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LIST OF ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

- ADA - Directly affected area
- EIA: Environmental Impact Assessment
- AID - Area of direct influence
- IIA - Indirectly Affected Area
- WB: World Bank
- CFB - Benguela Railways
- DHANA - Human Right to Adequate Food and Nutrition
- EDA: Agricultural Development Station
- EEs-Specialized companies
- EIA-Environmental Impact Assessment
- ENDE-National Electricity Distribution Company
- EN-National Road
- EPASBIE-Bié Public Water and Sanitation Company
- EPC-Collective Protection Equipment
- PPE-Personal Protective Equipment
- WWTP-Wastewater Treatment Plant
- FAO-United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization
- IDA: Institute for Agricultural Development
- INE-National Statistics Institute
- IPA-Artisanal Fisheries Institute
- LP - Preliminary License
- MINAGRIP: Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
- MIP – Integrated Pest Management
- MSGR: Suggestion and Complaint Management Mechanism
- The Economic and Social Development Fund – FDES
- SDG-Sustainable Development Goals
- ILO: International Labor Organization
- PDAC: Angola Commercial Agriculture Development Project

- NDP-National Development Plan
- PENSA-Plans such as the National Strategy for Food Security
- PGA-Environmental Management Plan
- PGAS: Environmental and Social Management Plan
- SME: Small and Medium Enterprises
- PND-National Development Plan
- PNOOC-Coastal Zone Management Plan
- RAPP-Agricultural and Fisheries Census
- RIMA: Environmental Impact Report
- TDR-Terms of Reference
- UN-United Nations
- GBV: Gender-Based Violence

1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report concerns the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) for the construction of agricultural infrastructure "Silos" in the municipality of Catabola, province of Bié.

The project proponent is Carrinho, SA, which submitted an application to **the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)** for project financing through the **African Development Bank (AfDB)**.

In preparing this study, the provisions established in Angolan legislation were taken into account, as well as the guidelines of the AfDB and DFC, duly mentioned and detailed in Chapter 3, which also presents the Institutional Framework of the main entities involved in the agriculture sector, as well as the Ministry of the Environment.

At this stage of the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment, the aim is to identify the activities planned for the implementation of the Project, analyze their possible impacts, and define the corresponding mitigation measures.

The municipality of Catabola covers 3,028 km² and has a population of around 126,631. It is bordered to the north by the municipality of Nharea, to the east by the municipality of Camacupa, to the south by the municipality of Cuíto, and to the west by the municipality of Cunhinga.

The municipality consists of the main commune, corresponding to the city of Catabola, and the communes of Chipeta, Caiuera, Chiuca, and Sande. The city also includes the district of Chissamba.

The agricultural sector in the municipality of Catabola is the main economic activity and livelihood for most of the population, with a strong predominance of family farming. The main crops grown are butter beans (the region's flagship crop), corn, cassava, rice, potatoes, sweet potatoes, and various vegetables. The municipality has cooperatives and peasant associations that benefit from support programs with agricultural inputs and technical training. Despite the productive potential favored by fertile soils and a suitable climate, the sector faces challenges such as poor mechanization, difficulties in marketing production, and a lack of support infrastructure. Even so, there are great opportunities with

investment in agricultural service centers, training in sustainable practices, and the organization of producers to strengthen the local agricultural value chain.

Taking advantage of the potential that this municipality offers in terms of grain production, the Carrinho group intends to build agricultural infrastructure "Silos" to increase the capacity of existing silos, with the aim of facilitating the storage and distribution of grains from various points in the municipality and other regions, not only to mitigate and reduce post-harvest losses, but also to encourage farmers to increase production, contributing to food security and economic development in the region.

The proposed project will be implemented in an area corresponding to 7.000 m² and will be constructed of reinforced concrete, wire mesh, metal structures, and sheet metal, etc.

The project consists of the exploitation of existing silos for grain storage, expanding their storage capacity from 3,660 tons to 20,000 tons, including drying, in which the following products are expected to be stored: corn and rice.

The silos, with a storage capacity of 20,000 tons, consist of:

- 1 weighbridge with a capacity of 60 tons;
- 1 road reception circuit with a capacity of 160 m³/h (120 t/h), with straw pre-cleaning;
- 2 conical bottom buffer silos with a total capacity of approximately 1350 m³, i.e., 500 tons capacity for each silo. For example, Ø8.9m, cylinder height 14.94m, and total height 17.48m;
- 1 dryer with an output capacity of 50 t/h for corn;
- 4 flat-bottom silos for storage distributed in a line, with a total capacity of approx. 26,700 m³, i.e., 5,000 tons of capacity for each silo. For example, Ø19.54 m;
- Aeration system in storage silos;
- 1 road shipping circuit with a capacity of 135 m³/h (100 t/h);
- Electrical installation;
- Supervision system.

The main environmental conditions at the project site are described below.

The climate of the municipality of Catabola is humid tropical highland, characterized by two well-defined seasons: a rainy season, from October to April, and a dry season, from May to September. Average annual temperatures range from 18°C to 24°C, with nights often cool due to the altitude. Annual rainfall ranges from 1,200 mm to 1,500 mm, favoring agriculture. Relative humidity is generally high during the rainy season, while in the dry season the climate becomes milder and drier. These climatic conditions make the region suitable for growing a wide variety of food crops.

The soils in the municipality of Catabola are predominantly ferruginous lateritic and clayey, with good depth and moderate natural fertility, especially in the plateau areas. They are well-drained soils, rich in iron and with a texture ranging from medium to heavy, which favors water retention during the rainy season. These characteristics make them suitable for agricultural practices, allowing the cultivation of crops such as corn, beans, potatoes, cassava, and vegetables. However, fertility can decline with continued use without proper conservation practices and crop rotation, which poses a challenge for sustainable agriculture. The adoption of soil conservation techniques and correction with organic matter can significantly improve local agricultural productivity.

The hydrography of the municipality of Catabola is marked by an important river network that contributes to the hydrographic system of central Angola. The municipality is crossed by several watercourses, the main ones being the Cuquema and Cuchi rivers, both tributaries of the Cuito River, which is one of the major tributaries of the Zambezi system. These rivers have a permanent flow, which is essential for supplying communities, agricultural irrigation, and livestock watering. Despite the water potential, there is a need for investment in infrastructure to make better use of and sustainably manage these resources, as their flow varies throughout the year according to the seasons. The existence of these watercourses is especially important for strengthening the supply of drinking water and supporting the expansion of irrigated agriculture.

The vegetation in the municipality of Catabola is dominated by wooded savannahs and humid savannahs, interspersed with patches of gallery forest along watercourses. This vegetation landscape is typical of the plateau regions of central Angola, with species such as miombo, mussivi, mulemba, and baobab, which are adapted to the tropical highland climate and lateritic soils. The vegetation is dense during the rainy season but becomes sparser in the dry season, when part of the cover goes dormant. In addition to providing raw materials (firewood, charcoal, and medicinal plants), the local vegetation has ecological value for soil and biodiversity conservation. However, it faces pressures from agricultural expansion and intensive timber use, highlighting the need for sustainable strategies for environmental use and protection.

The main source of air pollution in the area in question is the dust raised by vehicle traffic on the unpaved road that passes in front of the facilities (EN-250), which generates fine particles (PM10 and PM2.5) that are harmful to health. In addition, emissions from motor vehicles, such as carbon monoxide and nitrogen oxides, aggravate the situation. Other sources include the burning of waste and biomass, a common practice in rural areas, and construction or earthmoving activities, which also contribute to dust suspension. Measures such as road watering, speed limits, and environmental awareness can help mitigate these impacts.

Noise pollution will mainly be caused by construction activities such as excavation, the operation of heavy equipment and vehicles, the assembly of metal structures, and the transport of materials, in addition to traffic on the EN-250 highway. Although the area does not have a high population density or heavy traffic, temporarily high noise levels may cause occasional discomfort to nearby communities and construction workers.

With appropriate mitigation measures, it is possible to significantly reduce these impacts.

From an ecological point of view, the installation of the silos is not expected to have a significant impact on local biodiversity, as the area is heavily subject to anthropogenic changes. The area where the silos will be built is devoid of vegetation. The surrounding vegetation is sparse and subject to constant burning by the local population, thus reducing

its diversity. No endangered or threatened species of fauna or flora were observed in the immediate vicinity of the project.

From a landscape perspective, the intervention area is located in a peri-urban zone characterized by human occupation coexisting with areas of sparse natural vegetation, affected by increasing disorderly occupation and construction of buildings, impacting its visual quality.

The municipality of Catabola has a population of around 61,372, of whom 28,480 are male and 32,891 are female. Catabola has a young and dynamic population, with more than half of its residents of working age and a young population that far outnumbers the elderly.

The population of the municipality of Catabola has a literacy rate of 36.7%.

The employment rate is 49.6%. Most of the population works in the primary sector (agriculture, animal production, hunting, forestry, and fishing) and the tertiary sector (commerce and services).

As part of the EIAS work, the following entities were contacted: Bié provincial government, Catabola municipal administration (municipal department of environment and basic sanitation).

These entities are in favor of the project's implementation, as it will have significant implications for the economic revitalization of the municipality.

The main negative environmental impacts of the project will occur during the construction phase and relate to noise and dust due to the circulation of heavy and light vehicles and the potential disturbance to the surrounding population. It is expected that the implementation of mitigation measures and monitoring programs will keep the negative impacts during the construction phase at low levels of significance.

At this stage, another positive impact to be noted is the boost to the local economy resulting from the construction activity, creating jobs and stimulating local restaurants and accommodation for an estimated period of 36 months.

During the project's operational phase, the negative impacts are associated with situations of potential risk, although these are unlikely to occur with the adoption of the proposed measures,

namely accidental spills of polluting substances, noise, dust, and road accidents involving the population, etc.

It is during the operational phase that all the benefits of the project will emerge, materializing in improved socioeconomic conditions for the population of Catabola and the surrounding area. At this stage, it is expected that the population will be able to sell their grain at a competitive price and receive incentives to increase their productivity and improve their cultivation and storage techniques.

The main measures to mitigate negative impacts are aimed at ensuring minimal disruption to the areas involved and reducing environmental and social impacts during the construction and operation phases. Among these, the following stand out:

- a) Do not burn vegetation cover or any type of material or waste.
- b) Avoid driving vehicles and machinery at high speeds, complying with the established speed limits (60 km/h and 30 km/h) near and within towns;
- c) Ensure the maintenance and periodic inspection of all vehicles and machinery;
- d) Workers who are exposed to high noise levels must be required to wear personal protective equipment (PPE) and/or collective protective equipment (CPE) specifically designed for this purpose;
- e) Use water resources sustainably and avoid waste;
- f) Conserve tree and shrub species in areas that do not interfere with the project;
- g) Hazardous waste must be managed properly and appropriately, taking into account the recommendations of the Waste Management Plan (PGR);
- h) Do not perform maintenance on equipment and machinery in unsealed areas;
- i) Implement a Construction Site Management Program, including monitoring of solid waste to be generated during construction;
- j) Effluent Monitoring Program;
- k) Spray traffic routes and the construction site yard during the execution of the works;
- l) Create a noise monitoring program;
- m) Install speed limit signs on the main access roads to the intervention area;
- n) Conduct educational campaigns for the protection of fauna and flora;

- o) Promote a publicity campaign to recruit labor for the construction phase, giving priority to the local population, in accordance with ILO guidelines;
- p) Maintain a campaign for the prevention of traffic accidents and defensive driving;
- q) Provide temporary accommodation sufficient for the entire construction period;
- r) Request greater responsibility in the transportation of materials from service providers involved in the construction of the project;
- s) Install safety signage in all areas affected by construction work, etc.

Implementation of the Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP)

The implementation of the Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) is an essential step in ensuring that the construction and operation of the grain storage silos are conducted in an environmentally responsible and socially sustainable manner. This plan defines the preventive, mitigating, and corrective measures to be applied to minimize negative impacts and maximize benefits for local communities and the environment.

The ESMP covers actions related to waste management, control of atmospheric emissions and noise, preservation of water and soil quality, promotion of occupational health and safety, and mechanisms for communication and community involvement, etc. Its implementation will be accompanied by a continuous monitoring system and periodic reports, ensuring compliance with Angolan legislation and applicable international standards, as well as transparency towards stakeholders.

Some **key indicators of PGAS implementation** that can be monitored during the construction and operation phases of grain silos:

- **Air quality** – dust levels (PM₁₀, PM_{2.5}) and equipment emissions.
- **Environmental noise** – sound pressure levels near sensitive areas.
- **Water quality** – physical-chemical and microbiological parameters.
- **Waste management** – amount generated, segregation, and final destination.
- **Resource consumption efficiency** – volume of water and energy consumed.

- **Occupational health and safety conditions** – number of accidents/incidents recorded.
- **State of vegetation and soil** – impacted areas and recovery actions.
- **Compliance with mitigation measures** – percentage of PGAS measures implemented.
- **Community engagement** – number of consultations, complaints, and resolutions.
- **Training and capacity building** – number of workers trained in environment and safety, etc.

The presentation of the costs associated with the implementation of the Monitoring Programs proposed in this environmental and social impact assessment (ESIA) is structured in two phases: Construction Phase and Operation Phase.

Table 1: Program implementation costs

Programs	Estimated costs (annual)	
	Construction phase	Operational phase
Effluent monitoring plan stored in septic tanks	3,500 USD	8,200 USD
Worker health and safety plan	\$8,000	10,000 USD
Atmospheric emissions monitoring program and air quality monitoring program	12,000 USD	15,000 USD
Noise level monitoring program	4,500 USD	6,000 USD
Environmental education program	12,000 USD	18,000 USD
Biodiversity monitoring program	\$7,500	9,000 USD
Emergency plan	8,000 USD	16,000 USD
Waste monitoring and management program waste	4,500 USD	8,000 USD
Pest control and eradication plan		12,000 USD
Communication and stakeholder relations program stakeholders	18,000 USD	22,000 USD
Mechanism for submitting 10,000 USD	10,000 USD	12,000 USD
Environmental and social performance audits		20,000 USD
Total	88,000 USD	156,200 USD

The financial costs related to the implementation of monitoring programs during the construction phase will be borne by the contractor.

