



# **Natural capital accounting in Mozambique promotes Green Economy development and recovery**

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## **Why is natural capital and green recovery important? (2/2)**

**Government of Mozambique is committed to a natural capital and green economy agenda (NC/GE) since 2012.**

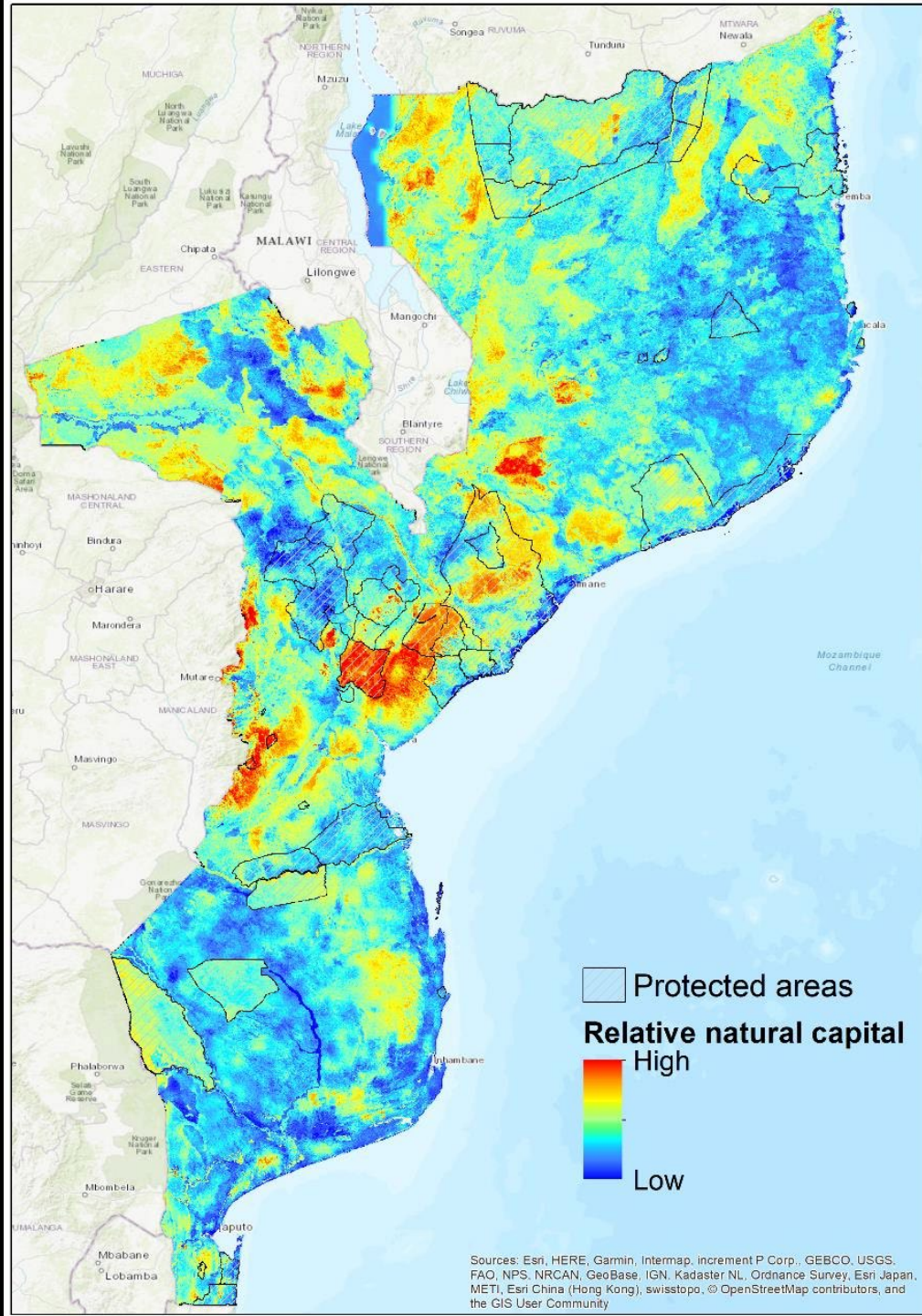
**This includes ongoing work on the Green Economy Action Plan PAEV (2020), the Gaborone Declaration for Sustainability in Africa (GDSA), and Natural Capital Accounting (NCA) system and accounts implementation.**

**COVID-19 impacts are devastating in Mozambique's rural and urban areas. The NC/GE agenda promotes clean air, water, resilience, and food—important for health and reducing vulnerabilities.**

**NCA can lend support in planning for a green recovery and building back better as well as monitoring.**

## **Why is natural capital and green recovery important? (1/2)**

- **The Mozambique natural capital stocks provide substantial ecosystem service (ES) benefits to key Mozambique sectors and beneficiaries:**
  - **Key staple crops: 1.5 billion USD/yr**
  - **Sustainable extractive use of forests: 170 mln USD/yr**
  - **Inland fisheries: 117 mln USD/yr**
- **Conservative total ES benefits reach USD 2.4 Billion/yr or 17% of MZ total economy**
- **Under climate change and deforestation, estimated decrease in forest extent alone represents a loss of 2.9 billion USD in global carbon value until 2050.**



## **What progress has been made and what are the next steps (1/2)**

- **Identification of entry points for NCA to strengthen argument—not only PAEV but importantly also in the National Economic Development Strategy and its five-year development plans (“sustainable management of natural resources and the environment” now a national priority)**
- **3-year MTA/INE/UNSD support project (until 2023) started to establish routinely produced environmental-economic accounts by the national statistical office INE.**

**What progress has been made and what are the next steps (2/2)**

- **Establishment of technical inter-ministerial working group for policy advice.**
- **Support by WWF, AfDB, and GGGI to support NCA understanding by decisionmakers and key sectors technicians.**
- **Ongoing alignment and harmonization of existing NC/GE activities and identification of interventions for green recovery and building back better for the coming years.**





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