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Iô Grande 1 Hydroelectric Project - Soledade

AHE Iô Grande 1 Opportunity

Hydroelectric power plants play a strategic role in São Tomé and Príncipe's energy transition, contributing to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, lower production costs, and greater national energy security.

In São Tomé and Príncipe:

- 94% of electricity in São Tomé and Príncipe is generated using imported diesel.
- Only 5% comes from renewable sources.
- There are high energy costs and strong external dependence, with a direct impact on the national economy.



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Expected impact

For São Tomé and Príncipe

- 50% renewable energy by 2030
- 100% electricity access by 2040
- Clean and stable energy
- Positive environmental and social impact

For investors

- Technically mature project ready for financing
- Long-term PPA (Power Purchase Agreement) with tariffs in euros.
- Climate finance and multilateral guarantees available
- Solid return and controlled risk



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 Maturity level

- Technical and environmental studies completed (AQUALOGUS, 2021)
- Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) classified as “conditional but feasible,” with clear guidelines for mitigation
- BOT (Build-Operate-Transfer) financial structure developed and aligned with tender requirements
- Project in final stages of preparation for mobilization of international financing



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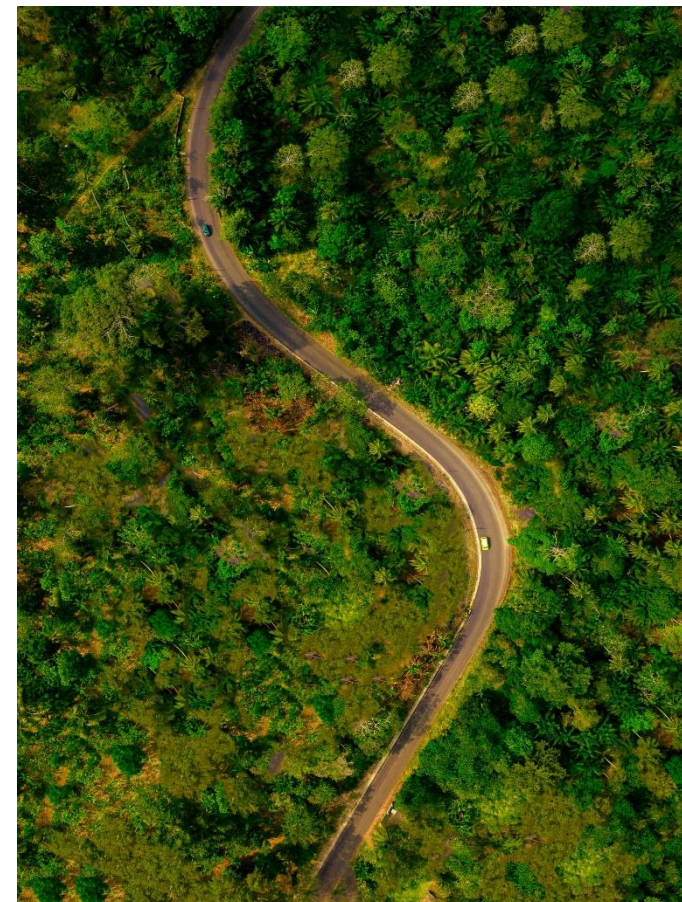
Promoters and funders


Main entities and respective responsibilities

- Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF): contracting authority and financial coordination
- Directorate-General for Natural Resources and Energy (DGRNE): technical and energy supervision
- São Tomé and Príncipe Water and Electricity Company (EMAE): energy purchase (PPA)
- Trade and Investment Promotion Agency (APCI): investment promotion and attraction
- African Development Bank (AfDB), European Union (EU), and United Nations Development Program (UNDP): co-financing and technical assistance
- National Environment Agency (ANA): environmental licensing and monitoring
- Private concessionaire: financing, construction, operation, and maintenance