The costs of implementing the monitoring programs during the operational phase will be borne by Carrinho, SA.

The conclusions of the EIAS consider the project to be environmentally viable with the effective adoption of the proposed mitigation measures.

It should also be noted that the province of Bié has all the institutional capacity to successfully implement the project proposed by the Carrinho, SA group. Nevertheless, Carrinho, SA will have to strengthen its environmental and social capacities by hiring a technician qualified to deal with environmental and social issues in accordance with the requirements defined by the financing institution.

Summary of Public Consultation and Participation

Public consultation is a mandatory step in the Environmental Impact Assessment process, as established by the Basic Environment Law (Law No. 5/98 of June 19), Presidential Decree No. 117/20 of April 22, and Executive Decree No. 87/12 of February 24, which regulate public participation in environmental matters. This procedure aims to ensure transparency, inclusion, and participation of communities, local authorities, and other stakeholders in the analysis of projects with potential environmental and social impact, a requirement also reinforced by the African Development Bank (AfDB) through its Operational Safeguard No. 1, which requires free, prior, and informed consultations.

As part of the Agricultural Infrastructure Construction Project "Silos" in the province of Bié, a consultation session was held on June 17, 2025, with representatives of the local administration of the municipalities of Cuito, Catabola, Camacupa, and Andulo, addressing the presentation of the project, the main environmental and social impacts, the proposed mitigation measures, and gathering contributions, comments, and recommendations from participants.

At the public session, local authorities and participants recognized the Carrinho Group's Agricultural Infrastructure Project as strategic for strengthening security.

feed people, combat poverty, and generate jobs, highlighting the construction of 24,000-ton silos in each municipality as a solution for storing agricultural production and consolidating the national agricultural network. The Vice-Governor reinforced the Provincial Government's support, while contributions pointed to the need for community participation in all phases, especially in environmental impact studies. The Carrinho Group reaffirmed its commitment to sustainability, ongoing dialogue with authorities, technical transparency, and cooperation with educational institutions to promote good agricultural practices and transform family farming in a sustainable manner.

A total of nine individuals were present, of whom five were male and four were female.

Record of Dialogue and Complaints (public consultation)

After the presentation of the project on June 17, 2025, to the municipal administration of Bié, each representative committed to sharing the information with the local community.

Therefore, at 9:35 a.m. on October 24, 2025, a hearing was held in the Municipal Administration Meeting Room with some representatives of the CAC, representing a wide range of social groups, chaired by His Excellency Dr. Henriques Cassoma Elavoco, Deputy Administrator for Economic and Financial Affairs in Catabola.

The meeting brought together representatives of the Carrinho Group, municipal authorities, and members of the community. The session highlighted the expansion of silos from 3,990 to 20,000 tons as a strategic solution for grain conservation and support for the development of small and medium-sized producers. Participants expressed satisfaction, raised questions, and recognized benefits such as technical assistance and seed supply. The relevance of traditional authorities in initial contact with local producers was also emphasized, reinforcing the role of the community in the implementation of the project.

A total of 22 (twenty-two) individuals were present, of whom 21 (twenty-one) were male and 1 (one) was female.

Executive Summary

This report refers to the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) for the Agricultural Infrastructure Construction Project “Silos” in the municipality of Catabola, Bié Province.

The Project Proponent is Carrinho, S.A., which has submitted an application to the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) for project financing through the African Development Bank (AfDB).

In preparing this study, the provisions established in Angolan environmental legislation were taken into account, as well as the guidelines of the AfDB and DFC, duly mentioned and detailed in Chapter 3, which also presents the Institutional Framework of the main entities involved in the agriculture sector, including the Ministry of Environment.

At this stage of the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment, the objective is to identify the activities planned for project implementation, analyze their potential impacts, and define the corresponding mitigation measures.

The municipality of Catabola covers 3,028 km² and has approximately 126,631 inhabitants. It is bordered to the north by the municipality of Nharea, to the east by Camacupa, to the south by Cuíto, and to the west by Cunhinga.

The municipality consists of the headquarters commune, corresponding to the town of Catabola, and the communes of Chipeta, Caiuera, Chiuca, and Sande. The town also includes the district of Chissamba.

The agriculture sector in Catabola is the main economic activity and the subsistence base for most of the population, with a strong predominance of family farming. The main crops grown include butter beans (the emblematic crop of the region), maize, cassava, rice, Irish potato, sweet potato, and various vegetables. The municipality has cooperatives and farmers’ associations that benefit from support programs providing agricultural inputs and technical training.

Despite the productive potential favored by fertile soils and suitable climate, the sector faces challenges such as low mechanization, difficulties in marketing produce, and lack of support infrastructure. Nevertheless, there are great opportunities through investment in agricultural service

centers, training in sustainable practices, and farmer organization to strengthen the local agricultural value chain.

Taking advantage of the municipality's grain production potential, the Carrinho Group intends to build agricultural infrastructures (silos) to increase the capacity of the existing silos, with the aim of facilitating storage and distribution of grains from various parts of the municipality and other regions — not only to mitigate and reduce post-harvest losses, but also to encourage farmers to increase production, thus contributing to food security and economic development in the region.

The proposed facility will occupy an area of approximately 7,000 m² and will be constructed using reinforced concrete, steel mesh, metallic structures, and metal sheets, among others.

The project consists of operating and expanding the existing silos for cereal storage, increasing their capacity from 3,660 tons to 20,000 tons, including drying. The following products are expected to be stored: maize and rice.

The silos, with a total storage capacity of 20,000 tons, will include:

- 1 Truck scale with a capacity of 60 tons;
- 1 Truck reception circuit with a capacity of 160 m³/h (120 t/h), including pre-cleaning of straw;
- 2 Buffer silos with conical bottoms and a total capacity of approximately 1,350 m³ (about 500 tons each), e.g., Ø8.9 m, cylinder height 14.94 m, total height 17.48 m;
- 1 Dryer with an output capacity of 50 t/h (for maize);
- 4 Flat-bottom silos arranged in a line, with a total capacity of approximately 26,700 m³ (about 5,000 tons each), e.g., Ø19.54 m;
- Aeration system in storage silos;
- 1 Truck dispatch circuit with a capacity of 135 m³/h (100 t/h);
- Electrical installation;
- Supervision system.

The main environmental conditions at the project site are described below.

The climate of the municipality of Catabola is of the humid tropical highland type, characterized by two well-defined seasons: a rainy season, which runs from October to April, and a dry season, from May to September. The average annual temperatures range between 18°C and 24°C, with nights often cool due to the altitude. Annual rainfall varies between 1,200 mm and 1,500 mm, favoring agricultural practices. Relative humidity is generally high during the rainy season, while the dry season is milder and less humid. These climatic conditions make the region suitable for cultivating a wide variety of food crops.

The soils of Catabola are predominantly lateritic ferruginous and clayey, with good depth and moderate natural fertility, especially in plateau areas. They are well-drained soils, rich in iron, with medium to heavy texture, allowing good water retention during the rainy season. These characteristics make them suitable for agriculture, enabling the cultivation of crops such as maize, beans, potatoes, cassava, and vegetables. However, fertility may decline with continuous use without proper conservation and crop rotation practices, which represents a challenge for sustainable farming. The adoption of soil conservation techniques and the use of organic matter can significantly improve local agricultural productivity.

The hydrography of Catabola is marked by an important river network that contributes to the central Angolan hydrographic system. The municipality is crossed by several watercourses, the main ones being the Cuquema and Cuchi Rivers, both tributaries of the Cuito River, one of the main sources of the Zambezi system. These rivers have a permanent flow and are essential for community water supply, agricultural irrigation, and livestock watering. Despite the hydric potential, there is a need for investment in infrastructure to better utilize and manage these resources sustainably, as their flow varies with the seasons. The existence of these rivers is particularly important for strengthening potable water supply and supporting the expansion of irrigated agriculture.

The vegetation of Catabola is dominated by wooded and humid savannas, interspersed with gallery forests along the riverbanks. This vegetation pattern is typical of the central Angolan plateau regions, with species such as miombo, mussivi, mulemba, and baobab (embondeiro), adapted to the tropical highland climate and lateritic soils. Vegetation is dense during the rainy season but becomes sparser in the dry season, when part of the cover goes dormant. In addition to providing

raw materials (firewood, charcoal, and medicinal plants), the local vegetation plays an ecological role in soil conservation and biodiversity maintenance. However, it faces pressure from agricultural expansion and intensive wood use, highlighting the need for sustainable land-use and environmental protection strategies.

The main source of air pollution in the area is dust raised by vehicle traffic on the unpaved road passing in front of the facilities (EN-250), generating fine particles (PM10 and PM2.5) that are harmful to health. Additionally, motor vehicle emissions such as carbon monoxide and nitrogen oxides worsen the situation. Other sources include waste and biomass burning, common practices in rural areas, as well as construction and earthmoving activities, which also contribute to dust suspension. The adoption of measures such as road watering, speed limitation, and environmental awareness can help mitigate these impacts.

Regarding noise pollution, it will mainly result from construction activities such as excavations, operation of heavy machinery and equipment, assembly of metal structures, and material transportation, as well as traffic on the EN-250. Although the area is not densely populated and traffic is relatively light, temporarily elevated noise levels may cause occasional discomfort to nearby communities and construction workers. With adequate mitigation measures, these impacts can be significantly reduced.

From an ecological standpoint, the construction of the silos is not expected to cause significant impacts on local biodiversity, as the area is already highly altered by human activity. The site where the silos will be built is devoid of vegetation. The surrounding vegetation is sparse and subjected to frequent burning by local populations, thus reducing its diversity. No species of flora or fauna at risk or under threat of extinction were observed in the project's immediate surroundings.

From a landscape perspective, the intervention area is located in a peri-urban zone, characterized by human occupation coexisting with small patches of natural vegetation, increasingly affected by unplanned expansion and construction, which impacts its visual quality.

The municipality of Catabola has approximately 61,372 inhabitants, of whom 28,480 are male and 32,891 are female. Catabola has a young and dynamic population, with more than half of residents being of working age, and a youth population significantly larger than the elderly.

The literacy rate in Catabola is 36.7%, while the employment rate is 49.6%. Most of the population works in the primary sector (agriculture, livestock, hunting, forestry, and fishing) and tertiary sector (commerce and services).

As part of the EIA study, the following entities were consulted: the Provincial Government of Bié and the Communal Administration of Catabola (Municipal Directorate of Environment and Basic Sanitation). These entities expressed support for the implementation of the project, recognizing its potential for significant economic development in the municipality.

The main negative environmental impacts of the project will occur during the construction phase and are related to noise and dust from the movement of heavy and light vehicles, and potential disturbance to nearby communities. However, with the implementation of mitigation and monitoring programs, these impacts are expected to remain at low levels of significance.

During this phase, there will also be a positive impact in the form of stimulation of the local economy, with the creation of jobs and revitalization of local commerce, restaurants, and accommodation services, over an estimated 36-month period.

In the operational phase, potential negative impacts are associated with accidental spills of pollutants, noise, dust, and traffic accidents involving the population, although their likelihood of occurrence is low if the proposed mitigation measures are adopted.

It is during the operation phase that the main benefits of the project will materialize, including improvements in the socioeconomic conditions of the population of Catabola and neighboring communities. At this stage, it is expected that local farmers will be able to sell their grains at competitive prices and receive incentives to increase productivity and improve cultivation and storage techniques.

The main mitigation measures for negative impacts aim to ensure minimal disturbance within the areas of intervention and to reduce environmental and social impacts during both the construction and operation phases. Generally, the following actions are highlighted:

- a) Do not carry out burning of vegetation cover or any other materials or waste.
- b) Avoid high-speed movement of vehicles and machinery, complying with the established speed limits (60 km/h and 30 km/h) near and within communities.
- c) Ensure regular maintenance and periodic inspection of all vehicles and machinery.
- d) Workers exposed to high noise levels must be required to use appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and/or Collective Protective Equipment (CPE).
- e) Use water resources sustainably and avoid waste.
- f) Preserve tree and shrub species in areas not affected by the project.
- g) Hazardous waste must be properly and safely managed in accordance with the Waste Management Plan (WMP).
- h) Do not perform maintenance of equipment and machinery in non-impermeable areas.
- i) Implement a Construction Site Management Program, including monitoring of solid waste generated during the works.
- j) Establish a Wastewater Monitoring Program.
- k) Spray water on circulation routes and the construction yard during work execution to control dust.
- l) Develop a Noise Monitoring Program.
- m) Install speed limit signs along the main access roads to the intervention area.
- n) Carry out awareness campaigns for the protection of fauna and flora.
- o) Promote recruitment campaigns for the construction phase, giving priority to local labor in accordance with **ILO** guidelines.
- p) Maintain campaigns on road safety and defensive driving.
- q) Provide temporary and adequate accommodation for the entire construction period.
- r) Request greater responsibility from service providers involved in material transport during construction.
- s) Install safety signage in all construction-related areas, among others.

Implementation of the Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP)

The implementation of the Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) is a crucial step to ensure that the construction and operation activities of the grain storage silos are carried out in an environmentally responsible and socially sustainable manner. This plan defines the preventive, mitigating, and corrective measures to be applied in order to minimize negative impacts and enhance the benefits for local communities and the environment.

The ESMP includes actions related to waste management, control of atmospheric emissions and noise, preservation of water and soil quality, promotion of occupational health and safety, and mechanisms for communication and community engagement. Its implementation will be supported by a continuous monitoring system and periodic reporting, ensuring compliance with Angolan legislation and applicable international standards, as well as transparency before all relevant stakeholders.

