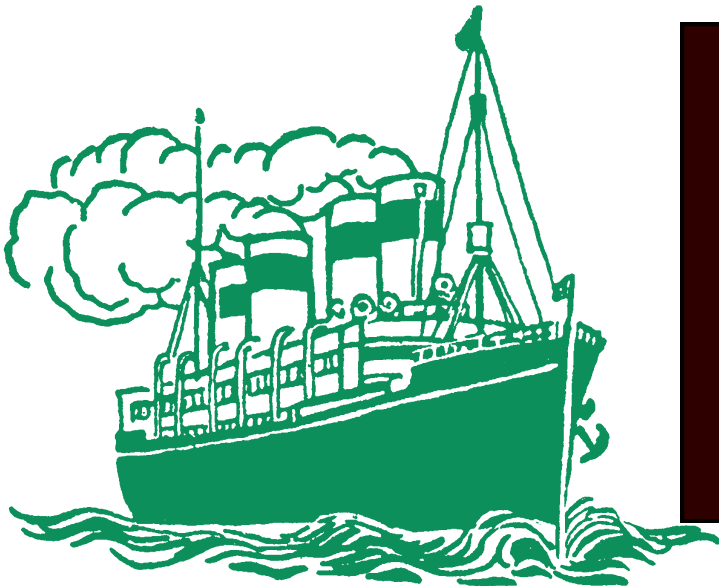


Karpowerships in Mozambique

Factsheet: October 2026

Floating Electricity Production Plants or “Powerships” are looking to Mozambique as an investment opportunity.



A Powership is a floating thermoelectric power plant designed for short- to medium-term electricity supply. The ship is equipped with gas turbines or diesel engines, like land-based thermal power plants to generate electricity.

Why is this a problem?

It places costly and polluting fossil fuel power in a sensitive estuary, threatening fishers' livelihoods, mangroves and the climate.



Stay informed and hold policymakers to account for your rights to sustainable energy solutions.

We are currently at the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) stage. Interested and affected parties can make their voices heard by submitting comments in a public participation process.

The deadline to submit comments is 29 October 2026

Gaps identified in the EIA



- **Fishing livelihoods:** The EIA does not properly assess potential income losses of fishers, restrictions on fishing areas and if fishers are impacted, the effectiveness of the proposed plans to support them.



- **Marine ecosystems:** Inadequate assessment of potential impacts on mangroves, underwater noise and sediment contamination.



- **Climate impacts:** Significant inconsistencies in the estimated greenhouse gas emissions, raising concerns about the reliability of the project's carbon footprint assessment.



- **Air quality:** Reliance on outdated baseline data and insufficient assessment of cumulative air pollution from the project and existing industrial activities.



- **Energy alternatives:** Lack of a comprehensive assessment of alternative energy solutions, including renewable energy options and the possibility of not implementing the project.



- **Community consultation:** Concerns about access to EIA documentation and the insufficient involvement of some affected fishing communities during the preparation of the specialised studies.

Where are we in the EIA process?

We are currently at the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) stage, reviewing the draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (REIAS) and specialised studies.

The public consultation in Matola took place on 15 October, with strong participation from local fishers and women involved in fish trading, who expressed their opposition to the project.





What happens next?

Following the submission and review of written comments, the process will move towards a decision by the National Directorate of Environment and Climate Change (DINAMC) on the project's environmental viability, which will determine whether the project can proceed towards environmental licensing.

If interested and affected parties disagree with the decision, they have the right to challenge it through two legal avenues:



- **Administrative appeal:** Requesting a review of the decision through the competent environmental authorities, including DINAMC, where applicable.
- **Contentious appeal:** Challenging the decision before the Administrative Court (*Tribunal Administrativo*).

There is no mandatory order of precedence between these two avenues, meaning that interested and affected parties do not necessarily have to pursue an administrative appeal before seeking judicial review.

Who can submit comments?

Any interested or affected person or organisation, including local communities, fishers, civil society organisations and other stakeholders.

How can comments be submitted?

Under Article 15(14) of the EIA Regulations (Decree No. 54/2015), written comments should be submitted to the environmental consultant responsible for the EIA within 15 days following the public consultation meeting.

For this project, comments should be submitted to IMPACTO through either of the following channels:



- Email: consulta publica@impacto.co.mz



- Physical address: Rua de Kassuende, 296, Maputo.