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The World Heritage Committee,

1. *Having examined Documents WHC/25/47.COM/8B and WHC/25/47.COM/INF.8B2,*
2. *Approves the significant boundary modification of **iSimangaliso Wetland Park, South Africa, inscribed in 1999, to include Maputo National Park, Mozambique, to become the iSimangaliso Wetland Park, – Maputo National Park, (South Africa – Mozambique) and ~~South Africa~~**, on the World Heritage List on the basis of criteria (vii), (ix) and (x);*
3. *Adopts the following Statement of Outstanding Universal Value;*
4. *Requests the State Party of Mozambique to continue its management efforts and monitoring of marine resources, including of sea turtle populations, and subsistence fisheries **efforts**;*
5. *Notes with appreciation the commitment by the State Party of Mozambique to ensuring that the potential deep sea Techobanine Port Complex will not proceed within the property, and also requests the State Party to ~~monitor and~~ report the*

status of this proposed project ~~over the long term~~ by 01 December 2026 , through the procedures of the Convention, considering the significant impact such infrastructure, and any potential risks associated with port use, would likely have on the OUV of the property, even if located outside its boundaries;

6. Takes note that none of the pending requests for extractive industry within the buffer zone have begun the necessary process of assessment, and further requests the State Party of Mozambique to ensure that an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is undertaken for any potential extractive activity in the buffer zone of Maputo National Park, including prospecting and research, in accordance with the Guidance and Toolkit for Impact Assessments in a World Heritage Context, to ensure that developments that could impact the potential OUV of the property are not permitted, and to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by 1 December 2026, a report with updated information on the status of mining licenses and the outcomes of any Environmental Impact Assessment processes that may have been completed;
7. Notes that tourism development in Maputo National Park is expected to increase over the coming years, and requests furthermore the State Party of Mozambique finalize the updating of its Tourism Plan and ensure that protection of the transboundary property's OUV remains central to tourism management;
- ~~8.~~ 8. Recommends the prompt updating of the Community Action Plan for Maputo National Park to guide community engagement and requests moreover the States Parties of Mozambique **to finalise the human-wildlife conflict management plan. in consultation with South Africa.;** and South Africa to continue efforts to develop and implement a joint human-wildlife conflict management project across the transboundary property;
9. Notes with appreciation the existing management plans for Maputo National Park and iSimangaliso Wetland Park and further urges the two ~~s~~State ~~p~~Parties to engage and agree on activities that will contribute to the development of a Joint Management Framework for the entire transboundary property;**[NEW PARAGRAPH]**
10. Requests the States Parties of Mozambique and South Africa to **pursue a joint Governance and management mechanism that will set up Joint Management Structures for accountability and management purposes** ~~expand the mandate of the Transboundary Management Committee~~ and ensure it is equipped with the necessary capacity and financial resources to effectively manage the transboundary property;

9.11. *Also recommends the States Parties **of Mozambique and South Africa** to ensure a harmonised approach to buffer zone management given that the State Party of South Africa is in the process of establishing a formal buffer zone for recognition by the World Heritage Committee through the future submission of a minor boundary modification.*

10.12. ***Finally requests the States Parties of Mozambique and South Africa to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by 1 December 2026, an updated report on the state of conservation of the property and the implementation of the joint efforts and collaboration, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 49th Session. [NEW PARAGRAPH]***