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Bio-sketch

Izildo Roque Rangel Ferreira obtained a Law degree in 2004 from the Faculty of Law at the Eduardo Mondlane University, Mozambique.

In 2005 he has started working at the National Institute for Sea and Borders Affairs (an organ which is subordinated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Coordination) as a Legal Adviser in the Directorate of Legal Affairs, Studies and Information. He is a member of the Mozambique Law Bar Association and previously worked as a lawyer in civil, criminal and labor cases.

His current responsibilities and duties includie: Planning activity; International legislation analyses; Production of the related law proposals; Production of labour agreement; Production of the technical reports; Fieldwork on the land borders.

Fellowship Host Institutions and Supervisors

- 1. Marine Law Centre, National University of Ireland Galway, (Dr. Ronán Long)
- 2. The Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations (Dr. François Bailet)

Research Abstract

Developing and Integrated Ocean's Policy for Mozambique

Mozambique has a long coastline, about 2.700 Km2 and many marine resources in its maritime zones of jurisdictions. It is estimated that about 40% of population live in the coastal zones.

One of the State's challenges in the last years was to articulate and implement an integrated system for the governance of ocean zones, to observe the sustainable development for the coastal zones, and to approach the national and regional policies of the sea in conformity with what is provided in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

Unfortunately, except in one case, in the north of the country, most of the potential maritime boundaries of Mozambique are still not delimited and also there is a lack of a national ocean policy. On another hand, Mozambique is in the process of preparing its submission to extend its Continental Shelf and the respective establishment of the outer limits under the article 76 of the LOS Convention.

This study analyzes all these factors and proposes suggestions for a model for a better benefit of the concept of developing and integrated ocean's policy for Mozambique.

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