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Blue Cabotage Project

Reconstruction of the docks

Blue Cabotage Opportunity

The national coastal shipping network is degraded and unable to ensure regular flows of people and goods. Poor landing conditions exacerbate post-harvest losses, prevent health certification, and undermine food security.

Climate vulnerability accelerates erosion and exposes coastal communities to increasing risks.

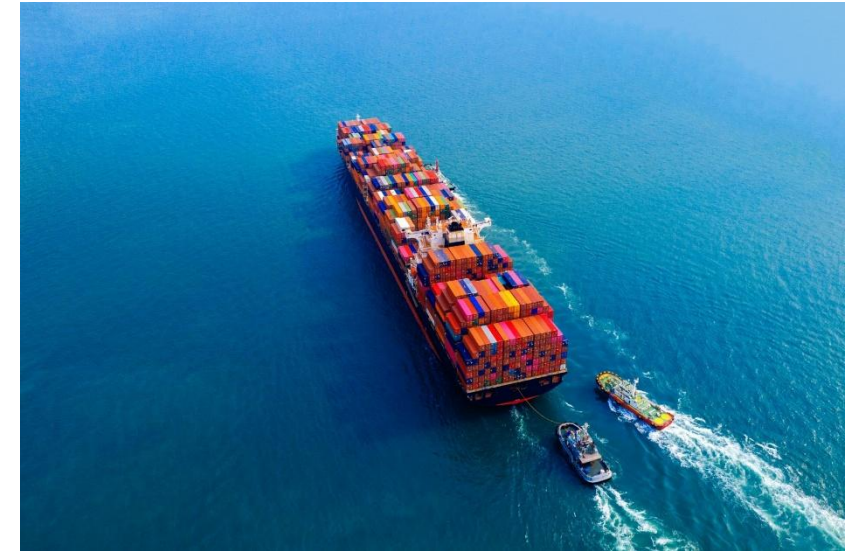


Blue Cabotage The project

The **Blue Cabotage Project: Rehabilitation and Modernization of Quays** aims to rebuild six strategic port infrastructures for São Tomé and Príncipe, locations prioritized by the PNIEA and the Blue Economy, Rehabilitation, and Maintenance of Fishing Infrastructures (BEFIRM) project, due to their direct impact on mobility, artisanal fishing, food security, and economic inclusion.

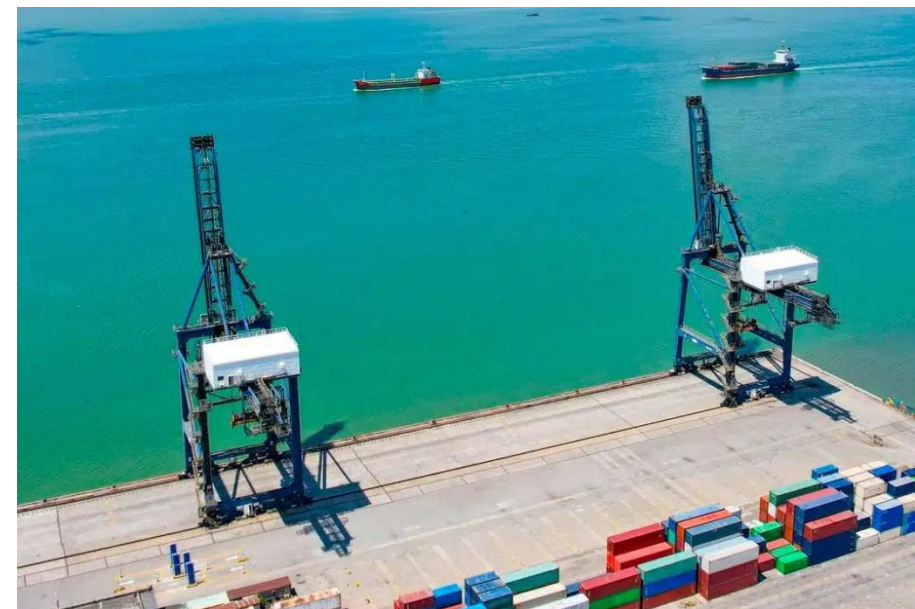
The six ports identified as priorities have:

