





How can mitigation policy reduce potential risk from roads to biodiversity and climate targets: case of Mozambique, Africa

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## COMBO+ team from Mozambique

- Representing BIOFUND Foundation for Conservation of Biodiversity, private foundation that supports 70% protected areas in Mozambique
- Part of COMBO+ Program team in Mozambique support our Government reconciling economic development with biodiversity conservation through the adequate implementation of the mitigation hierarchy: policy and legislation, technical guidelines, private sector involvement, and training
- Partnership established in 2016 supported by AFD/FFEM, World Bank and UNDP





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## **Global Biodiversity Framework**

- UN Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)
- UN United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)
- Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework focus on improving the state of biodiversity and reverse trends in biodiversity loss to achieve 2050 biodiversity vision of living in harmony with nature
- Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)
- International Finance Corporation's(IFC) Performance Standard 6





**United Nations** Framework Convention on Climate Change





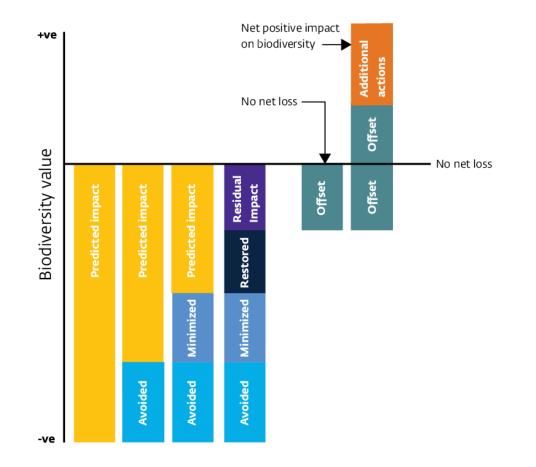






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## Mitigation Hierarchy (MH)



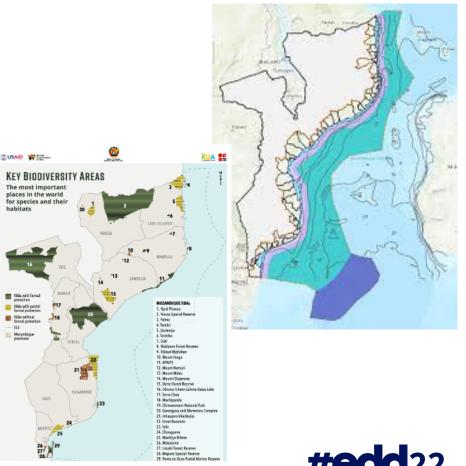
- The mitigation hierarchy is a set of guidelines, established through the International Finance Corporation's(IFC) Performance Standard 6, meant to help development projects prepare for impacts and aim to achieve no net loss of biodiversity.
- No Net Loss is a goal for a development project, in which the impacts on biodiversity are balanced by the MH measures.
- Mandatory for development projects and implemented worldwide via financial sector and country strategies





# Mozambique: How do we address biodiversity conservation and economic development?

- National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (2015 2035)
- National Territorial Maritime Plans MH
- Policy and Regulations for conservation and development sectors
- 26% Country under protection (National Conservation Areas Network
- National Carbon accounting and deforestation mechanism
- Mapping of historical habitats
- Mapping of Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs)
- Collaborative mechanisms (government, private sector, NGOs, academia, etc)







# Mozambique: What is the Mitigation Hierarchy and how does it apply in Mozambique?

- MH is already included in the national legislation: **EIA Decree 54/2015**
- **COMBO+ Program** support development of Biodiversity Offsets Regulation 55/2022
- Need to achieve No Net Loss or Net Gain (min. 15%) for specific biodiversity: KBAs, Critical Habitats, HCVs, threatened species or ecosystems
- Criteria established to select which biodiversity can be impacted/ needs to be offset
- Government Bureau to deal with Biodiversity offsets

#### CRUCIAL BIODIVERSITY Mozambique is home to 6145 species of flora and 4271 of fauna. The country's natural resources underpin human basic needs, local livelihoods and the national economy. 56 national protected areas are designed to safeguard this, plus 30 Key Biodiversity Areas have been identified, 11 of which are not as yet protected.

### CONTEXT

It is essential to promote SUSTAINABLE economic development, improving the lives of local communities while protecting the biodiversity that sustains them.

#### **LEGAL OBLIGATION**

National legislation mandates mitigation of impacts on biodiversity for category A+/A development projects under Decree 54/2015 of December 31.

THE MITIGATION HIERARCHY is the order of importance of mitigation measures for impacts that focus on the principles of avoid, minimize, restore and offset.











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