Some key implementation indicators of the ESMP that may be monitored during the construction and operation phases of the grain silo projects include:

- **Air quality:** levels of particulate matter (PM₁₀, PM_{2.5}) and equipment emissions.
- **Environmental noise:** sound pressure levels near sensitive areas.
- **Water quality:** physicochemical and microbiological parameters.
- **Waste management:** quantities generated, segregation, and final destination.
- **Resource use efficiency:** volume of water and energy consumed.
- **Occupational health and safety conditions:** number of accidents and incidents recorded.
- **State of vegetation and soil:** impacted areas and recovery actions implemented.
- **Compliance with mitigation measures:** percentage of ESMP measures effectively implemented.
- **Community engagement:** number of consultations, complaints, and resolutions conducted.
- **Training and capacity building:** number of workers trained in environmental and safety practices, among others.

The presentation of costs associated with the implementation of the monitoring programs proposed in this Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) is structured into two phases: **Construction Phase** and **Operation Phase**.

Financial responsibilities related to the implementation of the monitoring programs during the construction phase will be assumed by the **contractor**, while the costs associated with the implementation of the monitoring programs during the operation phase will fall under the responsibility of **Carrinho, S.A.**

Table 2: Implementation Costs of the Programs

Programs	Cost Estimate (Annual)	
	Construction Phase	Operation Phase
Monitoring Plan for Effluents Stored in Septic Tanks	3,500 USD	\$8,200
Occupational Health and Safety Plan for Workers	8,000 USD	10,000 USD
Atmospheric Emissions and Air Quality Monitoring Program	12,000 USD	15,000 USD
Noise Level Monitoring Program	4,500 USD	6,000 USD
Environmental Education Program	12,000 USD	18,000 USD
Biodiversity Monitoring Program	7,500 USD	9,000 USD
Emergency Plan	8,000 USD	16,000 USD
Waste Management and Monitoring Program	4,500 USD	8,000 USD
Pest Control and Management Plan		12,000 USD
Stakeholder Communication and Engagement Program	18,000 USD	22,000 USD
Mechanism for Submitting Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) Monitoring Reports	10,000 USD	12,000 USD
Environmental and Social Performance Audits		20,000 USD
Total	88,000 USD	156,200 USD

The conclusions of the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) indicate that the project is considered environmentally viable, provided that the proposed mitigation measures are effectively implemented.

It is also noted that the Province of Bié possesses, at the institutional level, all the necessary capacities to successfully carry out the project proposed by the Carrinho Group, S.A. Nevertheless, Carrinho S.A. will need to strengthen its environmental and social capacities through the hiring of a qualified specialist to manage environmental and social matters in accordance with the requirements established by the financing institution.

Summary of Public Consultation and Participation

Public consultation is a mandatory stage in the Environmental Impact Assessment process, as established by the Environmental Framework Law (Law No. 5/98 of June 19), Presidential Decree No. 117/20 of April 22, and Executive Decree No. 87/12 of February 24, which regulate public participation in environmental matters. This procedure aims to ensure transparency, inclusion, and the participation of communities, local authorities, and other stakeholders in the analysis of projects with potential environmental and social impacts. This requirement is further reinforced by the African Development Bank (AfDB) through its Operational Safeguard No. 1, which mandates free, prior, and informed consultations.

Within the scope of the Agricultural Infrastructure Construction Project “Silos” in Bié Province, a consultation session was held on June 17, 2025, with representatives of the local administration from the municipalities of Cuito, Catabola, Camacupa, and Andulo. The session addressed the project presentation, its main environmental and social impacts, proposed mitigation measures, and collected contributions, comments, and recommendations from participants.

During the public session, local authorities and participants recognized the Agricultural Infrastructure Project of Grupo Carrinho as strategic for strengthening food security, combating poverty, and creating jobs, highlighting the construction of 24,000-ton silos in each municipality as a solution for storing agricultural production and consolidating the national agricultural network. The Vice-Governor reinforced the Provincial Government’s support, while contributions

emphasized the need for community participation in all phases, especially in environmental impact studies. Grupo Carrinho reaffirmed its commitment to sustainability, continuous dialogue with authorities, technical transparency, and cooperation with educational institutions to promote good agricultural practices and sustainably transform family farming.

A total of 9 individuals attended, including 5 men and 4 women.

Record of Dialogue and Complaints (public consultation)

Following the project presentation on June 17, 2025, with the municipal administration entities of Bié, each representative committed to sharing the information with the local community.

Thus, at 9:35 a.m. on October 24, 2025, a consultation meeting was held in the Municipal Administration Meeting Room with representatives of the CAC and various social groups, chaired by His Excellency Dr. Henriques Cassoma Elavoco, Deputy Administrator for the Economic and Financial Area of Catabola.

The meeting brought together representatives of Grupo Carrinho, municipal authorities, and community members. The session highlighted the expansion of silos from 3,990 to 20,000 tons as a strategic solution for grain conservation and support for the development of small and medium producers. Participants expressed satisfaction, raised questions, and acknowledged benefits such as technical assistance and seed supply. The importance of traditional authorities in initial contact with local producers was also emphasized, reinforcing the community's role in project implementation.

A total of 22 individuals attended, including 21 men and 1 woman.

2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 GENERAL INFORMATION

Agriculture plays a crucial role in the global economy, especially in a context of population growth and increased demand for food. Agricultural infrastructure is an essential component for successful grain production, and proper storage is one of the most critical steps in the production chain. Silos, as structures dedicated to grain storage, play a key role in preserving product quality, managing inventories, and maximizing farmer profitability.

In this scenario, grain storage infrastructure becomes vital to ensuring food quality and safety. Silos, in their various forms and technologies, offer effective solutions to protect grains from adversities and pests, allowing for greater production and profitability. The modernization of storage facilities not only improves efficiency but also promotes sustainability in the sector.

As part of the expansion and diversification of its activities, this group intends to extend its silo network to various locations across the country for the storage of grain produced in the regions where these infrastructures will be built, in order to facilitate internal distribution and export, as well as to extend its shelf life and quality.

To this end, silos for grain storage will be built in the municipality of Catabola, in the province of Bié. Silos are infrastructures for protecting and storing grain, minimizing post-harvest losses and ensuring the quality of the products. In addition, with the advent of innovative technologies, silos have become more efficient, offering sustainable solutions that benefit both farmers or producers and the environment.

This document is a technical report on the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) of the project to build agricultural infrastructure for grain storage "Silos" in Catabola, belonging to Grupo Carrinho, SA. This Environmental and Social Impact Assessment was prepared in accordance with Article 4 of Presidential Decree 117-20 - Regulation on Environmental Impact Assessment and Environmental Licensing Procedure, which regulates

environmental protection during infrastructure activities and requires the preparation of an Environmental Impact Assessment, as well as guidelines for the project proponent.

The EIAS is a fundamental component of the environmental impact assessment process, which aims to identify and assess the main environmental impacts, analyze mitigation alternatives, including the environmental and social viability of the Project, supporting the decision-making process of the Ministry of the Environment (MINAMB) with a view to the environmental licensing of the Project.

The project for the construction of agricultural infrastructure for grain storage "silos" to be developed, which includes the construction of food storage facilities. According to Annex I of Presidential Decree No. 117/20 of April 22, the project falls under category **B**.

Projects classified as Category B are those that may cause moderate to significant environmental and social impacts, but which can be controlled and minimized through the implementation of mitigation measures. These projects require a Simplified Environmental Impact Assessment (SEIA) or an Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP), but do not require a full Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) as in Category A.

Main Characteristics of Category B Projects:

- Localized environmental impacts – Environmental effects are moderate and restricted to the project area, with less risk of severe degradation;
- Mitigation measures required – Impacts can be reduced with good environmental practices and management plans;
- Require a Simplified Environmental Impact Assessment (SEIA) – A technical report must be prepared, containing a description of the project, the possible impacts, and mitigation measures.

Examples of Category B Projects:

- Small and medium-sized industrial units;
- Medium-sized agricultural and livestock infrastructure;
- Small-scale natural resource exploitation projects;

- Small power plants or substations;
- Construction of secondary and tertiary roads;
- Silos and grain storage facilities.

2.2 IDENTIFICATION OF THE PROJECT PROPOSER

Table 3: Identification of the proponent

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Commercial Registration Number	0002.240111
Tax Identification Number (TIN)	5000202665

2.3 IDENTIFICATION OF THE COMPANY RESPONSIBLE FOR PREPARING THE EIAs

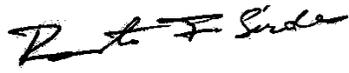
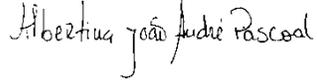
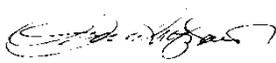
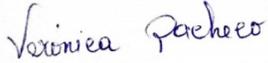
Table 4: Identification of the company responsible for the EIAs

COMPANY IDENTIFICATION	
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2.4 EQUIPATÉCNICA RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EIAS

This Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) was prepared in September 2024 by technicians and consultants from HSG - CONSTRUÇÃO, ENGENHARIA E COMÉRCIO, LDA, as detailed in the table below.

Table 5: Technical team responsible for preparing the EIAS

Technician	Qualifications	Position	Signature
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Nelson Morais	✓ Geologist	Technician	
Camilo Rebocho Váz dos Santos	✓ Degree in Architecture and Urban Planning.	Technician	
Belarmino Pascoal	✓ Degree in Biology	Technician	
Verônica Pacheco	✓ Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Engineering Environmental	Technician	

3 LEGAL FRAMEWORK

This chapter establishes the legal framework of the project with regard to Angolan government legislation on environmental and social impacts. The legal framework of the project is also carried out in accordance with the environmental and social safeguard policies established by the African Development Bank (AfDB), as well as international standards and policies for the protection of the environment, occupational health and safety of workers and the local community.

3.1 National legal framework

Constitution of the Republic of Angola 2010

Article 39 of the Constitution of the Republic of Angola enshrines the right to the environment and declares the right of citizens to live in a healthy and unpolluted environment, as well as the duty to defend and preserve it. The same article requires the State to adopt the necessary measures to protect the environment and species of flora and fauna throughout the national territory, maintain ecological balance, ensure the correct location of economic activities, and promote the rational exploitation and use of all natural resources, within the framework of sustainable development and respect for the rights of future generations and the preservation of different species. It also punishes acts that endanger or harm the preservation of the environment.

Therefore, according to the nature of the project under review, the table of applicable legislation is provided below.

Table 6: National legislative framework

Legal framework	Publication
General	
Basic Environment Law	Law No. 5/98, of June 19
Law on Environmental Protection Associations	Executive Decree No. 3/06, of January 18
Environmental Impact Assessment	
Environmental audits of public or private activities	Executive Decree No. 1/10, of January 13
Incompatibility of consulting companies registered with the Ministry of the Environment that carry out supervisory activities and cumulative auditing and environmental impact study activities	Order No. 680/11, of October 10

Legal Framework	Publication
Regulation on the Technical Registration of Environmental Consulting Companies	Executive Decree No. 86/12, of February 23
Legal Framework	Publication
Regulation on Liability for Environmental Damage	Executive Decree No. 194/11, of June 7
Regulation on Public Consultations for projects subject to Environmental Impact Assessment	Executive Decree No. 87/12, of February 24
Cancels environmental consulting activities in Environmental Impact Assessment carried out by individual environmental consultants	Executive Decree No. 85/12, of May 27
Assessment committee for each Environmental Impact Study for Environmental Licensing, coordinated by the National Director of Environmental Impact Assessment and Prevention Environmental Impacts	Order No. 2745/13, of December 6
Data to be submitted with Environmental Impact Studies for Environmental Licensing	Order No. 2746/13, of December 6
Environmental Monitoring and Industrial Audit Support Unit	Order No. 72/15, dated February 13
Commission of Evaluation of Curricula of Environmental Consultants and Calculation of the Amount Payable for Environmental Licensing	Decree No. 34/15, of October 23
Environmental Impact Assessment Unit - Repeals Order No. 87/15, of March 6	Order No. 405/15, of December 1
Classification of Environmental Consulting and Auditing Companies	Executive Decree No. 302/16, of June 30
Regulation of Environmental Environmental for Certification	Executive Decree No. 249/17, of April 25
Amends the deadline for MINAMB to submit an opinion to the project licensing entity - Repeals Executive Decree No. 241/16, of May 25	Executive Decree No. 119/19, of May 20
Approves the amendment to the wording of Article 31(1), Article 36, Article 37(3), and Article 39(1) 39 of Presidential Legislative Decree No. 8/19 of June 19, which approves the Organization and Functioning of the Auxiliary Bodies of the President of the Republic	Presidential Legislative Decree No. 4/20, of April 1

Legal framework	Publication
Approves the table of fees to be charged for the issuance and renewal of Environmental Licenses for Environmental Impact Assessment, as well as the registration and renewal of environmental consulting companies.	Presidential Decree No. 83/22, of April 22
General Regulations on Environmental Impact Assessment and the Environmental Licensing Procedure	Presidential Decree No. 117/20, of April 22
Waste	
Registration of companies operating in the areas of waste, water treatment, and wastewater	Order No. 199/12, of February 29
Regulation on Waste Management	Presidential Decree No. 190/12, of August 24
Management of Construction and Demolition Waste	Executive Decree No. 17/13, of January 22
Guidelines for the Preparation of Provincial Urban Waste Management Plans	Executive Decree No. 234/13, of July 18
PESGRU - Strategic Plan for Urban Waste Management	Presidential Decree No. 196/13, dated August 30
Water and Basic Sanitation	
Law on Sanitary Regulations	Law No. 5/87, of February 23
Water Law	Law No. 6/02, of June 21
Water Sector Development Strategy	Council of Ministers Resolution No. 10/04, of June 11
Water for All Program	Council of Ministers Resolution No. 58/07, of July 30
Regulation on Water Quality	Presidential Decree No. 261/11, of October 6
Regulations for the Prevention and Control of Pollution of National Waters	Executive Decree No. 141/12, of June 21
Regulations for the General Use of Water Resources	Presidential Decree No. 82/14, dated April 21
Regulations for Public Water Supply and Wastewater Sanitation	Presidential Decree No. 83/14, of April 22
National Water Plan	Presidential Decree No. 126/17, of June 13
National Strategic Water Plan (2018-2022)	Presidential Decree No. 158/18, of June 29
General Plan for the Integrated Use of Water Resources in the Cubango River Basin (PGUIRH)	Presidential Decree No. 27/16, of January 26
Legal regime governing water abstraction charges.	Presidential Decree No. 41/21 of February 12
Regulation of Tariffs for Water Supply and Wastewater Services	Presidential Decree No. 255/20, of October 7
Regulation of Registration and Licensing of Companies that operate in the areas of waste, water treatment, and wastewater	Executive Decree No. 24/15, of January 29
Regulation on Transfer of Waste for Reuse, Recycling, and Recovery	Presidential Decree No. 265/18, of November 15
Legal Framework for Landfills	Presidential Decree No. 203/19, of June 25

