



FISH
FOREVER

Rare in Mozambique

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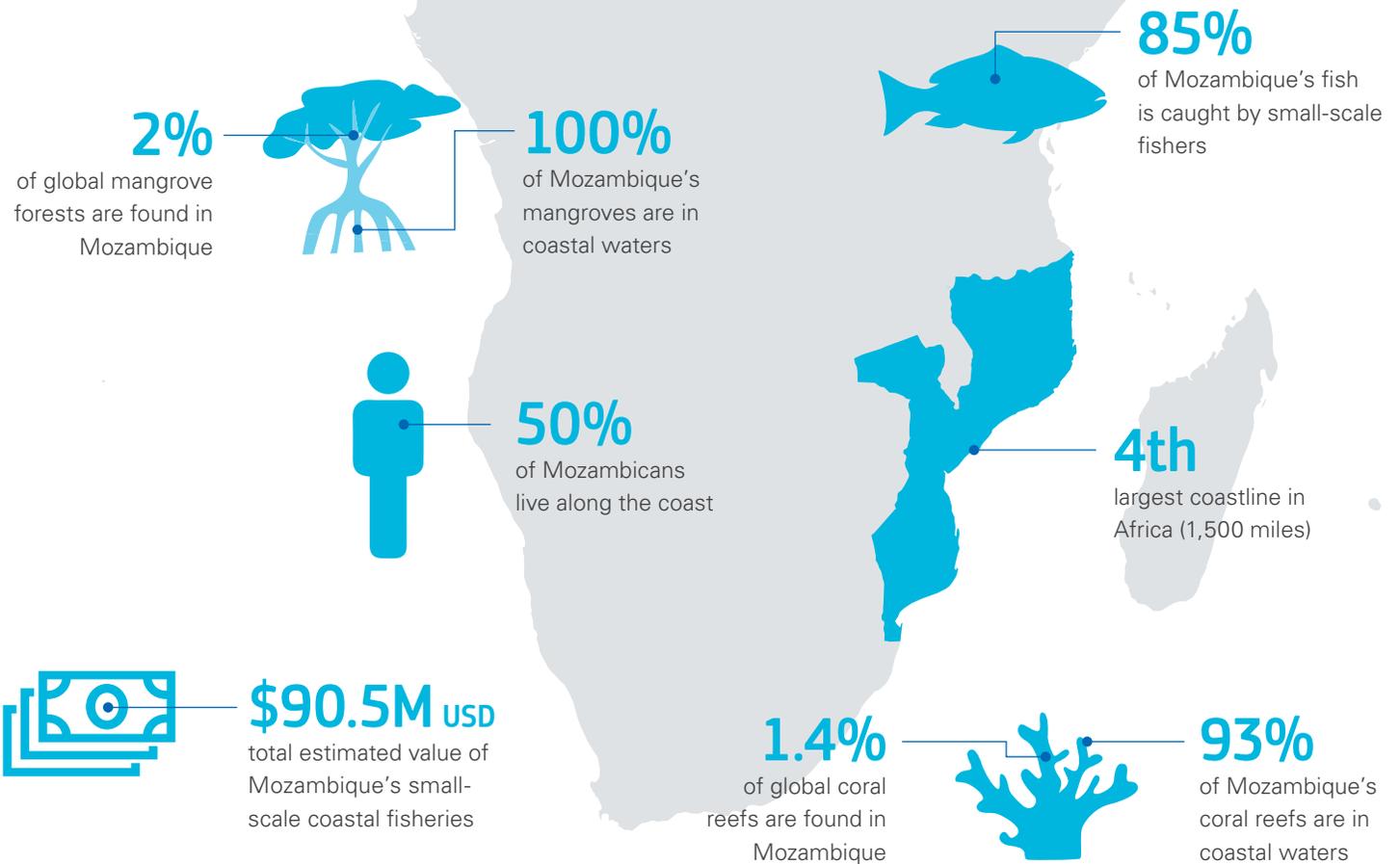
Fish Forever Global Goals

Fish Forever is Rare's community-led solution to revitalize coastal marine habitats, including coral reefs and mangrove forests, protect biodiversity, and boost fishing communities' livelihoods around the world. The program balances habitat conservation with human use and puts fishers at the center of the solution.

