

# CLIMATE INVESTMENT FUNDS

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**[[APPROVAL BY MAIL]: MOZAMBIQUE FOREST INVESTMENT PROJECT (FIP) (WORLD BANK) (XFIPMZ031A)  
COMMENTS AND RESPONSES RECEIVED FROM UNITED STATES AND WORLD BANK**

### **US Comment, January 10, 2017**

Dear Mafalda,

Thank you for the opportunity to review this interesting project. Apologies for sending these comments by email, but we were having trouble getting into the on-line comment system.

1. Can the World Bank confirm that the project will not support or promote, directly or indirectly (including through policy reform), industrial-scale logging in primary forest areas?
2. We note that the involuntary resettlement safeguard was triggered, and would appreciate more information on potential impacts and mitigating measures under this safeguard.

Thanks very much,  
Katie Berg  
U.S. Treasury Department

### **World Bank Response, January 11, 2017**

1. The Bank confirms that the Project will not lead to expanded industrial scale logging into primary tropical forests”.

2. The project will not cause any involuntary physical resettlement, but may cause restrictions of access to natural resources in protected areas. This is the reason why the Bank policy on involuntary resettlement was triggered. The Government of Mozambique has prepared a ‘Policy Framework’, acceptable to the Bank, to mitigate all impacts from the potential limitation of access to natural resources.

### **US Comment, January 11, 2017**

Thank you for your response. With respect to the involuntary resettlement, we understand that it is not necessarily physical resettlement. However, can you provide more information on the scale/scope of the potential restriction in access and how this will be mitigated? Will any groups/individuals need to be compensated and how will this work?

### **World Bank Response, January 12, 2017**

Many thanks for your questions, the MozFIP will provide some level of support to two protected areas (Quirimbas National Park and Gile Reserve) that are currently supported by another ongoing WB-financed project - MozBio.

MozBio is already dealing with all potential compensation for restriction to access. There has been no restriction up to the present, and hence no need for compensation, and the situation should remain the same in the future. Hence, no additional restriction of access to the population within the Quirimbas National Park (there is no population in the Gilé Reserve) is foreseen by MozFIP activities, but the policy was preemptively triggered to allow MozFIP to provide compensatory measures (through community projects) should they be needed.