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SOUTHERN AFRICAN PEACE PARK

LUBOMBO : PONTA DO OURO Partial Marine Reserve, Mozambique

Ponta do Ouro Partial Marine Reserve (PPMR) is Africa's first coastal and marine cross-boarder conservation area. It spans roughly 100 km of southern Mozambican coastline from Inhaca Island beyond the northern tip of the Machangulo peninsula, to Ponta do Ouro in the South.

The coastline is straight and exposed, consisting primarily of extensive pristine white-sand beaches with occasional rocky headlines. Ten tropical coral reef systems occur along the coast line. These represent the southern-most occurrence of east-African reef-building corals in the world.



These beaches represent the vital breeding habitat of the endangered leatherback and loggerhead sea turtles, and the coastal waters are the only place on earth where the illusive *Lazarus* coelacanths can still be found. 77% of all turtles nests on this vast coastline fall within the this protected area.

Vegetation within PPMR includes sea grass beds, which provide a sanctuary for various species in the shallower water including the dugong, and extensive Mangrove forests which, worldwide, are currently being cleared at a faster rate than tropical rain forests.

As Nelson Mandela said in our famous film, *"I know of no political movement, no philosophy, no ideology, which does not agree with the peace parks concept as we see it going into fruition today. It is a concept that can be embraced by all, will you join him today."*

Best regards,

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