

Ready to conserve marine biodiversity and to preserve community rights for the sustainable development of our WIO region!

Merci, Thank you, Muito Obrigada!

Western Indian Ocean (WIO)