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Haiyu Mining Co., Vilankulo District, Mozambique



Haiyu (Mozambique) Mining CO.; Lda, contracted environmental consultant Amilcar Vicente Marremula to carry out the Environmental Impact Assessment and the

Environmental Impact Study (EIS) for the mining exploitation project of Heavy Sands, in the mining concession No. 7169C, with 3190 ha, situated between Belane (Chipanze), Mapinhane Administrative Post, and Quewene (Mahatsela), Administrative Post Headquarters, Vilankulo District, Inhambane Province.

In 2019, a Non-Technical Summary (NTS) was circulated for comment. The Environmental Impact Assessment was conducted under Decree 54/2015 of December 31st.

The Megafauna Foundation in Tofu, Mozambique, and The Sanctuary in Queuene, Mozambique, submitted comments on the EIA to the Minister of Land and Environment on 30 March 2020. The project did not progress until July 2023, when activity on site was documented.

Haiyu is already accused of perpetrating significant human rights and environmental violations in Mozambique. Reported here by the Center for Public Integrity:

- [**CIP accuses Chinese company of environmental crimes**](#)
- [**Mozambique: “Our lives mean nothing”: The human cost of Chinese Mining in Nagonha, Mozambique**](#)
- [**Mozambican authorities suspend Chinese mining company Haiyu**](#)

On 22 November 2024, we sent a letter to the Minister of Land and Environment requesting information on the granting of the environmental license to Haiyu Mozambique mining regarding the two mining concessions, 7169C and 7239C. Specifically, requesting copies of:

- the environmental impact assessment process for the heavy sands extraction project of the company Haiyu Mozambique Mining CO, Ltd. under concessions 7169C and 7239C; and
- the decision granting or rejecting the environmental license application;

We also wrote to the National Institute of Mines (MIREME) requesting information on mining concessions 7169C and 7239C granted to Haiyu Mozambique Mining, specifically the issuance of a certificate of the full content of the processes for the attribution of mining concessions. On 16 December 2024: MIREME responded to JLA's request as follows:

- The process of awarding the Mining Concessions mentioned in the heading followed the provisions of the mining legislation for this purpose, that is, when submitting the Mining Concession application, the mining holder met all the legal requirements demanded for its attribution.
- This Institute cannot provide a complete copy of the physical process referring to the mining titles mentioned above, as these contain information that is legally considered confidential.

- Nevertheless, if you wish, you may specifically inform the type of information you seek, and if it is eligible to be provided, you will be notified.

Inhambane Seascape



Haiyu falls within the Inhambane Seascape Marine Conservation Area

Haiyu's mining right application falls within the Inhambane Seascape. The Inhambane Seascape has been recognised by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) as a marine conservation area of global importance. In 2024, it was highlighted as a Key Biodiversity Area (KBA) by the Mozambican government. This area is also home to the Dugong, which is on the IUCN Red List of endangered animals, classified as vulnerable. Less than 500 remain in the Inhambane region.

Re: Wild is an international conservation organisation that wrote an open letter to the Mozambican government urging them to commit to the protection of this important ecosystem that has the ability to provide for the Blue Economy. To read and also sign the open letter, click here: [A voice for Inhambane • Advocating for Earth | Re:wild.org](https://re:wild.org)

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