Legal framework	Publication
Flora and Terrestrial Flora	
Basic Law on Forests and Wildlife	Law No. 6/17, of October 24
Regulations for the protection of flora resources and plant species, including forest resources.	Decree No. 40.040 / 1955, of January 20
Convention on the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources in Africa - Maputo Convention	Resolution No. 5/14 (National Assembly) of January 20
Prohibits the killing of protected species of wild fauna and flora on national territory	Executive Decree No. 469/15, of July 13
Red List of Species of Angola	Executive Decree No. 252/18, of July 13
Forestry Regulations	Presidential Decree No. 171/18, of July 23
Protected Areas	
Regulation of National Parks	Ordinance No. 10,375/1958, of October 15
Environmental Conservation Areas Law	Law No. 8/20, of April 14
Resettlement	
Rules on the resettlement of displaced populations.	Decree No. 1/01, of January 5
Regulation on Relocation Operations	Presidential Decree No. 117/16, of May 30
Hygiene, Health, and Safety at Work	
Principles for the promotion of safety, hygiene, and health at work	Decree No. 31/94, of August 5
Obligation to organize SHST services in companies.	Executive Decree No. 6/96, of February 2
Rules governing the Commissions for the Prevention Workplace Accidents, hereinafter referred to as "CPAT"	Executive Decree No. 21/98, of April 30
Regulations on HIV/AIDS. Employment and Vocational Training	Decree No. 43/03, of July 4
Regulations on Safety, Hygiene, and Health at Work.	Executive Decree No. 128/04, of November 23
The Angolan State is a member of the World Health Organization (WHO), an institution under the auspices of the International Health Regulations (2005).	Resolution 32/08, of September 1
Legal Framework for Occupational Accidents and Diseases	Decree No. 53/05, of August 15
Regulation on the legal framework for fire safety in buildings.	Presidential Decree No. 195/11, of July 8
Regulation on Licensing for the Provision of Occupational Safety, Hygiene, and Health Services	Presidential Decree No. 179/24, of August 1
Regulations on Safety Accessories, Special Alarms, Use of Fire Extinguishers, First Aid Equipment, and Light Signals for Bicycles	Presidential Decree No. 145/17 of June 26
General Labor Law	Law No. 12/23 of December 27

Land Use Planning	
Land Law	Law No. 3/04, of June 25
Political-Administrative Division Law	Law No. 14/24, of September 5
Law on Spatial Planning and Urban Development (LOTU)	Law No. 9/04, of November 9
Basic Law on the Administrative Organization of the Territory	Law No. 13/16, of September 12
State Local Administration Law	Law No. 15/16, of September 12
Regulation on the Coastal Zone Management Plan	Decree No. 4/01, of February 2
General Regulations on Territorial, Urban, and Rural Plans (REPTUR)	Decree No. 2/06, of January 23
Cultural Heritage	
Cultural Heritage Law	Law No. 14/05, of October 7
Gender	Executive Decree No. 222/13, of December 24
National Policy for Gender Equality and Equity	Executive Decree No. 222/13, of December 24
Natural Disasters	
National Plan for Preparedness, Contingency, Response, and Recovery from Calamities and Natural Disasters, for the period 2015/2017	Executive Decree No. 29/16, of January 1
Strategic Plan for Disaster Risk Prevention and Reduction, within the scope of the 2013/2017 National Development Plan	Executive Decree No. 30/16, of January 3

3.2 International Protocols and Agreements

In the absence of national legislation governing air quality issues, an analysis was conducted of the conventions and international protocols ratified by Angola in this area.

Table 7: International Legal Framework

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women – CEDAW (1981)	Resolution AN 15/84, of September 19
Convention on the Law of the Sea	Resolution No. 17/90, of October 6
Convention on the Rights of the Child	Resolution AN 20/90, of November 10
African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights	Resolution AN 1/91, of January 19
International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights	Resolution AN 26-B/9/91, of December 27
International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights (1966)	Resolution AN 26-B/9/91, of December 27
African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child	Resolution AN 1-B/92, of May 15
Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage (UNESCO)	Adopted in 1995
Convention on Biological Diversity, 1992	Resolution No. 23/97, of July 4
Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer and the Montreal Protocol	Resolution No. 12/98, of April 20
Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (UNESCO)	Ratified on November 7, 1991
Convention to Combat Desertification	Resolution No. 12/00, of May 5

International Legal Framework	
Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage (UNESCO)	Approved in 2003
Convention on Migratory Species of Wild Animals (Bonn Convention)	Resolution No. 14/03, of April 15
IUCN – International Union for Conservation of Nature	Resolution No. 21/03, of May 27
Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions (UNESCO)	Ratified on February 7, 2005
Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants	Resolution No. 49/05, of October 30
Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)	Resolution No. 1/07, of February 14
United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, 1997	Resolution No. 14/07, of March 28
Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	Resolution AN 1/13, of June 11, 2007
Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	Resolution AN 1/13, of June 11, 2007
Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women	Resolution AN 23/07, of June 23
Inquiry into the implementation of CEDAW	Resolution AN 23/07, of June 23
Benguela Current Convention	Resolution No. 15/15, of July 3
Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa	Resolution AN 25/07, of July 16
Convention on Wetlands of International Importance	Resolution No. 27/16, of July 22
Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal	Resolution No. 29/16, of July 25
Convention on Cooperation in the Field of Protection and Development of the Coastal Environment of the West and Central African Region	Resolution No. 32/16, of July 29,
Paris Agreement on climate change	Resolution No. 37/20, of October 12
Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Approved on January 29, 2000
Rotterdam Convention on Chemicals and Pesticides	Adopted on September 10, 1998, and entered into force on February 24, 2004.

3.3 Integrated Safeguards System of the African Development Bank

The Integrated Safeguards System is part of the African Development Bank (AfDB) strategy to promote socially inclusive and environmentally sustainable growth.

Safeguards are a powerful tool for identifying risks, reducing development costs, and improving project sustainability, benefiting affected communities and helping to preserve the environment.

With this Integrated Safeguards System, the AfDB is better equipped to address emerging environmental and social development challenges. The Integrated Safeguards System not only promotes best practices in these areas, but also encourages greater transparency and accountability.

The Integrated Safeguards System is designed to protect populations affected by World Bank-financed operations, especially the most vulnerable communities, by providing, for example, project-level grievance and compensation mechanisms, i.e., allowing the concerns of affected populations to be heard and addressed in a structured, systematic, and managed manner during the planning and implementation phases of the project.

The AfDB, in accordance with its mandate set out in Article 1 of the Bank Agreement and Article 2 of the Fund Agreement, and the provisions of Article 38 of the Bank Agreement and Article 21 of the Fund Agreement considers economic and social rights to be an integral part of human rights and, consequently, affirms that it respects the principles and values of human rights as defined in the Charter of the United Nations and the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights. These were some of the principles that guided the development of the Integrated Safeguards System. The AfDB encourages member countries to observe international human rights norms, standards, and best practices, based on their commitments under the International Covenants on Human Rights and the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights.

Consideration of these values and principles places the AfDB at the forefront of multilateral development banks, with a set of clear and integrated policies and procedures for addressing safeguards issues that arise in the course of development. With the Integrated Safeguards System, the AfDB is empowered to fulfill its mandate and help increase the effectiveness and development impact of its operations.

The Integrated Safeguards System is thus one of the most robust tools at the AfDB's disposal to help promote the well-being of those it serves, i.e., the people of Africa.

In general, the safeguards aim to:

- Avoid adverse impacts of projects on the environment and affected people, while maximizing development benefits;
- Minimize, mitigate, and/or compensate for adverse impacts on the environment and affected people when such impacts cannot be avoided; and
- Help borrowers/clients strengthen their safeguard systems and develop the capacity to manage environmental and social risks.

The AfDB requires borrowers/clients to comply with these safeguard requirements during project preparation and implementation. The Integrated Safeguards Policy Statement sets out the basic principles that guide and underpin the AfDB's approach to environmental safeguards.

In addition, the AfDB has adopted five operating systems, limiting their number to what it considers necessary to achieve the goals and optimal functioning of the Integrated Safeguards System, namely: Integrated Safeguards System, namely:

Operational Safeguard 1: Environmental and social assessment - This comprehensive safeguard governs the process of determining the environmental and social category of a project and the applicable environmental and social assessment requirements: scope; category; implementation of a strategic environmental assessment or an environmental and social impact assessment, where appropriate; Environmental and Social Management Plans; assessment of vulnerabilities to climate change; public consultation; impacts on the community; assessment and treatment of vulnerable groups; and grievance procedures. The Safeguard updates and consolidates the commitments set out in the AfDB's environmental policy.

Operational Safeguard 2: Acquisition of land for involuntary resettlement, displacement of populations, and compensation - This safeguard consolidates the commitments and requirements set out in the AfDB's policy on involuntary resettlement and incorporates a number of refinements designed to improve the operational effectiveness of these requirements. In particular, it comprises comprehensive and forward-looking notions of livelihoods and assets, addressing social, cultural, and economic dimensions. It also adopts a definition of community and common property that emphasizes the need to maintain social cohesion, community structures, and social interconnections that common property provides. This safeguard ensures the requirement for compensation, covering full replacement; reiterates the importance of resettlement that improves living standards, income-earning capacity, and livelihoods in general; and emphasizes the need to ensure that social considerations such as gender, age, and participation in project outcomes do not particularly disadvantage those affected by the project.

Operational Safeguard 3: Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services – This safeguard aims to conserve biological diversity and promote the sustainable use of natural resources. It also translates the AfDB's commitments in its integrated water resources management policy and the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity into OS requirements. This safeguard reflects the importance of biodiversity on the African continent and the value of key ecosystems to the population, emphasizing the need to “*respect, conserve, and maintain the knowledge, innovations, and practices of indigenous and local communities (...) and to protect and encourage the customary use of biological resources in accordance with traditional cultural practices that are compatible with conservation or sustainable use requirements.*”

Operational Safeguard 4: Pollution prevention and control, hazardous substances, and resource efficiency - This safeguard covers the range of key impacts of pollution, waste, and hazardous substances for which there are agreed international conventions, as well as specific industry and regional standards, including greenhouse gas accounting

of greenhouse gases, which other multilateral development banks adopt. This safeguard also introduces vulnerability analysis and monitoring of greenhouse gas emission levels and provides a detailed analysis of possible reduction or a framework for compensatory measures.

Operational Safeguard 5: Labor, Health, and Safety – This safeguard establishes the AfDB's requirements for its borrowers or clients regarding workers' conditions, rights, and protection against abuse or exploitation. It thus covers working conditions, workers' organizations, occupational health and safety, and the prevention of child or forced labor. It also ensures greater harmonization with most other multilateral development banks.

