

Project title : NAMULI 2 - Creation of a new protected area around Mount Namuli in Mozambique

Project place	Project cost	Role in the project	Technical and financial sponsors	Dates
Mozambique	600 000 USD	Coordination	Liechtensteinischer Entwicklungs Dienst - LED, AgriMel, Observatório pelo Meio Rural, Eduardo Mondlane University - UEM, Governo Distrital de Gurué, Direcção Provincial da Agricultura e da Pesca, Serviço Provincial do Meio Ambiente	January 2024 - December 2026

Project's goals and results

Main goals

Set up a sustainable agricultural development model in the territory of Namuli to guarantee the resilience of family farming and food security, facing climate change, through the implementation of fair and sustainable agricultural value chains, and to guarantee the conservation of Namuli's ecosystems and biodiversity, which provide services on which local communities rely

Specific objectives

OS1. Agricultural trajectories, vectors of deforestation, are curved through the development of productive, sustainable and resilient production systems integrated into territorial dynamics

OS2. Namuli's communities lead the elaboration and the implementation of inclusive management and development plans for their territory, reconciling conservation, agricultural and development issues.

Beneficiaries

- The 12,000 inhabitants of the Namuli Mountains who will benefit from sustainable resource management (mainly villages of Murrabué and Mucunha-Sede by benefiting from sustainable management and development plans for their territories)
- 3 Natural Resources Management Committees in 3 villages (Murrabué, Mucunha-Sede and Murrese) around Namuli. Nitidae will focus on these three villages because they are the ones who have recognized land rights on the Namuli highlands and/or who make use of Namuli highlands resources.
- 1000 rural households benefiting from direct agricultural support;
- 2500 students from 4 schools.(including 20 students benefiting from scholarships);
- More broadly, all Mozambicans and companies who benefit from the ecosystem services offered by Namuli and their economic benefits
Throughout its duration, the project will continue to give particular importance to the inclusion of women, young and vulnerable people in its activities as well as in community discussions and decision-making.

Results

R1. Income-generating commercial agricultural value chains, which encourages conservation and restoration of forests, are integrated into the territory, in partnership with the private sector

R2. The economic performances and resilience of family subsistence farming systems (particularly those run by farmers in vulnerable situations) is strengthened to ensure their adaptability to climate change and their food security

R3. The territory governance of Namuli is strengthened

R4. Communities Land Management and Development Plans are elaborated and implemented in Namuli territory

Activities

- A1.** Scale-up the honey value chain in Namuli (launched in 2020)
- A2.** Launch pilot tests of coffee cultivation in agroforestry systems with the aim of reconverting degraded land
- A3.** Ongoing research, on the field, with the farmers, to find local solutions to local production and marketing problems, with a network of "producers experimenters"
- A4.** Scale-up of the replicable innovations validated through these experiments, on a larger scale, by providing technical assistance with a network of "producers trainers"
- A5.** Capitalization of the replicable innovations validated during the first phase of the project (July 2019 - June 2023) for partners
- A6.** Creation a legalization of new Natural Resources Management Committee respecting gender parity to also fight against the widening of gender inequalities caused by the erosion of natural resources
- A7.** Capacity building of Natural Resources Management Committees (governance, organization, financial management, gender inclusion)
- A8.** Organization of awareness-raising campaigns, involving NRMCs, including the scale-up of an environmental education program in schools in partnership with teaching staff
- A9.** Cartographic analyses of the territory (based on data already acquired by Nitidae such as the popular cadastre) to reflect on the integration or the scale-up of new value-chains in wider territorial dynamics. These maps will be produced using remote sensing techniques and are intended to serve as decision-making tools for local stakeholders (local committees and authorities)
- A10.** Supporting local NRMCs to lead community debates to develop and formalize Management and Development Plans for their territories
- A11.** Organization of multi-stakeholders roundtables to enable Namuli's communities NRMCs to present and advocate their Lands Management and Development plans and work with their partners (including local authorities) to implement them
- A12.** Support for the implementation and monitoring of community land management and development plans, including key social aspects with a focus on education