- Higher population density and dependence on fishing
- Logistical and economic relevance
- Greater impact on employment, exports, and tourism



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 Expected impact

- Total investment: €18.8 million
- Expected results:
 - Rehabilitated and operational docks
 - Logistical and tourist modernization
 - Modernized artisanal fleet
 - Conditions for health certification
 - Reduction of losses and increase in quality
 - Greater inclusion of fishing communities



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Maturity level

The project is technically ready:

- Studies from the 10th EDF
- Framework validated in BEFIRM
- Environmental eligibility criteria defined
- Mobilization of complementary funds (WB, GEF, WACA+)



Blue Cabotage Promoters and funders

Key stakeholders

- Central government and Trade and Investment Promotion Agency (APCI)
- African Development Bank (AfDB), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Global Environment Facility (GEF), United Nations Development Program (UNDP), and World Bank (WB)
- Local authorities and Regional Government of Príncipe
- Private sector (PPP) Cooperatives, NGOs, and communities

Funders

- BAD (BEFIRM)
- GEF
- Government
- PPP/private sector
- Cooperatives, NGOs, and communities

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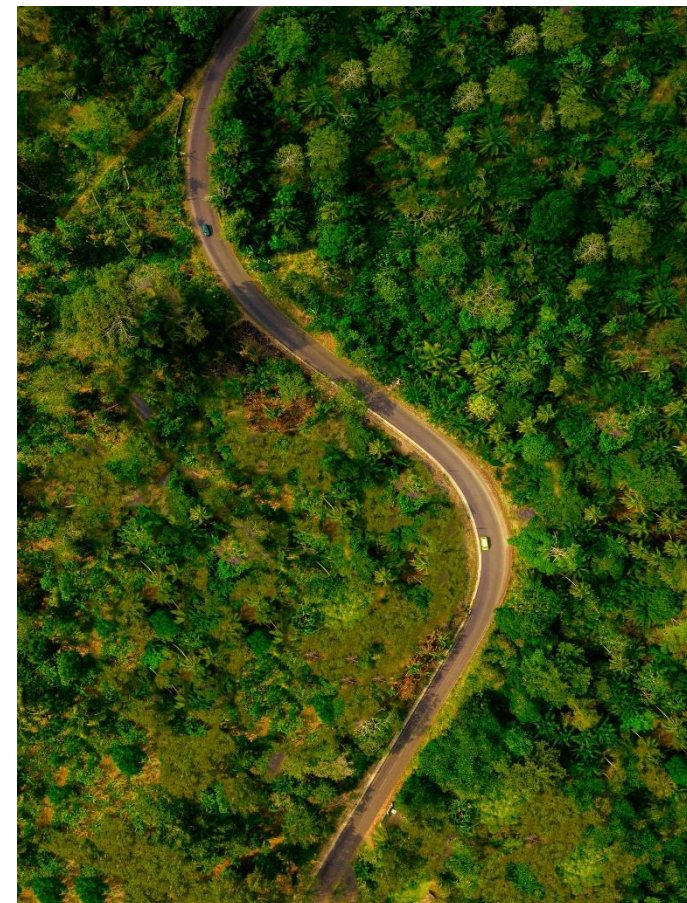
Key conditions

What is sought

- AfDB/GEF/other co-financing
- PPP in warehouses, marinas, logistics, and coastal tourism
- Coastal shipping operators
- Technological and environmental partners
- Blended finance and multilateral risk mechanisms

