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# Construction of a port in Ponta Mina

Port of Ponta  
 Mina  
 Opportunity

The Santo António pier, built in the 1960s, is inadequate (draft <1.5 m), unsafe, and affected by silting from the Papagaio River. Its maintenance is economically unfeasible.

Consequences:

- Increased logistics and essential goods costs
- Increased food and energy vulnerability
- Difficulty exporting and transporting products
- Blockade to the development of tourism and fishing



Port of Ponta  
Mina  
The project

This project is the result of the EU-funded Cabotage Plan (COWI/TYPSA), which envisaged six cabotage ports in the country. Main features:

- 128 m × 12 m pier, with a draft of 4 m
- Rockfill breakwater 6 m above low tide
- 2,500 m<sup>2</sup> logistics platform
- 800 m road access
- Integrated drainage, power, lighting, and security



## Port of Ponta Mina

### Expected impact

- Total investment: €50 million
- Expected impacts:
  - Reduction of logistics costs by up to 40%
  - Improvement in food security
  - Creation of direct and indirect jobs
  - Stimulus for tourism and exports
  - Reinforcement of territorial cohesion and coastal resilience



# Port of Ponta Mina Schedule

Phase	Period	Key results
Technical update / ESIA	2025	Technical and environmental review
Financial structuring	2025	Agreements with EU/ADB
International tender	2026	Awarding of contracts
Construction	2026–2028	Main works
Pilot operation	2029	Testing and training
Commercial operation	2029–2030	Full operation

Port of Ponta  
Mina  
Promoters and  
funders

## Institutional structure

- Ministry of Infrastructure, Natural Resources, and Environment (MIRNA): technical and financial implementation
- Regional Government of Príncipe: local coordination
- Project Management Unit (PMU): management and monitoring (engineering, environment, finance)
- CCN: national coordination (Ministry of Economy and Finance, MIRNA, APCI, international partners)

## Funders

- Government
- European Union (EU) / OHRLLS
- African Development Bank (AfDB)
- Global Environment Facility (GEF)
- United Nations Development Program (UNDP)/ Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- Public-Private Partnership (PPP)

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Mina  
**Key conditions**

### Value Proposition

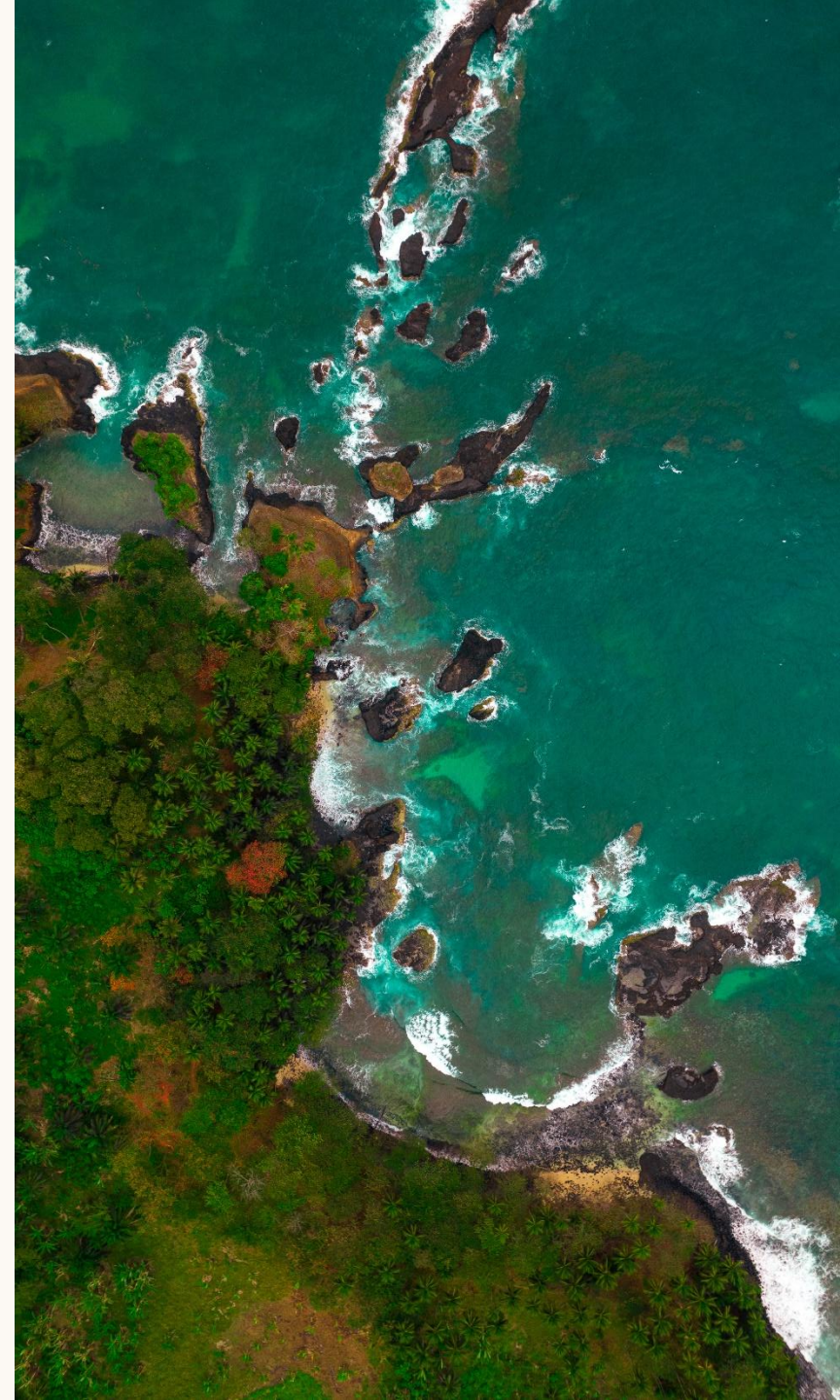
- Mature, validated, and prioritized project
- Proven socioeconomic and environmental impact
- Favorable legal and tax framework
- Potential for expansion (tourist terminal and marina)

### Investment Incentives

- Tax and customs exemptions
- Guarantees for profit repatriation and MIGA protection
- Access to green financing
- UNDP/AfDB support
- Integration into future Blue Economy Special Economic Zones



With an estimated investment of around USD 50 million, the **Port of Ponta Mina** is the centerpiece of the Cabotage Director's Plan, functioning as an integrated logistics platform for tourism, agriculture, and fishing. The new infrastructure will reduce transportation costs by 30–40%, ensure safe port operations, and stimulate a more competitive economic environment in Príncipe. This is a critical project of national interest, with a direct impact on territorial resilience, inter-island connectivity, and the economic sustainability of the region, fully aligned with the ENDS 2026–2040 vision.



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