



Above image on the left is of Jangamo Bay from the Mission Blue website, taken by Jeff Hester, Photographer Without Borders. Above image on the right is from ADP Mozambique's website showing construction for Mutamba Mineral Sands in Rio Tinto.

## **Mutamba Mineral Sands Mining, Jangamo, Mozambique**

### **Background**

The Jangamo area in Inhambane Province, Mozambique, is known for heavy mineral sands deposits containing minerals like ilmenite, rutile, and zircon. Various mining companies have been involved in the exploration and development of mineral sands projects in this region.

Mineral sands mining typically involves extracting titanium minerals (ilmenite and rutile) and zircon from coastal sand deposits. These minerals are used in various industries, including paint manufacturing (titanium dioxide from ilmenite and rutile) and ceramics (zircon).

The Mutamba/Jangamo project, a joint venture between Savannah Resources and Rio Tinto, is a large-scale mineral sands project in this region, including the Jangamo, Dongane, and Ravene mineralised zones.

Mutamba falls within the Inhambane Province of Mozambique and 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.

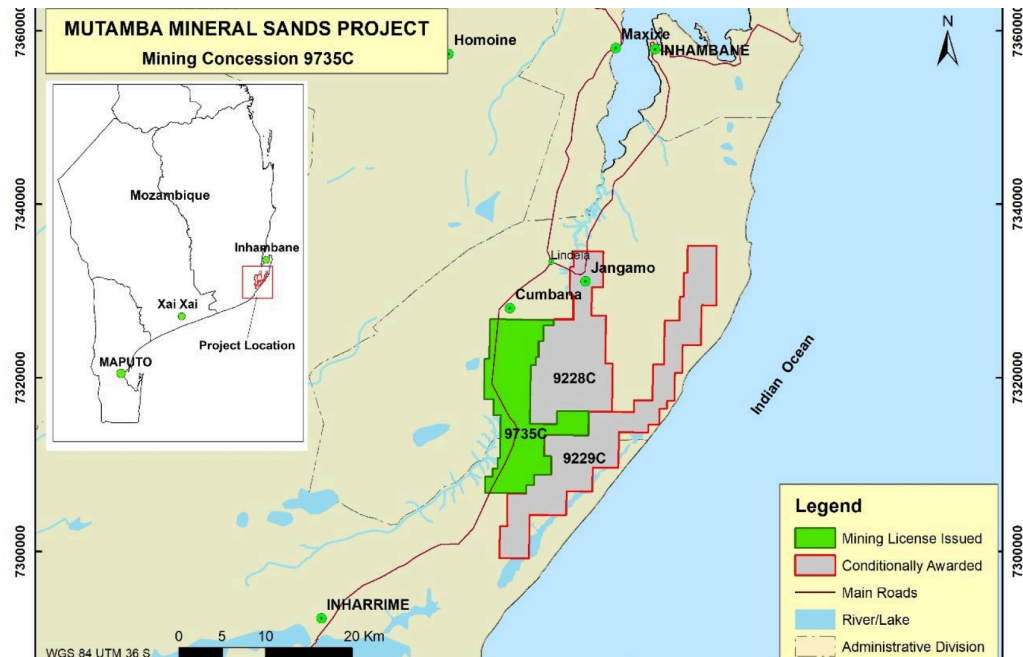


Mutamba Mineral Sands Project falls within the Inhambane Seascapes

The mining concessions that are part of the Mutamba Mining Project are:

- Licence 9229C issued, covering 16,126 hectares ('ha') and valid to May 2044, with the possibility of an additional 25-year extension
- Licence 9229C is part of Mutamba, which contains an Indicated and Inferred Mineral Resource of 4.4Bt, grading 3.9% total heavy minerals Licence 9229C is the second of three contiguous concessions to be issued that will result in the full tenement permitting of Mutamba

The map below shows the locations of the three mining concessions of Mutamba Mining in Jangamo.



JLA Advogados in Maputo act as Our Children's Earth Foundation's (our client) correspondent attorneys.

Between September and October 2023, JA! and Natural Justice filed complaints with the National Prosecuting Authority regarding the mining concessions. Authorities requested a resettlement plan from Mutamba Mineral Sands and sent the EIA back.

During November and December 2023, Natural Justice and JA! visited the area, and although the revised EIA had not been submitted, operations had started. The mining company has a construction licence, which should not have been given without an EA.

We have submitted complaints to the government and to the mining company and are in the process of taking further action to stop the ongoing unlawful mining.

Links to more information on Mutamba Mineral Sands Project:

- [Inhambane: Project Worth \\$10M to Start Exporting Heavy Sands in 2024 • 360 Mozambique](#)
- [Mozambique: Jangamo heavy sands to begin exports in 2024](#)

## Other Activism

[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](#)

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