3.4 Alignment and Complementarity between Angolan Legislation and AfDB and DFC Requirements

Table 8: Alignment and Complementarity between Angolan Legislation and AfDB and DFC Requirements

Item	Angolan Legislation	Integrated Security System (ISS of the AfDB)	Alignment and Complementarity
<p>Environmental and Social Impact Assessment</p>	<p>The Annex to Presidential Decree No. 117/20 of April 22 presents the categorization of activities (A, B, C, D, E) and a list of those of those that require environmental studies.</p> <p>Article 4 of this legal document refers to "licensing of agricultural, forestry, industrial, commercial, housing, tourism, or infrastructure projects which, due to their nature, size, or location, have implications for environmental and social balance and harmony, are subject to a prior Environmental Impact Assessment process, which involves the preparation of an Environmental Impact Assessment</p> <p>(EIA) to be submitted for approval by the competent authority responsible for the environment."</p> <p>The legislation establishes the minimum content for the EIA and Terms of Reference for certain types of projects. For the water sector, this only applies to water supply systems (Decree No. 92/12 of March 1). The issuance of the Environmental Installation License for projects subject to EIA is conditional upon the approval of the EIA.</p>	<p>PO1 - Integrated Environmental and Social Assessment</p> <p>Operational Safeguard 1 establishes different categories of projects in relation to environmental and social impact assessment, highlighting in more detail projects with significant and/or irreversible adverse impacts, or those that significantly affect environmental and social components considered sensitive.</p> <p>It defines the content of the EIAs and establishes specific guidelines for the agriculture sector and associated infrastructure (silos), etc.</p>	<p>Both require prior impact assessment. The AfDB and DFC expand on this with analysis of alternatives and more robust plans.</p> <p>Angolan legislation establishes categories of activity and defines the EIA requirements for projects with significant and reversible.</p> <p>Angolan legislation includes agricultural infrastructure (silos) in the list of activities subject to EIA, categorized as Category B projects, referred to in 38 - other projects.</p> <p>According to the AfDB, agricultural infrastructure projects, if not large in scale, are classified as Category 2 and only require the preparation of an Environmental Management Plan.</p> <p>The DFC shares the same view, and projects of this nature fall under Category B</p>

Item	Angolan Legislation	Integrated Security System (ISS of the AfDB)	Alignment and Complementarity
Environmental and Social Impact Management	<p>The Environmental License is conditional upon the submission of an Environmental Management Plan to be presented with the Environmental Impact Study of compliance (Presidential Decree No. 117/20, of April 1). The Environmental Installation License provides for environmental auditing during the operational phase (Decree No. 1/10, of January 13).</p>	<p>PO1 - Integrated Environmental and Social Assessment</p> <p>The PGAS is a management tool and is carried out during the construction and operation phases,</p> <p>including, among other things, the definition of responsibilities, measures to be implemented, implementation schedule, and budget.</p>	<p>Both provide for informed participation. The AfDB and DFC require formal documentation and complaint mechanisms.</p>
Public Consultations	<p>As part of the EIA process, a public consultation lasting 5 to 10 days is planned, through a meeting conducted by MINAMB (Executive Decree No. 87/12, of February 24). The public consultation report is based on a public hearing.</p>	<p>PO1 - Stakeholder Engagement</p> <p>Operational Safeguard 1 establishes the need to hold public consultations from the beginning of the project cycle.</p>	<p>Angolan legislation defines public consultation in a more limited way, without specifying the need for public consultations throughout the project cycle and not limited to the public presentation meeting to discuss the EIA.</p>
Biodiversity	<p>The Basic Environment Law (Environment, Law No. 5/98, of June 19) includes the protection of biodiversity within its scope, and the Aquatic Biological Resources Law (Law No. 6-A/04, of October 8) establishes the principles of rules for the protection of biological and aquatic resources.</p> <p>Angola has acceded to the Convention on Biological Diversity (Resolution No. 23/97, of July 4) and the International Convention on Wetlands which protects these wetland and coastal ecosystems (Resolution No. 27/16, of July 22).</p>	<p>PO3 - Conservation of biodiversity</p> <p>Establishes the need to adopt a mitigation hierarchy to avoid impacts on ecosystem integrity and biodiversity conservation.</p>	<p>Both advocate protection. BAD and DFC require mitigation in critical areas and compensation.</p>

Item	Angolan legislation	Integrated Security System (ISS of the AfDB)	Alignment and Complementarity
Pollution Prevention	The Basic Environment Law includes the principle of pollution prevention. There are legal provisions relating to waste and water quality, but there are no regulations on atmospheric emission limits, noise, and vibrations.	PO4 - Pollution prevention and resource efficiency The BAD and DFC adopt the parameters established by the World Bank.	Good alignment. The AfDB and DFC require international standards and the use of the best technologies.
Resettlement	There are rules, regulations, procedures, and criteria for the resettlement of groups of people (Decree No. 1/01 of January 5 and Presidential Decree No. 117/16 of May 30).	PO2 - Involuntary resettlement A Operational Safeguard establishes the need to carry out of a Resettlement Resettlement Plan, with defined procedures defined, aimed at improving the living conditions of the affected populations.	Both require compensation. BAD reinforces with the restoration of livelihoods and ongoing consultation.
Hygiene, Safety, and Health at work	Angolan legislation regulates the Occupational Safety, Hygiene, and Health System and defines the principles aimed at preventing occupational accidents, occupational diseases, and other risks inherent to the work environment (Decree No. 31/94, of August 5).	PO5 - Working conditions, health, and safety Operational Safeguard 5 requires protection of workers against abuse or exploitation, and hygiene and safety at work.	Both guarantee safe conditions. ISS requires formal HSST plans and continuous supervision.

No discrepancies were identified between Angolan legislation and the Safeguard Guidelines of the African Development Bank (ADB) and **the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)**. The distinctions noted in the table above refer to cases where Angolan regulations are more or less restrictive than the guidelines of the African Development Bank and DFC, or to circumstances where national legislation does not set specific limits for certain emissions. In this study, we have chosen to adopt the highest requirement, ensuring compliance with all requirements established by both the Angolan legal framework and the guidelines of the multilateral financial institution.

3.5 Environmental and Social Standards

As a result of the comparative analysis carried out between Angolan legislation and the African Development Bank and DFC Safeguard Guidelines, where some discrepancies were identified, this section aims to set out the Environmental and Social Standards applicable to the Project. These standards are intended to complement Angolan regulations or, in the absence of specific national legislation, serve as a reference for the adoption of widely recognized international standards, such as those of the World Bank and the World Health Organization (WHO), in addition to best environmental and social practices.

Finally, it was necessary to include in this section the guidelines relating to Public Consultation, detailing the applicable regulatory procedures. This is due to the differences between Angolan legislation and the Safeguard Policies of the AfDB and DFC, thus ensuring that the Project complies with the guidelines established by the African Development Bank and the DFC.

3.6 Institutional Framework of Stakeholders and Parties Involved in the Environmental and Social Areas

The implementation of projects with environmental and social impact requires coordinated coordination between different government, municipal, and community entities. Within the scope of this project, the institutional framework integrates the bodies and structures responsible for environmental, social, agricultural, and economic management, ensuring that actions are compatible with land use planning instruments, environmental protection standards, and the province's socioeconomic development strategies. Each stakeholder plays a specific role, from supervision and

issuing technical opinions to monitoring environmental studies, dialogue with communities, and logistical and institutional support, ensuring that the process is participatory, transparent, and aligned with local and national priorities.

The table below identifies and describes the most relevant institutions involved in this project.

Table 9: Table of institutions involved in the project

Institutional group	Main entities involved	Role in environmental/social matters
Central authorities (environment)	Ministry of Environment (MINAMB) – approval of EIAs, environmental licenses, coordination of environmental policies	Leads and controls the country's environmental policy; approves environmental impact studies and licenses; leads public consultations
Agricultural and rural sector	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MINAGRIF) – rural development policies, agricultural research, and family farming	Promotes food security and agricultural policies, including climate change mitigation of socio-environmental impacts in grain value chains for grains
Water and sanitation / water resources	Ministry of Energy and Water (MINEA) and National Water Directorate – sustainable management of water resources, licensing of hydraulic works	Regulates and supervises water use for irrigation and water infrastructure construction; involved in environmental plans for water
Planning and regulatory coordination	Ministry of Planning – interministerial coordination and definition de strategies de territorial development	Ensures strategic alignment between ministries in project implementation plans
Cartography and Territory	Angolan Geographic and Cadastral Institute (IGCA) – official cartography, national geographic information system	Supports the delimitation of implementation areas and identification of land use, basis for EIAs and zoning
Agencies of logistics infrastructure	ARCCLA (Cargo and Logistics Certification Regulatory Agency) – national logistics, certification, and agricultural transport	Facilitates access to markets and transportation of stored grains; may be involved in silo logistics
Local/social implementation	Social Support Fund (FAS) and the Crescer Project – implementation of social infrastructure, social safeguard policies, and resettlement mitigation resettlement	Administers Social Components, compensation, community consultations and mechanisms for complaint
Province and municipality	Governor Provincial; Administrations Municipal; Municipal commissions (technicians, traditional leaders, administrators)	Authorizes resettlement actions; coordinates land acquisition processes, community consultations, and local implementation
Local traditional leadership	Soba chiefs and traditional community authorities – participation in municipal commissions and dialogues with communities	Represent community interests, negotiate land use, and participate in public consultation processes

Institutional group	Main entities involved	Role in the environmental/social sphere
Defense of environmental rights	Non-governmental organizations (NGOs)	Provide technical support and advocacy for environmental protection, community rights, and good social practices.
Project implementation	Project promoter	Responsible for preparation and implementation of measures to mitigation and plans for environmental and social management plans.
Financing and investment	African Development Bank (AfDB) and DFC	Financing institution that requires compliance with its Safeguards, including meaningful public consultations and the management adequate of socio-environmental impacts

3.7 NATIONAL PLANS, PROGRAMS, AND STRATEGIES

3.7.1 National Development Plan 2023-2027

Angola's National Development Plan (PND) 2023-2027 is a strategic instrument that guides public policies and investments necessary to promote the country's sustainable socioeconomic development. This plan is aligned with the "**Angola 2050**" **Long-Term Strategy**, which projects the country's future for the coming decades.

General Guidelines and Goals:

The PND 2023-2027 establishes guidelines to accelerate the sustainable socioeconomic impact of public policies, targeting areas that contribute significantly to the country's development.

The main goals include:

- **Human Capital Development:** Strengthening the education and health systems to improve the quality of life of the population.
- **Economic Diversification:** Reduce dependence on the oil sector by promoting other industries and services.

- **Infrastructure and Connectivity:** Improve transportation, energy, and telecommunications infrastructure to facilitate economic growth.
- **Environmental Sustainability:** Implement policies that ensure environmental protection and the sustainable use of natural resources.

Main Axes:

The plan is structured around five priority areas of development:

1. **Human Capital:** Valuing and enhancing human capital, ensuring access to quality basic services.
2. **Economic Diversification:** Promote non-oil economic sectors to ensure inclusive and sustainable growth.
3. **Infrastructure:** Develop modern infrastructure that supports economic growth and regional integration.
4. **Environmental Sustainability:** Ensure efficient management of natural resources and protection of the environment.
5. **Governance and Institutions:** Strengthen public institutions to ensure transparency, efficiency, and citizen participation.

This plan reflects Angola's commitment to achieving balanced and sustainable development, in line with the global goals set out in **the 2030 Agenda** and the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**.

3.7.2 National Plan for the Promotion of Grain Production

The **National Plan for the Promotion of Grain Production (PLANAGRÃO)** is an initiative of the Government of Angola, approved by Presidential Decree No. 200/22 of July 23, 2022, which aims to significantly increase grain production in the country, contributing to food security, income generation, and the promotion of competitiveness in the agricultural sector.

General Guidelines and Goals:

PLANAGRÃO's main objective is to double annual grain production by 2027, reaching more than six million tons. Specific goals include:

- **Corn:** Increase production to 5,002,282 tons, cultivating 326,030 hectares.
- **Wheat:** Expand the cultivation area to 673,970 hectares.
- **Rice:** Achieve 600,000 hectares of cultivation.
- **Soybeans:** Cultivate 400,000 hectares.

These goals aim to reduce dependence on imports and ensure the country's food self-sufficiency.

Main Axes:

The plan is structured around strategic actions to achieve its objectives:

1. **Financing and Investment:** Make available approximately 1.7 billion kwanzas, operated by the Development Bank of Angola (BDA) and the Angolan Venture Capital Fund (FACRA), to support agricultural companies and producers.
2. **Agricultural Infrastructure:** Develop production support infrastructure, such as irrigation, storage, and transportation systems, especially in the eastern provinces of Angola (Lunda-Norte, Lunda-Sul, Moxico, and Cuando Cubango), which have vast lands and adequate water resources for growing priority grains.
3. **Training and Technology:** Implement training programs for farmers and technicians, promoting the use of modern technologies and sustainable agricultural practices to increase productivity.
4. **Market and Marketing:** Establish mechanisms to ensure the sale of production at fair prices, including the participation of the Strategic Food Reserve (REA) in the purchase of part of domestic production and the promotion of institutional purchases by the State.

The implementation of PLANAGRÃO is essential to transform Angola into the largest grain producer in southern Africa, ensuring food sovereignty and boosting the country's socioeconomic development.

3.7.3 National Food and Nutrition Security Strategy 2024-2034 (ENSAN II)

Angola's National Food and Nutrition Security Strategy 2024-2034 (ENSAN II) is a government initiative aimed at ensuring that all citizens have access to quality food in a sustainable manner, with a view to eradicating hunger and promoting food resilience in the country.

General Guidelines and Goals:

- **Eradication of Hunger:** Ensure that all Angolans have access to adequate food, eliminating hunger throughout the national territory.
- **Sustainability of Natural Resources:** Ensure the preservation of natural resources by promoting practices that maintain environmental integrity and the productive capacity of the land.
- **Strengthening Food Resilience:** Reinforce the country's capacity to face challenges such as climate change, price fluctuations, and other factors that may affect food security.

Main Pillars:

1. **Sustainable Production and Marketing:** Promote agricultural and marketing practices that ensure the continued availability of healthy and nutritious food.
2. **Access to Quality Food:** Implement policies that ensure all citizens, regardless of their location or socioeconomic status, have access to safe and nutritious food.
3. **Food and Nutrition Education:** Promote educational programs that encourage healthy eating habits and inform about the importance of a balanced diet.

4. **Research and Innovation:** Encourage scientific research at all stages of the food and nutrition chain, with a view to improving food production, conservation, and distribution techniques.
5. **Governance and Coordination:** Establish effective governance structures, such as the National Council for Food and Nutrition Security (CONSAN), to ensure the implementation and monitoring of proposed policies and actions.

ENSAN II is aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Angola 2050 Long-Term Strategy, reinforcing the country's commitment to building a more sustainable and resilient food system.

3.7.4 National Environmental Quality Program

Angola's National Environmental Quality Program (PNQA), approved by Presidential Decree No. 138/20 of May 19, aims to improve the quality of life of Angolans living in urban, peri-urban, and rural areas, focusing on ensuring air, water, and soil quality.

General Guidelines and Goals:

- **Air Quality:** Collect and update information on sources of atmospheric emissions and their impact on health and the environment, with a view to reducing air pollution.
- **Water Quality:** Implement water quality monitoring systems, ensuring access to drinking water and the protection of water resources.
- **Soil Quality:** Promote sustainable land use practices, preventing degradation and encouraging the recovery of affected areas.

Main Axes:

1. **Legislative Development:** Draft and update legislation regulating the control and preservation of air, water, and soil quality, establishing national environmental quality indices.

2. **Environmental Education:** Promote environmental education at all levels of education, ensuring the involvement of society in the conservation, recovery, and improvement of the environment.
3. **Monitoring and Evaluation:** Implement environmental indicators to monitor the effectiveness of policies and actions, ensuring continuous improvement in environmental quality.

