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MOZAMBIQUE



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Why Mozambique?

66%

of the population lives near the coast

4th

longest coastline in Africa

50%

of Mozambicans' animal protein comes from fish

85%

of the country's fish catch is made by small-scale fishers

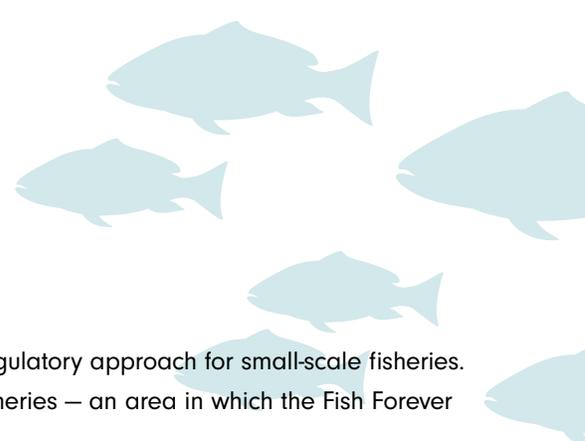
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of the world's seven sea turtle species nest on its beaches

The Opportunity

- A 2013 law directs the government to prioritize rights-based management as a regulatory approach for small-scale fisheries.
- The Ministry of Fisheries seeks to empower local communities to manage their fisheries – an area in which the Fish Forever partners specialize.
- Rare, the World Bank, and the Mozambican Ministry of Fisheries Institute for the Development of Small-Scale Fisheries have formed a partnership to implement Rare's signature Pride campaigns and facilitate the development of exclusive access areas combined with fish recovery zones.

All Fish Forever countries have high marine biodiversity, important coral reefs and a strong community dependence on fisheries. The challenges and different fishery models specific to each will enable neighboring countries to more easily replicate Fish Forever successes.





The Need for Change

- Stretching over 1,500 miles, Mozambique’s coastline sustains an economy and people dependent on fisheries for jobs and protein.
- Climate change is expected to increase the frequency and intensity of natural disasters around the world. Mozambique’s coasts are particularly vulnerable to cyclones, storm surges and flooding.
- Overfishing and destructive fishing techniques have further contributed to declining catches and degraded ecosystems in many nearshore areas.
- The Fish Forever partners, working closely with the Mozambican Ministry of Fisheries, seek to catalyze more local resource management in order to transform coastal fisheries in Mozambique and build coastal climate resilience.

“Fish Forever is a unique conservation opportunity where you can manage for local economies while at the same time protect food security and biodiversity.”

- Steve Gaines, Dean of the Bren School of Environmental Science and Management at University of California, Santa Barbara

The Future

Fish Forever will achieve the following in the first five years:

- Implement 12 prototype projects that establish sustainable local management of at least 150,000 hectares through exclusive access areas and fish recovery zones.
- Increase fish biomass and improve ecosystem health within fish recovery zones at project sites.
- Increase food security and social benefits for coastal communities while generating more than \$500,000 in additional revenue in the artisanal fishing sector.
- Buffer against climate-change impacts by improving the social and ecological resilience of nearshore fishing communities and their coastal habitat.



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A partnership of:



Fish Forever seeks funding partners who share a vision and commitment to recover important coastal habitat at scale. Together, we will catalyze a global movement of nearshore fisheries reform in the developing tropics.

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