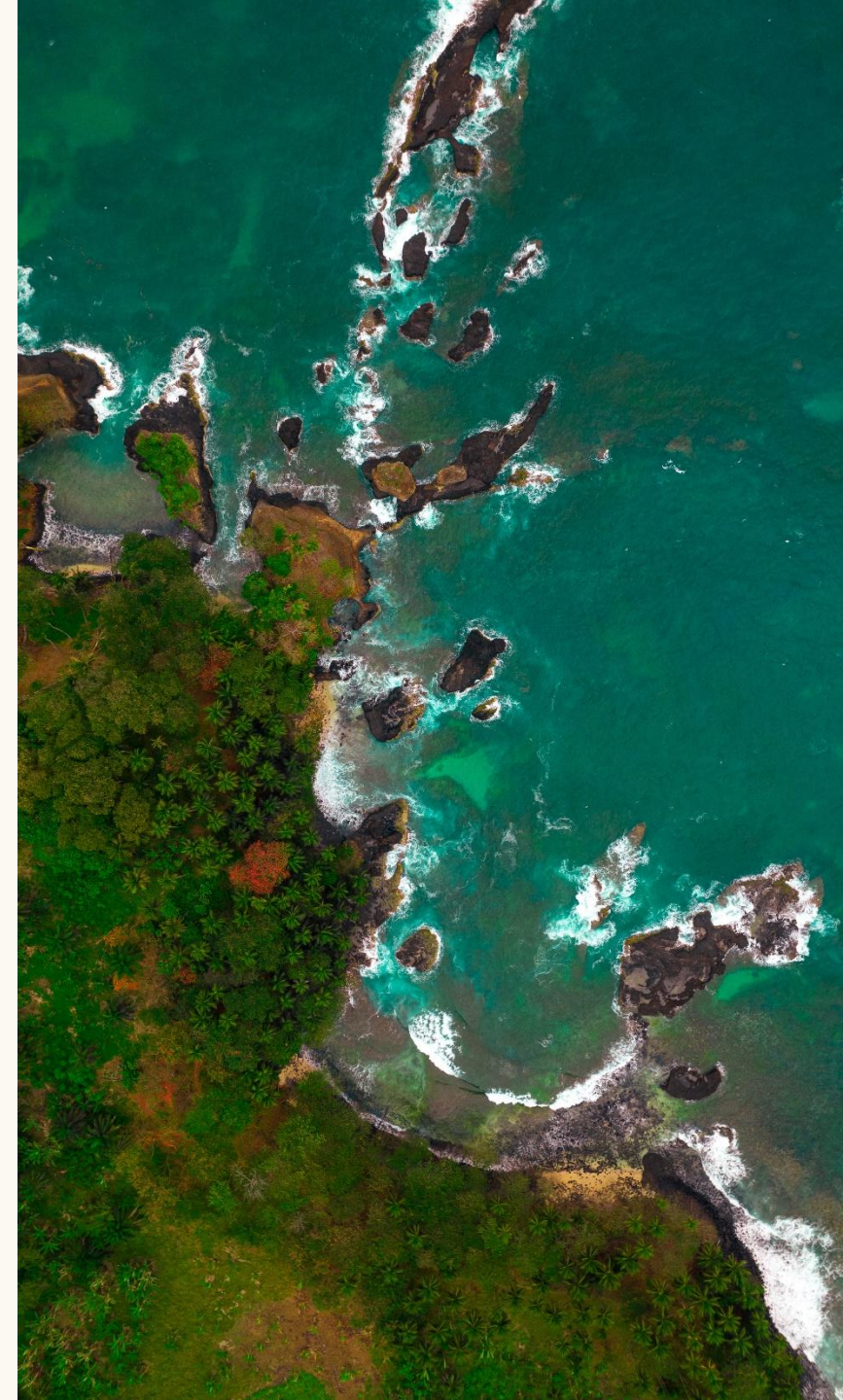
Investment incentives:

- Favorable tax regime
- Legal protection for investment
- Multilateral guarantees
- Access to AfDB/GEF/UNDP/WB programs





This project, with an estimated investment of €18.8 million, jointly financed by a broad group of leading partners, offers a unique opportunity to revitalize the fishing sector and promote inclusive economic growth. It is a community infrastructure project with a direct impact on local incomes, logistical efficiency, and climate resilience—essential elements for reviving fish exports, reducing operating costs, and consolidating a coastal tourist corridor.



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