3.7.5 National Water Plan

Angola's National Water Plan (PNA), approved by Presidential Decree No. 126/17 of June 13, establishes guidelines for the sustainable management of the country's water resources, aiming to ensure the availability and quality of water for current and future generations.

General Guidelines and Goals:

- **Integrated Water Resources Management:** Implement an approach that considers the technical, social, economic, and environmental dimensions of water resources management, ensuring a balance between water supply and demand.
- **Infrastructure Development:** Promote the construction and maintenance of water infrastructure, such as dams, supply and sanitation systems, to improve access to drinking water and basic sanitation.
- **Environmental Conservation and Protection:** Adopt measures to preserve aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems, ensuring water quality and the sustainability of natural resources.

Main Axes:

1. **Watershed Planning and Management:** Develop specific plans for each watershed, considering regional particularities and promoting the participation of local communities in water resource management.
2. **Institutional Strengthening:** Empower institutions responsible for water management, ensuring the effective implementation of policies and strategies defined in the NAP.

3. **Education and Awareness:** Promote educational programs and awareness campaigns to raise public awareness of the importance of water conservation and sustainable use of water resources.

The NAP also coordinates with other sectoral plans and national strategies, such as the National Irrigation Master Plan (PLANIRRIGA), which aims to develop irrigated agriculture in the country, contributing to food security and rural development.

3.7.6 National Irrigation Master Plan (PLANIRRIGA)

Angola's National Irrigation Master Plan (PLANIRRIGA) is a strategic initiative designed to promote sustainable agricultural development in the country by identifying and optimizing the irrigation potential of Angolan land.

General Guidelines and Goals:

- **Identification of Potential Areas for Irrigation:** PLANIRRIGA analyzed approximately 17.5 million hectares, of which about 7.5 million were identified as highly suitable for irrigation, with 80% of these areas classified as highly to moderately suitable.
- **Regional and National Development:** The plan aims to support regional and national development by proposing measures and actions in the agricultural hydraulics sector throughout Angola.

Main Axes:

1. **Rehabilitation and Expansion of Irrigation Infrastructure:** The plan proposes the recovery of existing irrigated areas and the construction of new infrastructure to increase the irrigated agricultural area.
2. **Technical and Institutional Capacity Building:** It is expected to strengthen the technical and institutional capacities of those involved in the management and operation of irrigation systems, ensuring the sustainability of projects.

3. **Promotion of Sustainable Technologies:** The adoption of efficient and sustainable irrigation technologies is encouraged, with a view to optimizing water use and conserving natural resources.
4. **Integration with Agricultural Policies:** PLANIRRIGA is aligned with other national agricultural policies and strategies, contributing to food security and reducing food imports.

3.7.7 National Strategy for Climate Change 2022-2035

Angola's **National Strategy for Climate Change 2022-2035 (ENAC 2022-2035)** was established by Presidential Decree No. 216/22 of August 23, 2022, with the aim of coordinating objectives, instruments, and institutions to promote sustained economic growth and sustainable development in the face of climate change.

General Guidelines and Goals:

- **Adaptation and Mitigation:** ENAC 2022-2035 aims to adapt Angola to the impacts of climate change and promote low-carbon development, contributing to the eradication of poverty and improving the quality of life of Angolans.
- **Emissions Reduction:** The plan sets targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, aligning with Angola's international commitments under the Paris Agreement.

Main Axes:

1. **Institutional Strengthening:** Strengthen the capacities of national institutions for the effective implementation of climate change policies and measures.
2. **Policy Integration:** Ensure that climate considerations are integrated into sectoral and national development policies, plans, and programs.
3. **Sustainable Management of Natural Resources:** Promote sustainable natural resource management practices aimed at biodiversity conservation and ecosystem resilience.

4. **Promotion of Renewable Energy:** Encourage the use of renewable energy sources to reduce dependence on fossil fuels and decrease greenhouse gas emissions.
5. **Education and Awareness:** Implement public education and awareness programs on climate change, aiming to increase society's awareness and participation in mitigation and adaptation actions.

ENAC 2022-2035 represents Angola's commitment to addressing the challenges of climate change by promoting sustainable and resilient development for future generations.

3.7.8 National Action Program to Combat Desertification (PANCD)

Angola's National Action Program to Combat Desertification (PANCD) was established by Presidential Decree No. 46/14 of February 14, 2014, with the aim of addressing the challenges of desertification and promoting sustainable land management in the country.

General Guidelines and Goals:

- **Poverty Reduction and Social Inequality:** The PANCD seeks to reduce poverty and social inequalities by sustainably increasing productivity in regions subject to drought and soil degradation.
- **Sustainable Management of Natural Resources:** The program aims to improve productive capital, including soil, water, and natural biological resources, as a way to combat desertification and promote environmental sustainability.

Main Axes:

1. **Promotion of Sustainable Agricultural Practices:** Encourage agricultural techniques that conserve soil and water, reducing erosion and improving soil fertility.

2. **Reforestation and Recovery of Degraded Areas:** Implement tree planting and land recovery programs in areas affected by desertification, with a view to restoring native vegetation and biodiversity.
3. **Capacity Building and Awareness Raising among Local Communities:** Develop environmental education and capacity building activities so that communities adopt sustainable practices and actively participate in the conservation of natural resources.
4. **Institutional and Political Strengthening:** Create a favorable institutional environment for actions to combat desertification, including the formulation of public policies and coordination between different government sectors.
5. **Continuous Monitoring and Evaluation:** Establish monitoring systems to assess the effectiveness of the actions implemented and adjust strategies as necessary.

Desertification is a significant concern in Angola, affecting about 31% of the national territory, especially in semi-arid and sub-humid regions along the coast, mining areas, and areas with intense forestry and livestock exploitation.

The PANCD represents the country's commitment to addressing these challenges and promoting sustainable and resilient rural development.

4 JUSTIFICATION OF THE EIAs

The construction of agricultural infrastructure "Silos" to increase grain storage capacity in Catabola is a strategic necessity that brings multiple benefits, from reducing losses to improving product quality. Investing in storage infrastructure is essential to strengthen agriculture, increase profitability, and ensure food security, thereby promoting sustainable rural development.

Although these projects are crucial to the efficiency of the food chain, it is imperative to consider the environmental and social impacts associated with their planning, construction, operation, and decommissioning phases.

The construction of the silos is part of the expansion and diversification of the activities of the Carrinho, SA group. This group intends to expand its silo network to various locations across the country to store grain produced in the regions where these infrastructures will be built, in order to facilitate internal distribution and export, as well as to extend the shelf life and quality of the grain.

This Environmental and Social Impact Study is intended to assess the potential environmental impacts and propose mitigation measures caused by the construction of the Carrinho, SA Group silos.

Under the combined provisions of Article 16 of Law No. 5/98 of June (Basic Environment Law), and Article 112(d) and Article 113, both of the Constitutional Law, the Government created the Regulation on Environmental Impact Assessment and Environmental Licensing Procedure (Decree No. 117/20 of April 22).

This decree establishes a set of procedures to be followed in the preparation of Environmental Impact Studies, proceeding to the approval by the competent state body of the project subject to EIA, as well as the rules for its implementation.

These studies should focus on projects which, due to their nature, size, or location, may have implications for environmental and social balance and harmony, so that the EIA is an effective instrument for environmental protection and management, as well as for ensuring fair and balanced decisions by the public administration.

This Environmental Impact Study was prepared in accordance with the provisions of Article 4 of Decree No. 117/20 of April 22, which regulates environmental protection during the construction of the Catabola Agricultural Infrastructure for Grain Storage "Silos" and requires the preparation of an Environmental Impact Assessment.

We also took into account Executive Decree No. 92/12, of March 1, which approves the Terms of Reference (TDR) for the Preparation of Environmental Impact Studies, establishes the guidelines for the preparation of Environmental Impact Studies necessary for the environmental feasibility analysis of projects subject to environmental impact assessment.

According to Article 2, the Environmental Impact Study must be prepared in accordance with the legislation on Environmental Impact Assessment and strictly comply with the Terms of Reference approved by the Ministry of the Environment, which guides their preparation according to the specific nature of each project.

4.1 OBJECTIVES OF THE EIAS

The purpose of this Environmental and Social Impact Assessment is to carry out baseline studies for the project to build agricultural infrastructure for grain storage "Silos" in the municipality of Catabola by the Carrinho, SA group. This includes gathering information and assessing the current environmental and social situation, analyzing and recording the current characteristics and dynamic behavior of its components.

The EIAS must also fully comply with the following objectives:

- **A summary description of the project;**
- **Identification of Potential Impacts:**
 - Analyze the direct and indirect effects of the construction of the Catabola silos on the surrounding environment;
 - Assess the impacts on soil characteristics, air quality, and water resources, etc.
- **Mitigation and Compensation:**
 - Propose mitigation measures to minimize negative impacts;
 - Identify opportunities for environmental , such as projects for reforestation or preservation of natural areas.
- **Community involvement:**
 - Include the active participation of the local community in identifying concerns and solutions;
 - Promote transparency and effective communication about construction plans and their impacts.
- **Legal Compliance:**
 - Ensure that the project complies with environmental regulations and local standards;
 - Collaborate with the competent authorities to obtain the necessary licenses and approvals.
- **Propose an environmental monitoring plan for the different phases of project implementation.**

4.2 SCOPE OF THE EIAS

4.2.1 Scope of the project and location

The site designated for the construction of the grain storage infrastructure "silos" of the company Carrinho S.A. is located in the province of Bié, in the municipality of Catabola, Bairro 11 de Novembro, occupying an area of approximately 7,000 m², which corresponds to the total area of the plot granted, as shown in the location of the unit below (figure 1).

In defining the study area, consideration was given to the area directly where these activities will be carried out, as well as the entire surrounding area that may be negatively and/or positively affected according to the analysis of each descriptor involved in the study.

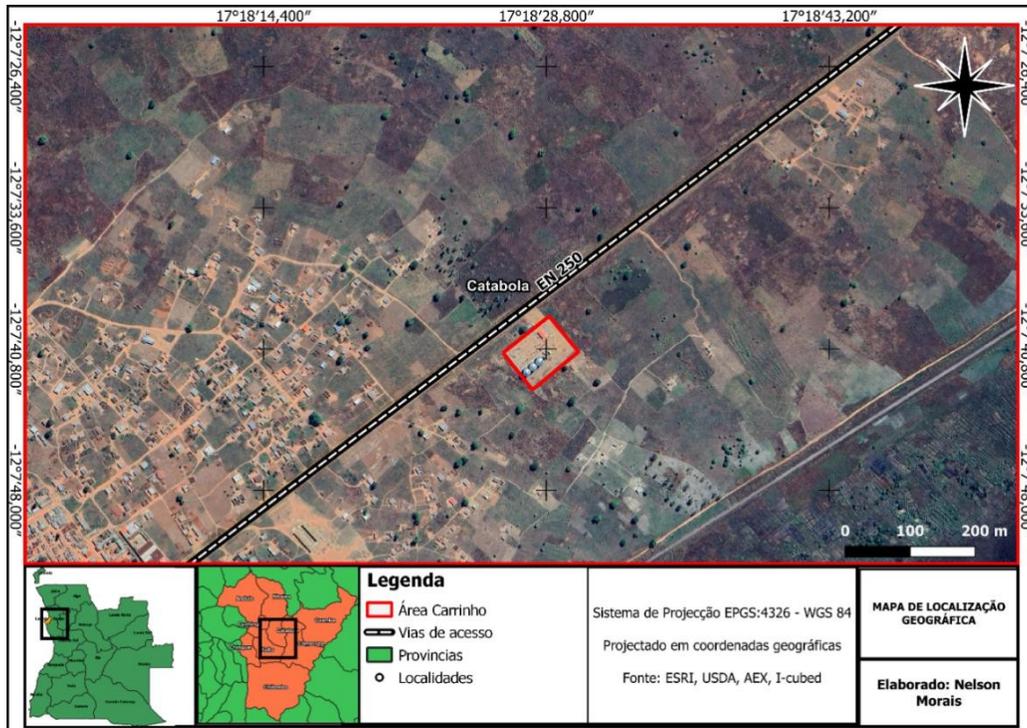


Figure 1 - Geographic location of the project implementation area

The project implementation site is bounded by the following coordinates:

Table 10: Geographic coordinates of the project area

POINTS	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
1	12° 7'39.16"S	17°18'28.88"E
2	12° 7'40.98"S	17°18'30.43" E
3	12° 1'34.92"S	17°27'18.29" E
4	12° 7'42.89"S	17°18'27.98"E

4.2.2 Boundaries

The project is located within the following boundaries:

- North: National Road 250;
- **South and East:** Private land;
- **West:** Private residences, figure 2.

