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Validation Workshop of the Study on the Registration System for Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries in the South-West Indian Ocean region-Mozambique

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Introduction to Mozambican's Fisheries

Mozambique is located on the east coast of Africa (latitudes 10°20' S and 26°50' S);



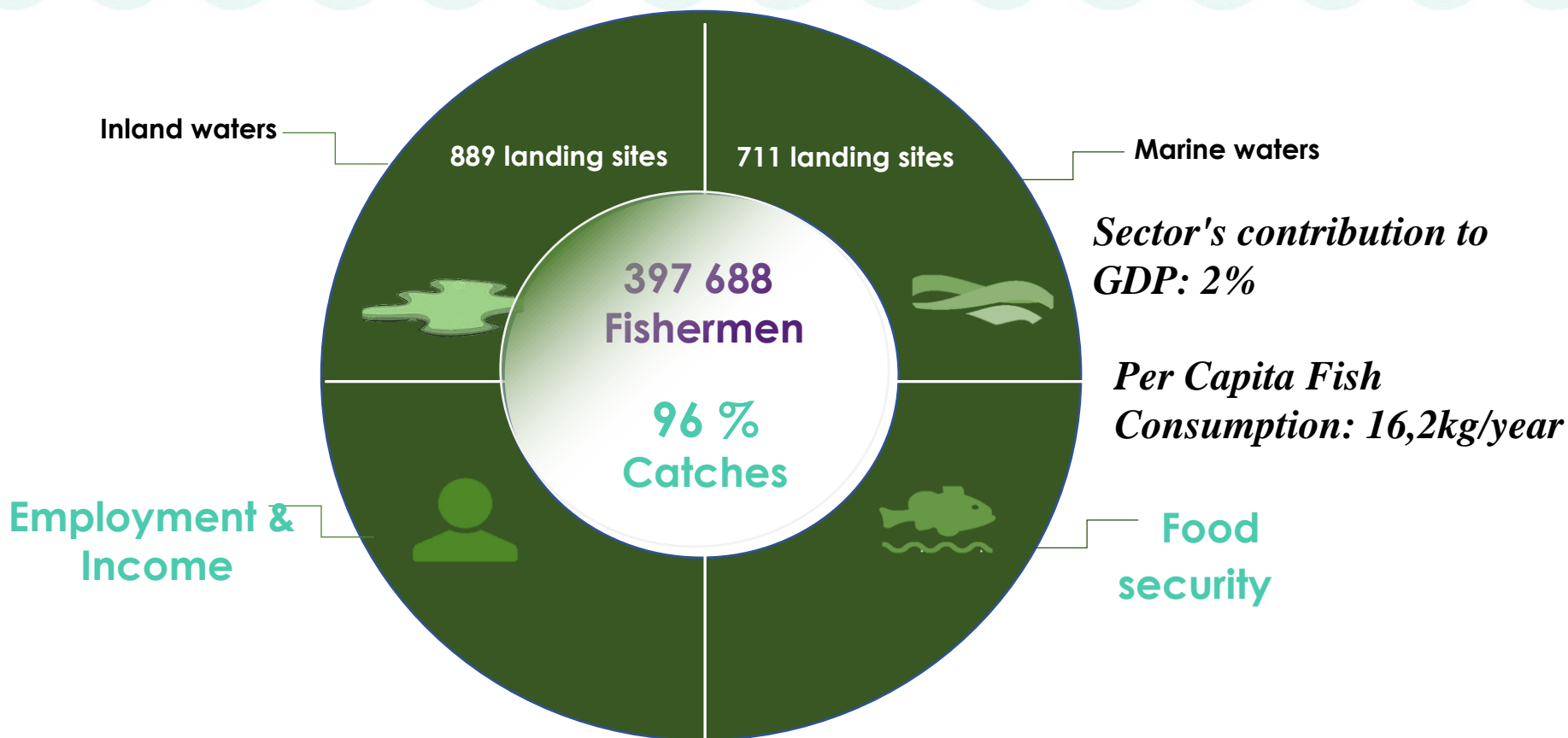
The coastline is about 2,770 km long (characterized by a diversity of habitats that includes sandy beaches, coastal dunes, coral reefs, estuaries, bays, forests and mangrove swamps, seagrass beds);

The continental shelf has an area of approximately 104 km², extending to a depth of 200 m;

There are three large or ecologically important banks, namely:

- ✓ St. Lazarus Bank in the north ,
- ✓ Sofala Bank in the center, and
- ✓ Delagoa Bay in the south.

