An Introduction to the Quirimbas National Park
THE EASTERN AFRICAN MARINE ECOREGION

QUIRIMBAS NATIONAL PARK
(7,500 km²)
Context - Cabo Delgado Province

- Subsistence economy with per capita rural income less than $50 (including household consumption)
- Life expectancy - 37.8 years
- Child mortality (under 5 years old) - 295 per thousand.
- Primary Livelihoods: Artisanal Fishing, Subsistence Agriculture
PNQ Philosophy - Conservation as a Development Strategy

Directly Dependent on a common natural resource

Few economic alternatives

Resources under threat from internal and external sources

Conclusion: A Need for Conservation for Productive Use
The Historical Context

QNP emerged as a community reaction to natural resource management challenges.

 RESOURCE DEPLETION

- Fisheries Stocks
- Low Soil Fertility

 RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

- Invasions of Migrant Fishermen
- Elephant Conflict
Community Rights

- Complete Removal of illegal industrial fishing vessels
- Drastic reduction in illegal artisanal fishers

Kinsho Maru, removed with Navy assistance
Community Rights

➡️ Benefits:

- 20% of Park Revenues:
  - All Park zones have received these funds, one of the only parks in the country to achieve this
  - Funds being used for new water points, cassava plants, community tourism, etc.
Maintain abundance of useful species and guarantee their sustainable use

- Conservation farming
  - Reduces slash and burn agriculture
  - Increases Farmer Income
  - Reduces deforestation

Yields

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Mitigate Human Wildlife Conflict

- Impact – The PNQ is the only place in the province where Human Wildlife conflict is under control – less than 1% of fields are destroyed
Tourism brings benefits to all

Community Links to tourism

- **Social**
  - Mosque and social centre built in Matemo
  - Over 20 wells drilled in PA Mucojo
  - 4,400 mosquito nets distributed
  - 402 children receiving school lunches (Guludo, Ningaia)

- **Economic**
  - 350+ jobs
  - Support to handicraft groups
  - Local Products (crab fattening, oysters, fish etc)

Source of the 20%

Crab Fattening - Mussemuco
Stakeholder Involvement

- COMDEQ – Involving all major stakeholders (tourist operators, government departments and districts, NGOs, communities)

- Community Councils and Representation
  - Fishing Councils in 11 Communities
  - NR Management Councils for Whole Park
  - 4 Representatives on the “COMDEQ - Comité de Desenvolvimento de Parque Nacional das Quirimbas”
  - Community Rangers
The Importance of Communication

Communities

Government

Society

Donors
Quirimbas Conservation IS Development