

Mozambique Tourism Anchor Investment Program

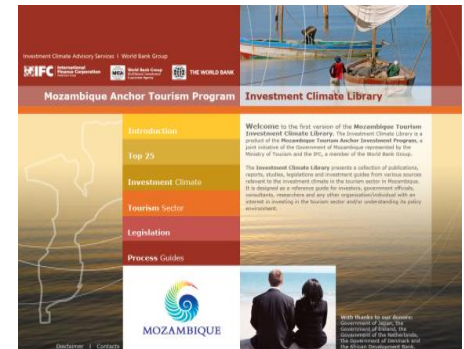
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Online launch of Investment Climate Library

The Anchor Team has compiled an extensive database of reports, guides and legislation pertaining to the Investment Climate, and specifically the tourism investment climate of Mozambique. This Library has been announced at the Ministry's of Tourism first Partner's Conference held in August. The Library is available on CD-rom and online. The online version is available at www.tourisminvest.org/Mozambique. Should you like to receive a copy of the CD-rom, or add any reports, please contact Michelle Souto at msouto@ifc.org.

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Investors invited to register interest for Casuarina and Epidendron Islands

The Government has launched a tender for the development of tourism facilities of two coral islands in Zambézia Province; Epidendron and Casuarina, both part of the Ilhas Primeiras and Segundas Archipelago. These islands make up part of the Gile Anchor Investment Site, an investment opportunity pre-packaged by the Government of Mozambique under the Mozambique Tourism Anchor Investment Program. The tender is being managed by the INATUR and enquiries should be directed to Mário Sevene at Msevene@inatur.org.mz or Phone: +258 21 307 320

Maputo Elephant Reserve Tender enters 2nd phase

The tender process for eco-tourism development in the Maputo Elephant Reserve Anchor Site has formally obtained all required approvals from the Council of Ministers and has now moved on to the second phase. The Requests for Proposals have been launched in October to pre-qualified bidders and an Official Site Visit took place in November. Proposals will be received in the first quarter of 2010.



Communities preparing for participation in Eco-tourism Development

Ahi Zameni Chemucane meaning, 'Let's go for it Chemucane', is the Association representing three Communities in the Maputo Elephant Reserve. The Association was created in January 2009 and is the product of the progressive organization of these communities and their will to participate in Reserve's development, particularly in establishment of an Eco-tourism lodge. The Association will take part in a Public-Private-Community Partnership that implements the Council of Ministers award of the Chemucane concession part of the Maputo Elephant Reserve to *Ahi Zameni Chemucane*. The Association is supported by the Peace Parks Foundation as the Community Brokers and by IFC on some of the technical and legal issues.



Next steps what is the Anchor Program doing now?

Integrated Resort Scheme

Various decrees formalizing the Integrated Resort Scheme (IRS) in national legislation have now been approved by the Council of Ministers. The Decree for the Regulation of Tourism Interest Zones was approved on the 5th of November 2009. This instrument will allow the Ministry of Tourism to directly declare Tourism Interest Zones (ZIT) across the country – a first step in regulating larger scale tourism in strategic areas. Also tourism zones can now be granted Special Economic Zone status under the recently approved Investment Law Regulation (Decree nº 43/2009). Both are significant steps in laying the groundwork for the implementation of an Integrated Resort Scheme in the near future.

Other Tourism News

First Transfrontier Marine Park

Africa's first and largest transfrontier marine conservation area has been established connecting Maputaland in South Africa's World Heritage Site, the iSimangaliso Wetland Park, with Mozambique's first marine conservancy, the Ponta de Ouro Marine Protected Area. [Full story](#)

Community- based Tourism Project Flourishes in Quirimbas National Park

A community-based tourism project sponsored by the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) in the Quirimbas National Park is showing quick results. As part of the Quirimbas National Park Development Project, WWF- Mozambique has been working with local communities in the Ibo District and elsewhere to identify eco-tourism opportunities and develop a range of activities and services, from accommodation and local cuisine to bird and cultural activities. [Full Story](#)

Scientists Embark on Expeditions to Study Biodiversity in Mozambique and Madagascar

European and African scientists are embarking on two major expeditions to take stock of the biodiversity in Mozambique and Madagascar. The project focus on areas considered to be "biodiversity hotspots" that are also threatened by development. [Full story](#)

About the Anchor Program

The Mozambique Tourism Anchor Investment Program is a joint initiative of the Government of Mozambique represented by the Ministry of Tourism, and IFC, a member of the World Bank Group. The program facilitates high-quality tourism investment into the country while simultaneously removing barriers in the investment climate.

Further Information

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