OVERVIEW OF THE SMALL-SCALE FISHERIES (SSF) IN MOZAMBIQUE



POLICY ORIENTATION IN THE SSF

- BENEFITS TO PROFESSIONAL FISHERS

- 1. The Government's Five-Year Programme (PQG)** constitutes the reference for all policy and strategy instruments and national development plans during this legislature, contemplating achievable objectives in the short, medium and long term, subsequently included in development plans.
- 2. Fisheries Master Plan:** General objectives: (i) improving the domestic supply of fish to cover part of the country's food deficit, (ii) increasing the net foreign exchange revenue generated by the sector, and (iii) improving the living conditions of fishing communities.

PROFILE OF FISHERMAN AND THE FISHING UNITS - (CENSUS 2022)

A total of 397,688 people were identified as being involved in artisanal fishing:

- ✓ **110 518** fishermen operating with a vessel;
- ✓ **164 439** fishermen fishing without a vessel; and
- ✓ **122 731** professionals involved in other activities along the artisanal fishing value chain, particularly carpenters and ship mechanics, netters, fish processors and traders.
- ✓ 42723 vessels were registered, of which 1986 were motorized (4.7%)
- ✓ 100 780 fishing gears registered;
- ✓ Of the total number of people involved in artisanal fishing, (24.2 %) are women, with the highest percentage of women working without a vessel.
- ✓ By the 1st quarter of 2024, 28911 fishermen were registered in the database;
- ✓ The electronic licensing pilot project took place in Jan 2024 for total of 50 fishermen testing the system and procees to be continued.

LEGISLATION IN PLACE

- ✓ **Law no. 22/2013, of 1 November - Fisheries Law:** aims to establish the legal framework for fishing activities and activities complementary to fishing, with a view to the protection, conservation and sustainable use of national aquatic biological resources.
- ✓ **Maritime Fisheries Regulation (REPMAR),** approved by Decree No. 89/2020 of 8 October 2020: its purpose is to regulate the provisions of the Fisheries Law with regard to maritime fisheries;
- ✓ **Regulation of Fishing in Inland Waters** - Decree no. 21/2022, of 13 May: Establishes that fishing in inland waters is reserved for artisanal, semi-industrial, scientific research, training, experimental or demonstrative fishing, and recreational and sport fishing.
- ✓ Regulation establishing the legal regime for the use of the National Maritime Space, approved by **Decree 21/2017 of 24 May**. The Regulation provides for the Planning Instruments, namely the Situation Plan and the Allocation Plan.

CONSTRAINTS, GAPS AND CHALLENGES IN THE SSF-OPEN ACCESS ?

- ✓ Weakness in the implementation of community-managed fishing areas within the framework of the Artisanal Fisheries Management Plans;
- ✓ Difficulties in legalization of community fishing councils (organisations still being consolidated);
- ✓ Increased fishing effort;
- ✓ Overfishing reduced catches, and low sustainability of fisheries
- ✓ Increasing of use of non-legal fishing gear; &
- ✓ Fishing without a fishing licence.

WAY FORWARD

- ✓ Establishment of Fisheries Management Plans for artisanal fisheries and community fisheries management areas;
- ✓ Electronic licensing of artisanal fisheries;
- ✓ Maintenance and reduction of fishing effort;
- ✓ Become fishermen professional, with social security and the means to work guaranteed for the effects of cyclones and other natural disasters.



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