



PARQUE NACIONAL DE MAPUTO



(October to March)

Entry: 06:00 – 18:00 • Exit: 17:00

Beach access: 05:00 – 18:00

(April to September)

Entry: 07:00 - 16:00 • Exit: 17:00

Beach Access: 05:00 - 17:00

NO ENTRY ALLOWED AFTER 17:00 WITHOUT PRIOR ARRANGEMENTS

(Note: *limited phone signal within Maputo National Park – enter at own risk*)



BACKGROUND AND HISTORY

The Maputo National Park lies within the Lubombo Transfrontier Conservation and Resource Area which spans a total range of 11,161km² across Mozambique, South Africa and eSwatini.

The Lubombo Transfrontier Conservation and Resource Area is part of the Maputaland Centre of Endemism – an area with internationally recognised conservation value as it contains high species richness and endemism – native and naturally occurring only in that specific habitat.

It forms part of the Maputaland-Pondoland-Albany biodiversity hotspot as well as the South East African Coast Endemic Bird Area.

The 1,728km² Maputo National Park is a protected area spanning coastal, terrestrial, and marine ecosystems in the southern-most region of Mozambique.

The park offers a scenic combination of land and ocean, plains and hills covered by woodland, marshes, grassland and forest-capped ridges as well as turquoise seas and beaches of fine white sand with forest-fringed coastal dunes.

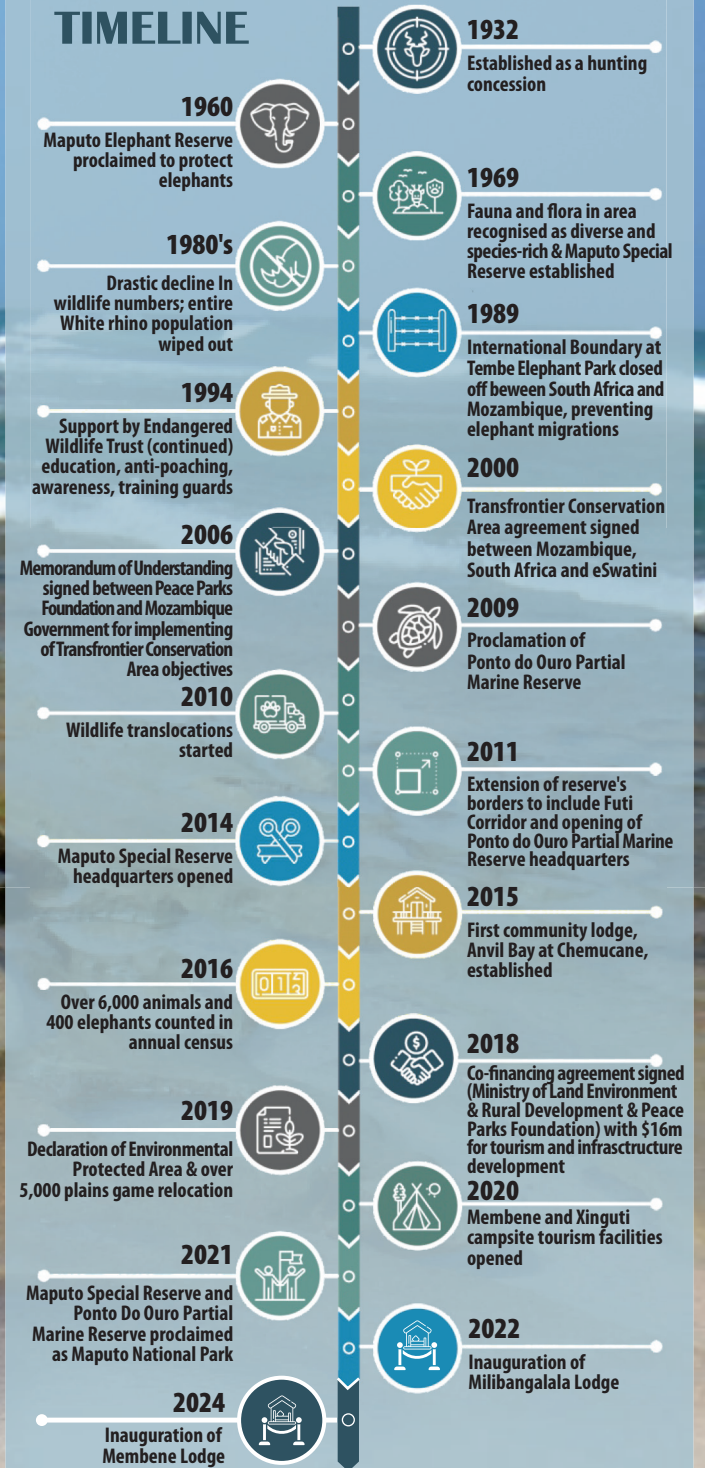
HIGHLIGHTS

- Breath-taking beach & bush landscapes
- Stunning sand-forests and floodplains
- Vivid wildlife encounters
- Exquisite marine life
- Rare and endangered species

ACCESS

- 68 km from Maputo, 50 min drive on tarmac road.
- 40 km from the border post at Ponta do Ouro, 30 min drive on tarmac road.

TIMELINE



FAUNA & FLORA

The southward-flowing warm Mozambique and Agulhas currents allow for tropical plants and animals to flourish in a sub-tropical environment. Several distinct waterbodies define the fresh and saline coastal lake system which, combined with the Futi and Maputo rivers provide a special habitat for various communities of species. Of particular importance, the Hygrophilous grassland in the Futi Valley supports both wildlife and neighbouring human populations. It remains permanently moist, providing water and green forage for livestock and wildlife well into the dry season.

