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**PARA/TO: Mr. Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary**

**DE/ FROM: Policarpo Napica
National Director**

**SUBJECT/ASSUNTO: Submission of information about the evaluation matrix for the
review of implementation of the programme of work on protected areas**

Dear Sir,

In my capacity as National Director for Environmental Management in Ministry of Environmental Affairs of Mozambique, I am very pleased to submit to you the information about the evaluation matrix for the review of implementation of the programme of work on protected areas in the country.

Please accept our apologies for delay and we look forward working with you.


**Policarpo Napica
National Director**

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Is the existing national PAs system comprehensive, ecologically representative and effectively managed?

- National protected area system in Mozambique comprises 6 National Parks, 6 National Reserves and 17 Hunting areas, for a total land under protection of circa 125,000 km², 15.6% of the territory, covering all major biomes present in the country.

Do new protected areas established since COP-7 cover underrepresented ecosystems and biomes?

- No

Are there plans for the establishment of additional PAs by year 2010 (terrestrial) and 2012 (marine)?

- It is planned for 2007-2008 the establishment of land and marine extension of the Maputo National Reserve

What measures have been taken for developing enabling environment for integrating PAs into broader land and seascape and sectoral interests?

- Mozambique is in the process to elaborate a new and fully comprehensive Conservation Policy that will guide any future management decision on protected areas and land use in the country, assuring the compatibility of nature protection with other land uses, such as agriculture and infrastructure development.

What collaboration across national boundaries has been implemented in relation to PAs?

- Mozambique is presently collaborating with South Africa, Swaziland and Zimbabwe for managing 3 Transfrontier Conservation Areas. Dialogues have been established with Zambia and Tanzania for 2 further Transfrontier Conservation Areas.

What percentage of PAs have up-to-date science based management plans?

- 3 National Parks (on 6 in total 50%) have an exhaustive, scientific based Management Plan. 3 National Reserve (on 6 in total 50%) have an exhaustive, scientific based Management Plan.
- a) The management plan for 1 National Reserve is under development.

What measures have been put in place to identify, prevent and/or mitigate the negative impacts of threats?

- Mozambique is presently in the phase of rehabilitating all protected areas throughout the support of national and international organizations in order to provide adequate management and protection of all natural resources. The new Conservation Policy in preparation will strongly support in the mitigation of threats to biodiversity conservation by enabling a strong collaboration amongst all relevant national and international institutions.

What legislative or policy framework are in place to establish frameworks for the equitable sharing of costs and benefits from the establishment and management of PAs?

- Two national laws (namely Forestry and Wildlife Law and Land Tenure Law) have mechanisms to guarantee economic benefits for local communities living within and around protected areas.

What mechanisms have been implemented to ensure full and effective participation of indigenous and local communities...

- Moreover, protocols for communities' based use of natural resources, as well as community participation in natural resources management, have been established by the relevant Ministries involved in land and resources management.

What mechanisms have been put in place to ensure the participation of relevant stakeholders in the management of existing and the establishment and management of new PAs?

- National legislation foresees that the management of existing and the establishment of new PAs have to be conducted with the participation of all relevant stakeholders, from local communities and local administrations to relevant Ministries. This is reflected in the Management structures reported in the management plans.

Are the appropriate policy, institutional and socio-economic frameworks in place to value goods and services and enable more effective establishment and management of PAs?

- Not fully in place, but the new Conservation Policy, as already mentioned, will provide important indication on how to establish a more appropriate system.

What kind of social and economic valuation methods and incentives for more effective establishment and management of PAs are developed and incorporated into national policies, institutional and socio-economic structures?

- At present this methods are very weak and rarely influence the management and establishment of PAs, but Mozambique is working with its national and international partners for rapidly improving this situation.

Has a comprehensive capacity-needs assessment for PAs management been carried out?

- A comprehensive capacity-needs assessment is planned for 2007.

What capacity building programmes have been undertaken or are being undertaken? How successful have the completed programmes been?

- The Ministry of Tourism (MITUR), which is responsible for the management of PAs, is undertaking regularly programmes for capacity building of its staff at all levels. These programmes include management courses in recognized regional school, as well advanced university courses (MSc. and PhD.) in regional and international Universities and other educational institutions.