

WHV – Youth participation in combating climate change

Island of Mozambique, Mozambique

PROJECT DATES

Cultural property inscribed on the World Heritage List (1991)

01 - 10 September 2024

THE SITE - Maputo National Park (MNP) is located on the south-eastern coast of Maputo Province in the Matutuine District of southern Mozambique. The MNP was established on 31 December 2021, consolidating the existing Ponta do Ouro Partial Marine Reserve and the Maputo Special Reserve. The site enhances and protects the values of the iSimangaliso Wetland Park contributing to the ecological connectivity between ecosystems and species and increasing the ranges of protected and vulnerable fauna, thus also increasing species resilience. More specifically, the MNP has several unique attributes that enhance the system as a whole. These include the barrier island system that forms the highly productive Maputo Bay, with its extensive intertidal seagrass beds, tidal flats, mangrove forests and rich shallow-water coral reef communities, the magnificent Barreira Vermelha and Ponta Torres reefs. The property contains landscapes of exceptional natural beauty comprising terrestrial, coastal and marine ecosystems and their associated fauna and flora. These include extensive longshore barrier coastal dunes and barrier island system, coastal lakes, tidal mangrove forests of Maputo Bay, and high-latitude coral reef communities that provide a spectacular underwater setting, rich with an extraordinary array of species.

OBJECTIVES - The project aims to increase youth participation in coastal forest management and protection, focusing on reforestation with mangrove seedlings to combat climate change. It will educate villagers, particularly youth, on restoring mangrove forests to enhance marine habitats, increase fish production, and improve the health and economic livelihoods of fishing communities.

ACTIVITIES - Volunteers will take part in hands-on and educational activities including training on heritage site maintenance, climate change awareness, and dissemination through media, fliers, pamphlets, radio adverts, and TV documentaries.

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