- **Lakes:** hippo, crocodile, migratory birds.
- **Futi/Riverine vegetation:** reedbuck, waterbuck, and elephant.
- **Lacustrine reedbed:** reedbuck.
- **Hygrophilous grassland such as the Futi Valley:** this area remains permanently moist, providing water and green forage for reedbuck, waterbuck and elephant.
- **Dune forest:** important for birds, snakes and elephants. Being very narrow in places, this type of forest enhances the spread of genetic material especially for less mobile plants and animals.
- **Dune grassland:** towards the eastern extremity, the palm veld grades into open grassland.
- **Open woodland:** nyala, bushbuck, giraffe, blue wildebeest, zebra, impala, warthog and elephant.
- **Wooded grassland:** bushpig, red and grey duiker, steenbok and jackal.
- **Sand forest:** tall trees; inhabited mostly by suni and vervet monkeys.
- **Sand thicket:** 2m to 5m high; inhabited mostly by duikers and spurfowl.
- **Swamp forest:** a rare and sensitive habitat type; some with closed canopy (15-25m high).

CLIMATE: TROPICAL SAVANNA

Warm wet summers (Oct - Mar) 26-30°C Cool dry winters (Apr - Sep) 14-26°C

Annual rainfall 690-1000mm

BEHAVIOUR NEAR WILD ANIMALS

- Do not drive off the road
- Do not follow the elephants or approach too closely
- Do not make a noise or rev the engine
- Move away slowly when animals approach
- Do not block their path
- Do not approach sea turtles or interrupt them when they are making their way up or down the beach to lay eggs.

ACCOMMODATION FACILITIES

Ponta Chemucane

- ★★★★★ Anvil Bay Lodge
- 11 x Units (22 Bed)

Ponta Milibangalala - Montebelo

- ★★★★★ Eco-resort
- 20 x Bungalows (57 Bed)
- Swimming pool, restaurant and conference room

Ponta Membene

- ★★★
- 24 Chalets (90 beds)
- 7 x Campsites with ablutions (each 6 pax)
- 1 x Group campsite (up to 12 pax)
- Restaurant and Bar
- Day visitor facilities, picnic area and boat launch area

Lagoa Xinguti

- 6 x Serviced campsites (each 6 pax)

4x4 Game Drive Network

- 5 x Rustic campsites for 4x4 trails (each 12 pax)
- 196 km of 4X4 trails

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CODE OF CONDUCT

Adhere strictly to park rules and regulations intended for your own safety. Fines may be issued by management.



- **DRIVING AREAS** – off-road or driving on closed/no-entry roads is an offense and transgressors will be fined.
- **BEHAVIOUR** – disrespectful behaviour including loud music and disobeying officials will not be tolerated. Failure to comply with the provided regulations will result in prosecution.
- **MALARIA** – Maputo National Park falls within a malaria zone. Please consult your medical practitioner and take the necessary precautions.
- **FAUNA & FLORA** – no plant, animal, marine, natural or cultural items may be damaged or removed from the park. Killing or poaching of animals is strictly prohibited.

Rules & regulations enforced under the Law 16/2014 of 2014 (revised 2017 - Law 05/2017) of Mozambique. Transgressions can result in prosecution or fines.

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ACCESS

roads suitable for high clearance 4x4 vehicles only

- primary road access
- general tourist road
- seasonal access
- - - 4 x 4 trails
- management roads
- ↑ Preferred route to Ponta Chemucane
- ↑ Preferred route to Ponta Membene
- ↑ Preferred route to Ponta Milibangalala
- ↑ Preferred route to Ponta Dobela
- ↑ Preferred route to Lagoa Xinguti
- Maputo Environmental Protected Area
- tourism gate
- managed community gate
- management gate
- border post
- no-entry / roads under construction
- directional signage
- location indicator signage

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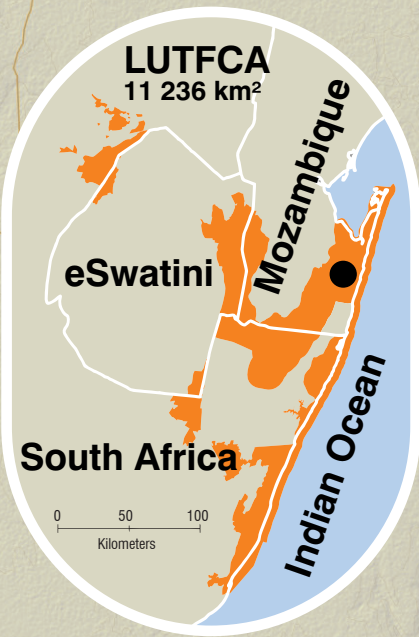
- lodge
- bungalow / villa (self catering unit)
- serviced campsite
- group campsite
- 4x4 "wet" rustic campsite
- 4x4 "dry" rustic campsite

ACTIVITIES

- 4x4 access
- boat launching site (different T&C for all)
- kayaking
- fat biking
- snorkeling
- scuba diving
- hiking
- mangrove forest excursions
- surfing
- shuttle service
- picnic area
- shop
- restaurant

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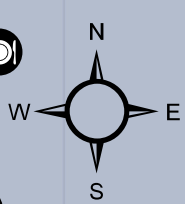
Driver's responsibility to ensure that vehicle is 4x4. Driver must be trained in use of 4x4. Non-4x4 vehicles will be turned away. Tyre pressure must be at 180 kPa or lower. Penalties and fees apply for non-compliance and recovery attempts. Visitors acknowledge risks and dangers of wildlife, remote area and limited communications.



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LUBOMBO
Transfrontier Conservation and Resource Area

Ndumo Game Reserve

Tembe Elephant Park

MOZAMBIQUE SOUTH AFRICA