



**Republic of Mozambique  
Ministry of Agriculture**

## **Current Status of Biosafety in Mozambique**



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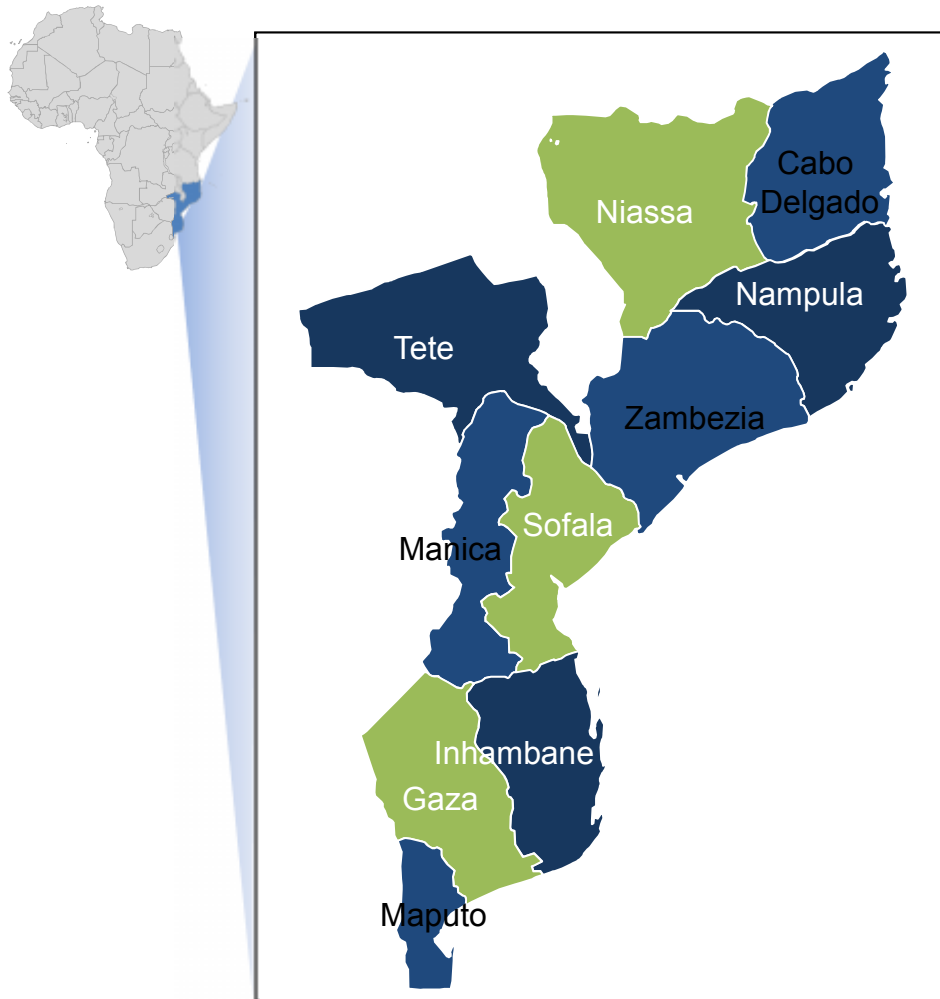
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## A. Mozambique at a Glance

*Mozambique is a stable, high economic growth country with substantial agricultural potential*



### Demographics (2011)

- **Population:** 23.4 million
- **Population Growth** (5 Year CAGR): 2.4%
- **Capital:** Maputo
- **Official Language:** Portuguese

### Land and Climate

- **Area:** 800,000 km<sup>2</sup>
- **Arable Land:** 36 million hectares
- **Climate:** Tropical to Sub-Tropical

### Key Economic Indicators (2011)

- **GDP per Capita:** USD 535
- **Projected Annual GDP Growth:** almost 8% per year average until 2015
- **Agriculture Contribution to GDP:** 23.2%



## B. Why Biosafety: Protected Area Systems

Designation	Number	Surface areas (km <sup>2</sup> )	Percentage of Country
National parks	6	37,476	4.68
National reserves	6	47,700	5.95
Game controlled areas	2	2,700	0.34
Hunting areas	12	50,017	6.27
Forest reserves	26	9,452	1.18
Total		147,345	18.38

Source: Directorate of Veterinary IIAM

## B. Why Biosafety: Mozambique as Transit Country



- **Natural gateway** to the **Middle East, Mediterranean, and Asia**
- Bordering regional markets like South Africa, Zimbabwe, Zambia, and Malawi
- **Port upgrades** at Nacala and Beira will further trade opportunities

**Need for Responsible Biotechnology!**



## **C. Biosafety Landmarks**

- A. Ratification of CPB: 2001
- B. Enactment of Biosafety Decree: 2007
- C. Signature of NKPLR: 2011
- D. Mok Trial carried out under WEMA Project: 2011-2012
- E. Discussion with different stakeholders on NKPLR started 2012
- F. Revision of Biosafety Decree: 2012



## **D. The Way Forward**

1. Ratification of NKPLR process
2. Completion of revision process
3. Full operational biosafety administrative system
  - Capacity building
  - Public awareness



**Thank you!**

**Muito Obrigado!**