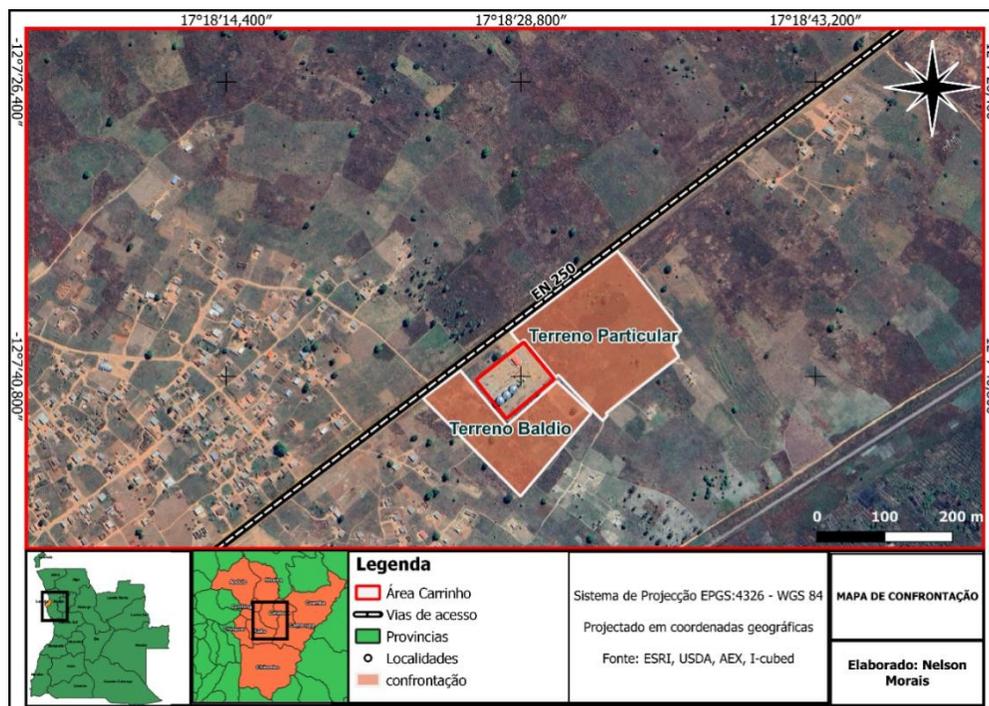


Figure 2 - Map of boundaries.

4.2.3 Access roads

The area where the project is located has a road network around the project area. The main access road is the EN 250 and the secondary access road is an unpaved road, as shown in Figure 3, with the respective landmarks and other planned streets.

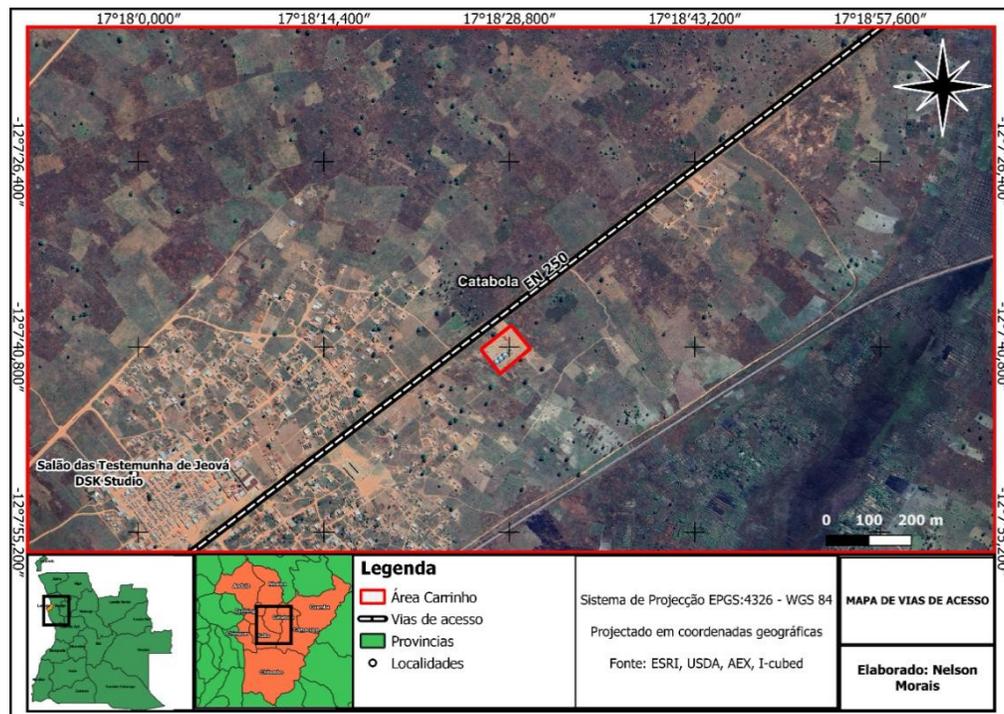


Figure 3 - Access road map.

4.3 THEMATIC SCOPE - DESCRIPTORS UNDER ANALYSIS

Defining the thematic scope of the EIAS is an important requirement for the correct development of the study, as it allows the areas of analysis to be covered to be identified and, above all, their level of detail, depending on the type of impacts that are expected to be induced by the project and the specificity and sensitivity of the environment that will host it. Although the areas of study, as well as the aspects to be included in the analysis, may take into account the provisions of the legislation on Environmental Impact Assessment, it is important to recognize at this stage which environmental descriptors deserve particular attention and, consequently, further study.

Therefore, this EIAS will analyze the following environmental descriptors:

- Climate
- Geology and Geomorphology
- Soils and Land Use
- Surface and groundwater resources

- Flora and fauna
- Landscape
- Air quality
- Noise environment
- Socioeconomic
- Infrastructure
- Land use planning
- Historical and cultural heritage.
- Waste

4.4 EIA METHODOLOGY

The following methodology was used to prepare this environmental impact study:

- For each environmental descriptor, a characterization of the reference situation was made, which fundamentally aims to assess the current environmental situation;
- Based on the characterization of the reference situation and existing knowledge about the project components, the relevant environmental impacts on each environmental descriptor were identified and assessed;
- When impacts resulting from the Project with significant effects on a given component were identified, environmental mitigation measures were defined in order to avoid, mitigate, and compensate for the negative impacts and/or enhance the positive impacts identified;
- If there is still a degree of uncertainty about the importance of a particular environmental impact, or about the effectiveness of the proposed mitigation measures, environmental monitoring programs are proposed;
- Finally, the conclusions of the EIAs are presented, providing a summary assessment of the Project's environmental sustainability, taking into account the current state of the environment, the impacts identified, and the proposed mitigation and monitoring measures.

The structure of this EIAS reflects the general methodology adopted and comprises the following volumes and respective chapters:

Volume I, corresponding to **the Non-Technical Summary**, which summarizes in more accessible language the main aspects analyzed in the EIAS Summary Report.

Volume II, corresponding to **the EIAS Synthesis Report**, subdivided into the following chapters:

- **Chapter 1 - Executive Summary** - presents a concise summary of the EIAS Report in non-technical language, including the environmental and social reference conditions, the alternatives considered, the mitigation measures; the monitoring program, consultations with stakeholders, the technical and institutional capacity of the entities involved in the implementation of the project; and the cost implications;
- **Chapter 2 - Introduction** - this chapter presents the introductory and contextual aspects of the analyses produced in the EIAS;
- **Chapter 3 - Legal Framework** - identifies and analyzes the legal instruments and international conventions to which Angola is a signatory that have an impact on environmental impact assessments, as well as the relevant environmental, climate, and social policies of the African Development Bank;
- **Chapter 4 - Project Justification** - presents the project's objectives and justifies the need for its implementation;
- **Chapter 5 - Project Description** - describes the main characteristics of the project and the construction work, including the characteristics of the structures to be installed;
- **Chapter 6 - Characterization of the Reference Situation** - which characterizes the current state of the environment;
- **Chapter 7 - Environmental and Social Impact Assessment**, which analyzes the potential impacts of the project's implementation on the environment in terms of their value, magnitude, and significance;
- **Chapter 8 - Environmental and Social Mitigation Measures** - in which, depending on the impacts identified, environmental measures will be proposed to minimize or compensate for negative impacts and enhance positive impacts;

- **Chapter 9 - Cumulative Impacts** - Residual Impacts and Environmental Risks, identifies residual impacts, understood as negative impacts that cannot be mitigated. The environmental risks associated with the Project are also analyzed, both in the construction and operation phases;
- **Chapter 10 - Environmental and Social Monitoring and Management** - defines, where applicable, the environmental monitoring and environmental management programs for the various phases of the Project;
- **Chapter 11 - Environmental and Social Management Plan** - describes the management measures, procedures, functions, responsibilities, schedule, monitoring, and implementation costs presented in the ESMP;
- **Chapter 12 - Institutional Capacity and Strengthening Plan** - describes the level of capacity of the entity responsible for the project in relation to supervising the implementation of the ESMP.
- **Chapter 13 - Technical and Knowledge Gaps** - which aims to identify all missing background information that, if acquired, would complement the analyses carried out;
- **Chapter 14 - Conclusions and Recommendations** - summarizing the main conclusions reached during the study;
- **Chapter 15 - Bibliography and Documentation Consulted** - lists the main sources of information and works consulted.
- **Chapter 16 - Appendices** - Contains all appendices relating to this study.

4.5 ENTITIES CONSULTED

During the course of this EIA, a number of entities were contacted in order to gather information that would allow for a better characterization of the area affected by the implementation of the Project and its environmental impacts. Information was requested from the various entities, and contacts were made in order to obtain the desired information.

- Bié Provincial Government (provincial environment department);
- Catabola Municipal Administration (Municipal Directorate for the Environment and Basic Sanitation);

5 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

5.1 JUSTIFICATION FOR THE LOCATION OF THE PROJECT

Carrinho is an Angolan family business committed to developing a fully verticalized value chain in the food sector, managing all stages of the process in an integrated manner: from production at source, through transport, storage, industrial processing, to the final marketing of products.

Recognized as one of the best companies in Angola, Carrinho has invested heavily in the agricultural and industrial sectors, with several manufacturing units strategically distributed throughout the country. One of its most recent investments is the implementation of a grain silo project, which will be installed in a peri-urban area in Catabola, equipped with adequate road infrastructure, facilitating transport and logistics.

With this project, all grain purchased in the municipality of Catabola and in rural areas of various municipalities in Bié can be efficiently transported to the silos, where it will be properly stored in safe conditions. From there, the products will be distributed to different parts of the country, ensuring greater efficiency in the supply chain and contributing to the strengthening of national food security.

The following factors were taken into account when choosing the location of this terminal:

Economic

Protection against deterioration and pests significantly reduces losses, increasing the amount of grain that can be sold.

Storing grain allows producers to sell during periods of high demand, obtaining better prices and increasing profit margins.

Adequate infrastructure facilitates inventory control and management, making the process more efficient and reducing operating costs.

The economic advantages provided by the construction of grain storage silos are significant, directly benefiting farmers and the regional economy. This infrastructure is essential to ensure the sustainability and competitiveness of the agricultural sector.

Social

The project is justified by the generation of jobs and income, an increase in the regional economy due to the provision of services, preference for local labor, and improvement in the quality of life of the population.

Environmental

As this is a rural area with a variety of activities and agricultural fields, the project will have some impact during its implementation. In order to minimize this impact, it is expected that all mitigation and compensation measures will be complied with during the project's implementation, thus mitigating the various impacts resulting from the project's implementation.

Location

The project will be located in a flat, peri-urban area with mixed characteristics.

- Potentially agro-industrial zone;
- Within the municipal seat;
- Close to the national highway (EN-250), which connects the provincial capital and the eastern part of the country;
- No conflict with land use and occupation;
- No urban areas very close to the project;
- Availability of adequate access routes facilitating the transport of goods, also facilitating the arrival of raw materials and necessary inputs;
- Absence of interference (transmission lines, gas pipelines, oil pipelines, etc.) that would imply restrictions and/or the need for removal for the implementation of the project;

5.2 LOCATION ALTERNATIVE

5.2.1 Location and technological alternatives for the implementation of the project

No location or technological alternatives were considered or discussed for the following reasons:

- i) this is a project to implement silos for grain storage and thus boost national production;
- ii) it is located in a rural area with great productive potential and in an area with easy access for product distribution;
- iii) there are no urban constraints preventing the location from being chosen;

Several important aspects were taken into consideration when choosing the most suitable area for installation:

- Area defined as being close to areas of large-scale grain production;
- Presence of railways and road networks for transporting products
- Increase in trade, import, and export of products in various parts of the country connected by road and the Benguela railway;

5.2.2 Alternatives to not implementing the project

The possibility of the project not going ahead will have an impact on the economic aspects of the municipalities. In addition, failure to implement the project will frustrate the expectations of development that are being created in the municipality and/or province. Another issue concerns the failure to promote the regional economy, given that the project will increase youth employment and also the transport of agricultural products to different parts of the country where they will be marketed.

5.3 GEOGRAPHICAL CONTEXT

The proposed project will be implemented in an area corresponding to 7.000 m² and will be constructed of reinforced concrete, mesh, metal structures, and sheet metal, etc.

The project consists of the exploitation of existing silos for the storage of cereals, expanding their storage capacity from 3,660 tons to 20,000 tons, including drying, in which it is planned to store the following products: corn and rice.

The silos, with a storage capacity of 20,000 tons, consist of:

- 1 weighbridge with a capacity of 60 tons;
- 1 road reception circuit with a capacity of 160 m³/h (120 t/h), with pre-cleaning of straw;
- 2 conical bottom storage silos with a total capacity of approximately 1350 m³, i.e., 500 tons capacity for each silo. For example, Ø8.9m, cylinder height 14.94m, and total height 17.48m;
- 1 dryer with an output capacity of 50 t/h for corn;
- 4 flat-bottom silos for storage distributed in a line, with a total capacity of approximately 26,700 m³, i.e., 5,000 tons of capacity for each silo. For example, Ø19.54 m;
- Aeration system in storage silos;
- 1 road shipping circuit with a capacity of 135 m³/h (100 t/h);
- Electrical installation;
- Supervision system.

