



Joint call for proposals

SOUTHWEST INDIAN OCEAN MARINE PROTECTED AREAS: ecological connectivity to maximize biodiversity conservation 2023

National annex: Mozambique

Notice: The Fundo Nacional de Investigaçao is participating in the SIOMPA Joint Call for proposals.

The official national call announcement for Mozambique will be co-currently published on the Fundo Nacional de Investigaçao website (<http://www.fni.gov.mz>) as will be done by the agenceie nationale de la recherche. Details of the call and the application process are provided via the agenceie nationale de la recherche website (nothing up yet though) <http://www.anr.fr/RF>). Applicants are advised to contact their National Contact Point before starting to prepare proposals for application. For Mozambique National Contact Point, please see at the end of the document.

Eligibility and national funding modalities:

This call is open to all Mozambican researchers and permanent residents who meet the general eligibility criteria and requirements. Applications should meet the specific eligibility criteria as spelt out in the call. All applications will be assessed on the basis of these eligibility criteria as well as the selection criteria described in the call.

Country –specific eligibility

In order to qualify for funding, applicants must fulfill the following criteria:

- Full time employees at an Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher Education recognized research and higher education institution in Mozambique;

- Successful applicants will be eligible for funding for the standard FOUR (4) - years duration grant. However, consideration for supplementary funds to cover an additional, fifth-year should other collaborators' grants run for four years a will be considered, based primarily on positive progress made.

Eligible researchers involved in successful applications will be funded within the limits of the FNI's contribution to the call according to the general principles outlined therein.

Disbursement of the funds as well as the management and reporting there-of will be according to the principles and guidelines of FNI granting mechanism as stated below.

Country-specific grant conditions

These grants are to be used for research purposes under the auspices of the FNI standard grant conditions and finance policies. The money is released on acceptance of

the conditions of grant both by the applicant and his/her employing institution. The funds will be awarded against a number of items such as equipment, running costs, travel costs, etc. Annual Progress Reports, submitted before the end of March of the following year, are a prerequisite for the release of the subsequent year's funding.



Failure to submit the Annual Progress Reports will result in the cancellation of the project. These grants will fall under the FNI audit requirements of beneficiary institutions.

More specifically:

- Grants will be awarded for the standard period of FOUR (4) years. However, consideration for supplementary funds to cover an additional, fifth-year should other collaborators' grants run for five years will be considered, based primarily on positive progress made;
- The grant will be reflected in both Euro and the Metical values at the going exchange rate at the date of award, distributed and budgeted over the grant period (4years) and will be paid out in Metical. The value of the award will not change during the period of the grant;
- Small equipment will be supported at the standard FNI levels.

This is a collaborative research grant therefore applicants are expected to apply as a consortium as defined in the call document. The Fundo Nacional de Investigaç o will serve as the Mozambican funder for all the successful trans-national collaboration.

In preparing the project budget applicants are advised to check with the National Contact Point (contact details provided below) on the eligible costs that may be covered in this call. A proof of other funding to cover the non-eligible costs (if applicable) will be required before the final funding decisions can be made.

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