

# GENERAL REPORT

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## 1. Introduction

Wadden Sea Flyway financed three small projects with significant importance in the areas of implementation. The three projects were developed in a short period of time, between 15 and 27 December, in the provinces of Benguela and Luanda. The NGO ADAMA was in the implementation of the Project in Benguela, while in Luanda, the two Projects had the support of the NGO Omuramba-Biota Conservation, the Museum of Natural History and the National Institute of Biodiversity and Conservation Areas.

Despite the difficult period of the COVID19, the three projects were successful, and the objectives set were achieved, namely: The Protection of Flamingos of Lobito, the Exhibition in memory of Maria Eugênia Lopes and the rehabilitation of the Bird Observatory in the Integral Nature Reserve of Ilhéu dos Pássaros, as well as the placement of an information plaque on its status.

## 2. Implementation of Projects

### a. Protection of Flamingos of Lobito

The project for environmental awareness and cleaning of waterbird habitats for the Protection of Flamingos and other waterbirds in the municipality of Lobito was successful as mentioned above. The organizers carried out an environmental awareness and awareness campaign for the communities that live around the main habitats. The process of environmental awareness and awareness also covered local authorities, schools around these important habitats. The activities that spanned two days, December 15-16, were attended by 127 individuals, including students, communities and representatives of the Lobito administration. It was possible to remove an enormous amount of waste, estimated at more than 1 ton of urban waste, essentially plastic.



Figure 1- Participants during the activities

b. Observatory Rehabilitation Project at Ilhéu dos Pássaros

The rehabilitation of the Observatory and the placement of an information plaque on the status of Ilhéu dos Pássaros were essential to guarantee the work of environmental awareness, as well as the continuous monitoring of water birds in the Reserve. The objectives set out were successfully achieved, thus ensuring the use of the observatory for bird watching, as well as the integrity of the Reserve, taking into account that most of the individuals who invade it claim that they were unaware of the legal status of Integral Reserve.



Figure 2- During the activities at Reserve

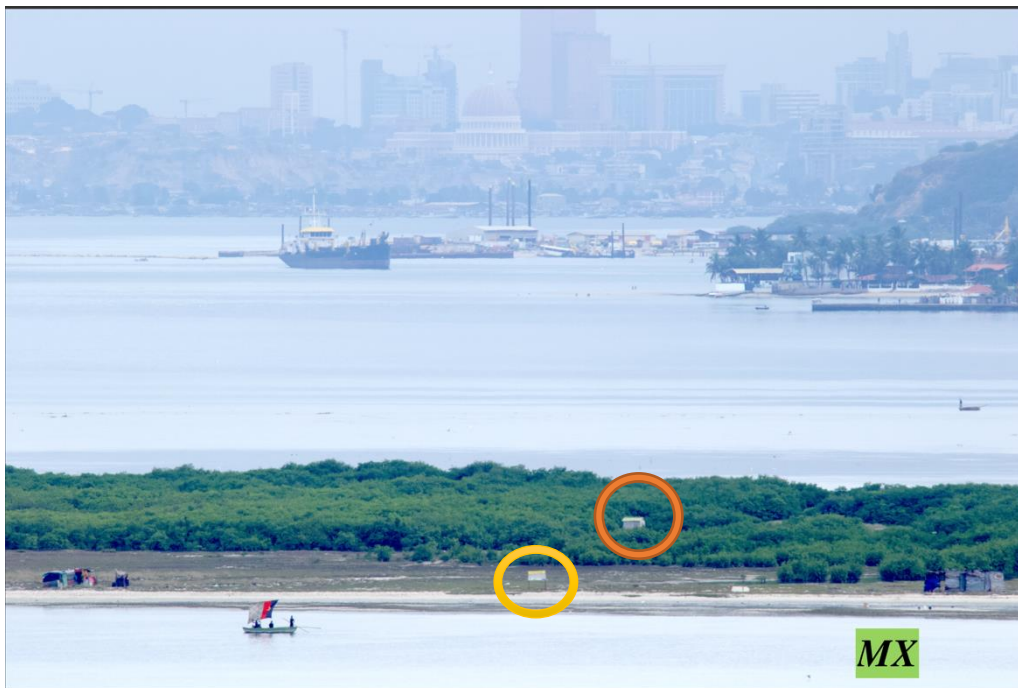


Figure 3- Overview of the Reserve:  Observatory and  the Informative Plaque

### c. Photographic Exhibition Project

The photographic exhibition was held in memory of our colleague Maria Eugênia Lopes (Geni) who died at the beginning of the year, during the counting of water birds on the coast of Iona National Park. The opening of the exhibition was attended by 67 individuals, including Geni's husband and daughter. The event was successful, to the point of the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Environment, requesting the extension of the exhibition until January 31, 2021, contrary to the initial forecast that was from December 15th to 27th of the current year.



Figure 4- During the Photographic Exposition at Natural Museum

### 3. Financial summary

The total expenses for all activities carried out is 6,399 euros. The coordination received 5,900 euros from the funder (Wadden Sea Fly Way) and 499 euros were provided locally. Contrary to forecasts, the organization of the photographic exhibition cost 2,785 euros, instead of 1,500 euros, provided for in the initial budget.

Activities	Expenses	Cost	
		kz	Euros
Photographic exhibition	Photo production	1.224.000,00	
	Hall organization	32.174,39	
	Coffee break	623.752,00	
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>1.879.926,39</b>	<b>2.785</b>
Observatory Maintenance and Information Board	Observatory maintenance	57.000,00	
	Production of Information board	950.000,00	
	Car rental	35.500,00	
	Crossings	47.200,00	
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>1.089.700,00</b>	<b>1.614</b>
Protection of Flamingos of Lobito	Purchase of work instruments	135.550,00	
	Production of sensitization materials	844.450,00	
	Car rental	270.000,00	
	Snacks	100.000,00	
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>1.350.000,00</b>	<b>2.000</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>6.399</b>

#### **4. Final considerations**

The activities were carried out on the basis of proposals submitted to the Wadden Sea Flyway Secretariat. Despite some difficulties faced in the field, mainly because of COVID 19, the results obtained are as expected, both in Benguela and in Luanda. The implementation of the Flamingos Protection project in Lobito allowed environmental awareness and awareness about the importance of protecting and conserving the habitat of water birds. The photographic exhibition in memory of Maria Eugênia Lopes had a great adherence from colleagues and friends, as well as from the general public. It was also possible to rehabilitate the Aquatic Birds Observatory in the Integral Reserve of Ilhéu dos Pássaros and the placement of an information plaque on its status.

In fact, the financing of Wadden Sea Flyway was fundamental for the protection and conservation of waterbird habitats in Angola, as well as the appreciation of Maria Eugênia Lopes' contribution to this great cause. Taking into account the results obtained and the future challenges to ensure the protection and conservation of waterbird habitats, we recommend the following:

- Continued support from Wadden Sea Flyway in projects in Benguela, especially in the construction of a water bird observatory in the municipality of Lobito.
- Support for the rehabilitation of the Saco dos Flamingos observatory.
- Support for the promotion of a network of bird watchers along the Angolan coast.