10 countries	100 partners	1,000,000 fishers engaged	500 local governments committed	125,000 mi ² of coastal seas managed
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Coastal Fisheries in Mozambique

Coastal seas are the beating heart of the ocean. Mozambique's coastal waters sustain millions of people and an economy heavily dependent on local fisheries for food and jobs. However, coastal overfishing and destructive fishing techniques are diminishing fish catches and destroying marine habitats. Climate change is worsening this issue, making future fishing conditions—and life for coastal communities on the front lines of climate impacts—uncertain.





“
It means that I am
a real fisherman.”

– Felipe Viegas

Local fisher in Mozambique,
proud of receiving his first
fisher registration ID card

The Program

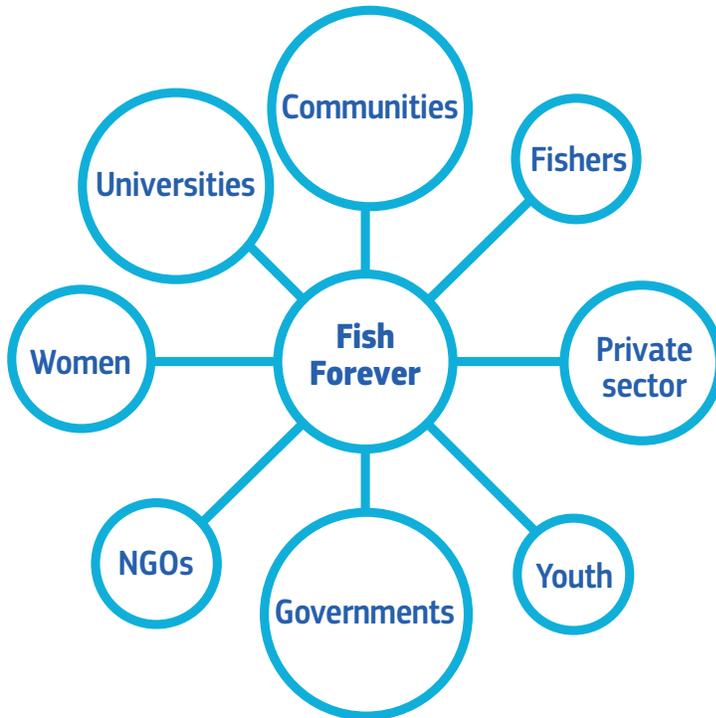
Fish Forever in Mozambique works with village groups, community fisheries councils and district governments to build and strengthen community-based fisheries management of Mozambique’s coastal waters. The program works to:

- Establish managed access areas that provide fishing communities clear rights to fish in certain areas
- Create networks of fully-protected and community-led no-take marine reserves to replenish and sustain fish populations and protect critical habitat
- Build community engagement and effective management bodies to support local decision-making
- Enable fishers to adopt more sustainable and better-regulated fishing behaviors (e.g., become a registered fisher; record fish catch; respect fishing regulations; and participate in fisheries management)
- Collect, disseminate and help fishing communities use data for decision-making
- Advance coastal fishing communities’ inclusion in financial and market opportunities to increase household resilience
- Enact policy and unlock financing to promote and sustain this community-based management approach

The Network of Impact

Fish Forever in Mozambique has developed a strong partnership network to turn local change into national impact.

This partnership among Rare, local communities, governments and a broad range of partners leads to more abundant marine life, healthier coastal habitats, improved fish abundance, greater social equity, and more resilience to external impacts—especially those related to climate change.



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Participation from communities is critical to sustainability and better fisheries management. The government at all levels has the responsibility to make sure there is support for this.”

– Mr. Lucas Simbine
Inharrime District Administrator

Rare inspires change so people and nature thrive