

SUGARCANE – LOW-CARBON TRANSITION & WATER STEWARDSHIP

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Marromeu District, Sofala Province, Zambezi Valley, **Mozambique**

Estimated Budget : USD 12M

Sectors : Agriculture / Sugarcane value chain



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Context

Marromeu District hosts the Marromeu Complex, the first Wetland of International Importance (Ramsar site) in Mozambique, including the Marromeu National Reserve (1,500 km²), one of the country's main biodiversity hotspots. Companhia de Sena operates the largest sugarcane plantation in Mozambique. Key biodiversity threats include greenhouse gas emissions from cane burning at harvest, excessive agrochemical use, high water consumption through intensive irrigation, human-wildlife conflicts (crop raids, killing of animals), uncontrolled fires, and illegal extraction of natural resources. The district has potential for up to 40,000 households to join the sugarcane value chain as outgrowers.



Objectives

- To implement Voluntary Biodiversity Commitments (IUCN, 2021) in Marromeu sugar cane Value Chains
- To adopt good production practices in the sugarcane value chain in Marromeu
- To conserve biodiversity in the sugarcane value chain in Marromeu
- To promote joint stakeholder engagement for sustainability in the sugarcane value chain in Marromeu
- To improve the living conditions of communities through sustainable production sustainability in the sugarcane value chain in Marromeu
- To raise awareness among producers, companies, and communities about the importance of biodiversity for economic and environmental sustainability in Marromeu sugar cane Value Chains



Institutions : Marromeu District Administration, Marromeu National Reserve (RNM) authorities, Coutadas operators, Sofala Province
Local actors: 2,000 smallholder households, sugarcane workers, contracted outgrowers, communities adjacent to the Sena plantation

Private sector / technical support : Companhia de Sena (exclusive sugarcane producer, anchor company and outgrower aggregator), NGOs

Partners : AFD, WWF, IUCN, EF

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FUNDING

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IMPLEMENTATION