

This petition is supported by scientific, legal and policy references concerning offshore seismic surveys, marine biodiversity, fisheries, coastal livelihoods, tourism and ocean governance.

Key references include Mozambique's offshore petroleum EIA guidance, regional studies on the Northern Mozambique Channel, World Bank research on Mozambique's blue economy and fisheries livelihoods, African policy research on seismic surveys, scientific advisory material from Southern Africa, and international guidelines for reducing harm to marine mammals during seismic survey operations.

These references support a precautionary approach and reinforce the need for full public consultation, independent scientific review and enforceable environmental safeguards before any offshore seismic activity is permitted.

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