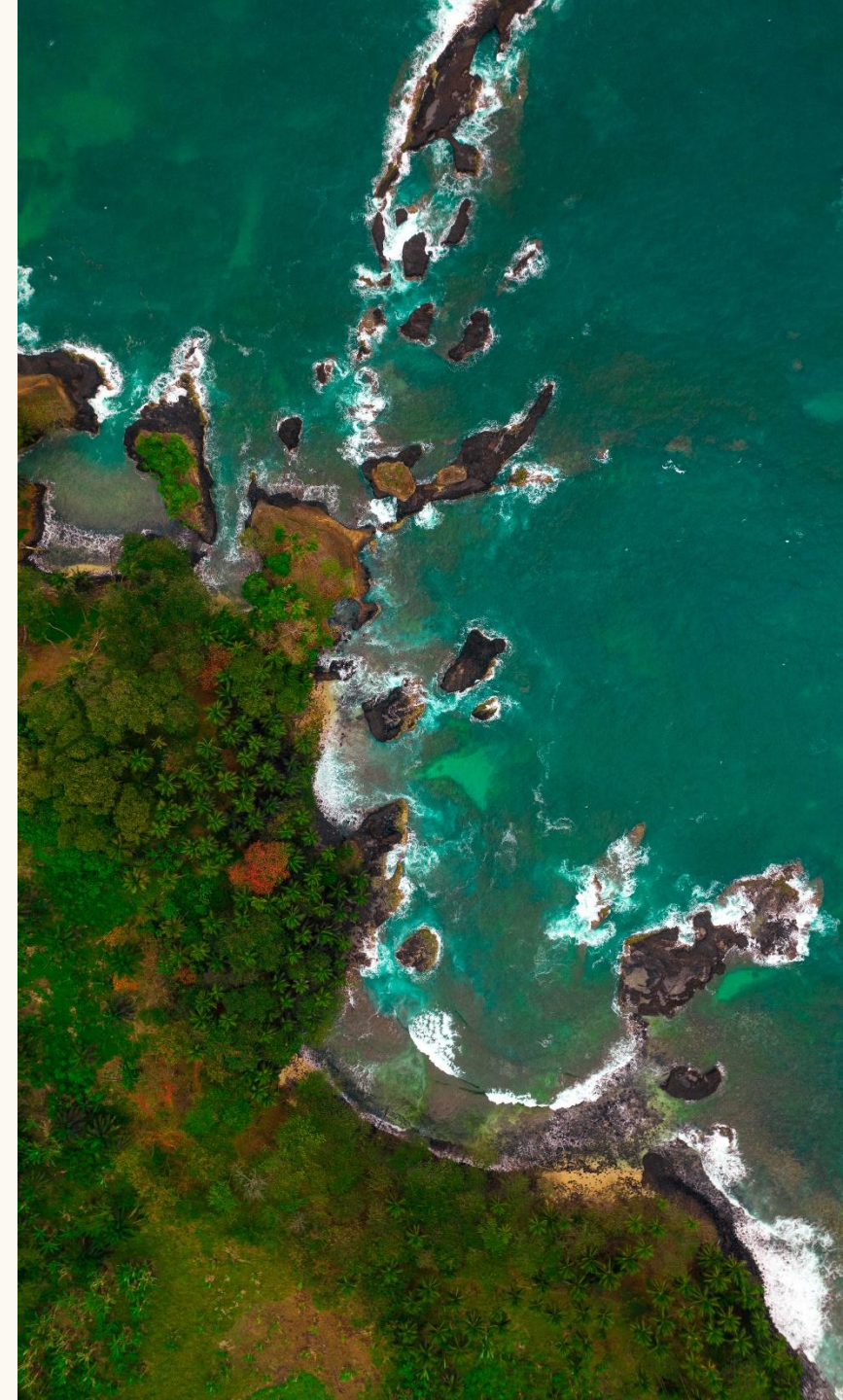
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 Key conditions

- Total investment: EUR 51.5 million
- Model: PPP BOT / 25–30-year concession
- Tax exemption for 8 years
- PPA in euros guaranteed by EMAE
- Concessionary financing from ADB/EIB/EU
- Participation in climate financing mechanisms (GCF, SEFA)





The **Iô Grande 1 Hydroelectric Project - Soledade** is the flagship project of São Tomé and Príncipe's energy transition. It combines economic profitability with positive environmental and social impact, within a stable and transparent institutional framework. It represents a unique opportunity for international investors to participate in a clean, safe, and inclusive energy project that will strengthen the country's energy independence and its regional role in Africa's green transition.



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