As illustrated below in the layout of the facilities (Figures 4 and 5)

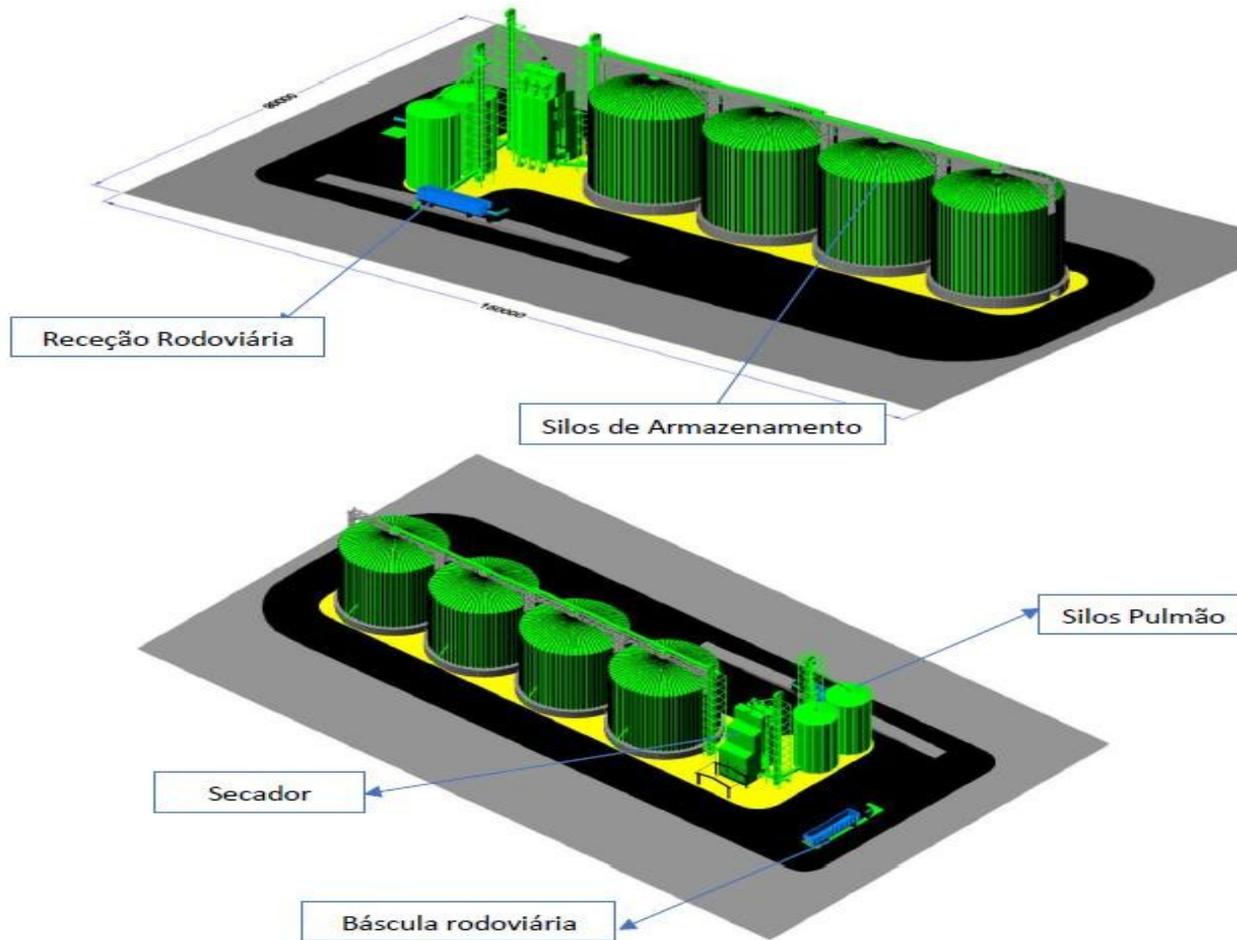


Figure 5 – Flow diagram (2)

5.4 GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS OF EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURES

Located in the municipality of Catabola, this silo complex is part of a fairly significant agricultural production hub, characterized by small and medium-sized farmers.

The Catabola silo complex is located on a plot of land with a total area of 7,000 m², with a building area of 873 m².

The existing buildings consist of:

- Foundations for weighbridge: reinforced concrete ramps with a surface area of 3.7 x 4.2 m each;
- Foundations and infrastructure for silo installation and operation: technical corridor (below the silo base), technical corridor (in the dryer/silo elevator area), pit area where the elevator is installed

Capacities:

- Reception and cleaning: 10 t/h;
- Drying: 10 t/h (20 °C to 14 °C);
- Storage – 3 silos of 1,330 t

Equipment

The silo complex consists of various interconnected pieces of equipment, which ensure the reception, cleaning, drying, and storage of cereals and legumes, allowing them to be preserved over time in appropriate sanitary conditions. These include:

- **Receiving, cleaning, and drying equipment:** 1 corn receiving hopper (reinforced concrete with a discharge area of 4 m x 3.23 m), 1 cleaner (pre-cleaning), 1 dryer, 2 elevators (feeding the cleaner and dryer)
- **Storage:** 3 flat-bottom metal silos, walkway, 1 elevator to feed the silos, 1 conveyor
- **Weighing facilities and equipment:** 1 vehicle scale



Figure 6 – Catabola grain terminal



Figure 7: Grain storage unit (silos)

5.4.1 Support infrastructure

The existing infrastructure includes the following support structures:

- ❖ 1 Control room
- ❖ 1 Restroom
- ❖ 1 Container warehouse
- ❖ 1 Generator house and storage facility

- ❖ 1 Balance control room
- ❖ 1 Internal guardhouse



Figure 8: Generator house and container warehouse



Figure 9: Scale control room, offices



Figure 10: Unloading area



Figure 11: Silo operation room

5.4.2 Access roads

In order to facilitate the movement and flow of products, the silos will be built next to the EN 250 national road, which connects the city of Cuito to the town of Catabola.

5.4.3 Activities to be carried out and materials

5.4.3.1 Materials

The materials to be used in the construction of the grain storage infrastructure to increase its capacity include reinforced concrete, wire mesh, coating materials, carpentry, masonry, paints, PVC pipes, ceramic materials, metal and sheet metal, etc.

5.4.3.2 Flooring

Two types of flooring will be used, depending on their function: rigid flooring and flexible flooring.

Rigid flooring will be used in areas where water and hydrocarbon spills may occur, as it is more resistant.

Flexible flooring will be used in circulation areas.

Both types of flooring have been designed according to the type of stress to which they will be subjected, the bearing capacity of the foundation soils, and the mechanical characteristics of the constituent materials.

5.4.3.3 Earthworks

According to the topographical survey of the intervention area, the terrain is relatively flat, but excavation will nevertheless be necessary.

Excavation and earthworks will be necessary to lay the foundations, and in certain areas it will be necessary to replace soil for backfilling and compaction purposes in order to improve the base.

5.4.3.4 Support infrastructure

For the construction of the new project units, various infrastructures will provide support for its implementation, notably the EN-250 national road to facilitate the movement of vehicles and machinery, transport and distribution of grain, etc. A support yard will also be built for the construction of the silos, which should be built within the boundaries of the project area.

5.4.3.5 Expected consumption

The expected consumption for the installation and operation phase of the project is structured as follows:

a) Water supply

At the current stage of the project, water is supplied from a well. It is used for cleaning. Water for human consumption is bottled. There is also a reservoir with a capacity of 5,000 liters.



Figure 12: Water well



Figure 13: Water reservoir at the project site

During the construction phase of the project, water will be supplied by tanker trucks. To ensure a continuous supply, the unit will have several reservoirs for water storage, allowing for adequate supply for construction activities.

During the operational phase, the reservoirs are expected to continue to be used, as the project site is not served by the public water supply network. This solution will allow the unit to maintain its water autonomy, ensuring the availability of water for operational processes and other needs.

b) Domestic Wastewater Drainage Network

The domestic wastewater drainage network comprises the conveyance of wastewater from offices through discharge branches, which connect to manholes, giving rise to a collector that conveys wastewater by gravity to secondary treatment facilities (septic tanks).

The domestic wastewater drainage system is of the separate type, consisting of a network for the evacuation of "soapy water" and another for wastewater from toilet bowls. The treatment of wastewater from toilet bowls will be carried out in a septic tank.

During the construction and operation of the grain terminal, liquid effluents will be generated mainly from sanitary sewers, effluents resulting from the washing of equipment and materials used in the construction and maintenance of the facilities.

Effluents from sanitary sewers will be sent to and stored in septic tanks, while those resulting from equipment maintenance and likely to contain some contamination will be stored in specific, properly identified containers and sent for treatment before disposal and/or reuse.

c) Rainwater drainage network

For the current phase of the project, the rainwater network has two fundamental systems: at roof level and at ground floor level.

The roofs slope towards the gutters, which in turn slope directly to the ground, where the water is absorbed naturally.

At ground level, rainwater from the roofs is naturally directed along the ground to lower areas, while other water seeps into the ground.

d) Electricity

The project site does not have access to the public electricity grid, so power is supplied by a generator set consisting of two generators, one with a capacity of 104 kVA and the other with a capacity of 14 kVA. The unit also has fuel storage tanks with a capacity of 10 m³.



Figure 14: Generator for power supply

e) Telecommunications

During the field visit, no public telecommunications network was found to exist. The only telecommunications resource in the project implementation area is private mobile telephony.

f) Air conditioning

The project will be equipped with a ventilation system that will ensure thermal comfort for users throughout the construction and operation phases.

g) Fuel

During the construction and operation phases, the fuel to be used will be diesel and gasoline, depending on the type of equipment, capacity, and technical specifications.

5.4.4 Labor

Currently, the existing facilities have a total of 10 employees. This number may increase during the construction and operation of the silos.

5.4.5 Schedule

The silo construction project belonging to Grupo Carrinho, SA, will last 36 months, starting in 2025, with completion expected in 2028.

5.4.6 Investment Value

The total investment for the implementation of the project is estimated at **USD 4,168,000.00** (four million, one hundred and sixty-eight thousand dollars), or the equivalent in Kwanzas according to the exchange rate on the day.

5.5 GENERAL AND OPERATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS OF SILOS

Silos are storage units characterized by airtight cells or compartments, which allow for minimal exchange between the external environment and the storage environment. They offer storage conditions for longer periods than ordinary warehouses, as they allow for more efficient control of sources of deterioration.

There are different types of vertical silos, depending on the material used for their construction, which can be metal, concrete, masonry, and wood (used for seed storage).

The basic differences between structures built with different materials are related to:

- Initial costs that vary considerably between them;
- Different repair needs over time; and
- Greater or lesser difficulty in eliminating infestations of organisms harmful to grain conservation.

The size of each structure depends on the amount of grain to be stored and the storage time, as well as the number of harvests per year. For large producers, it is better to have more medium-sized silos, i.e., with a capacity to store volumes of two to three thousand tons per silo.

Wooden silos: for small volumes of seeds – 60 to 80 tons;

Masonry silos: can store 100 to 1,200 tons;

Concrete silos: from one to three thousand tons or more; and

Metal silos: can hold six thousand tons or more.

The most commonly used silos today are those made of concrete and metal.

Concrete silos

Advantages:

- Less space occupied due to their vertical position;
- Thick walls, which prevent heat transfer to the grain mass; and
- Better grain preservation due to longer storage time. Disadvantages:
- High cost and long installation time;
- High maintenance cost; and
- High incidence of grain breakage due to the height of the silo.

Metal silos

Advantages:

- Simpler and lower-cost foundations;
- Cost per ton stored lower than that of concrete silos; and
- Medium-capacity cell that allows for greater operational flexibility.

Disadvantages:

- Possibility of moisture infiltration;
- Possibility of gas leakage during the purging process;
- Heat transfer from the environment into the cell, which may cause condensation; and
- Higher installation cost than grain warehouses.

5.5.1 Process description

In stored grains, the most important organism is the grain itself. Although its life cycle is temporarily suspended (dormancy stage), it has all the properties of a living organism.

The grains should be harvested immediately after reaching physiological maturity, that is, when their dry matter reaches maximum weight. From that point on, if the product is not harvested, processed, and stored properly, losses will increase.

However, at the point of physiological maturity, the grains have high moisture content, both for harvesting and storage, and may be mixed with seeds from other plants that are still green (invasive or from previous crops). In this case, pre-cleaning, cleaning, and drying processes are necessary before actual storage, according to the harvest conditions, as shown in the following diagram.

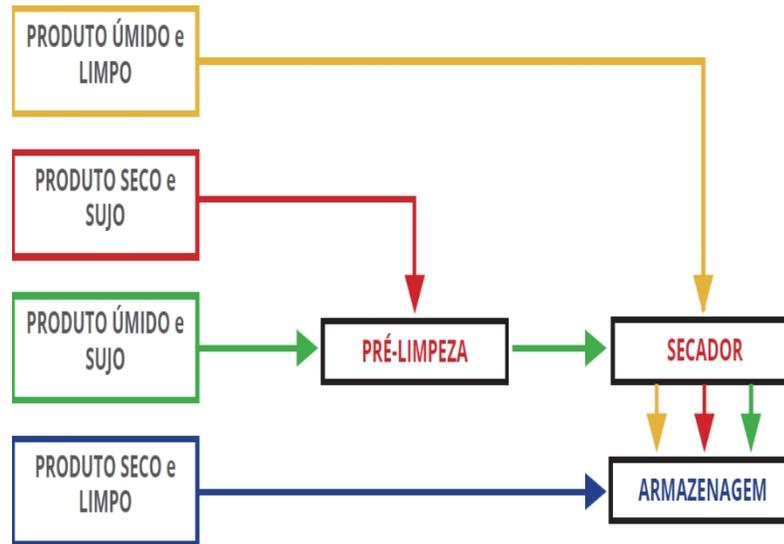


Figure 15 - Diagram of grain storage stages using a conventional system

Losses during storage can occur due to:

- Inadequate unloading of the product in the warehouse, which causes mechanical damage (broken and cracked grains);
- Grain mass with many impurities;
- Grain mass with different water contents;
- Incorrect drying of grains; and
- Poor air circulation in the storage area.

Temperature and humidity can be altered to ensure grain quality during storage. Therefore, they must be measured and controlled.



Figure 16 - Factors that most affect grain quality during storage

5.5.2 Importance of water content in stored grains

Water content is an important factor in controlling losses in stored grain. If moisture is kept at low levels, other harmful factors can be easily controlled. Table 1 shows the water content of grain in relation to harvest and storage.

Table 11: Moisture content of some grains in relation to harvest and storage

Percentual de umidade					
Produto	Colheita	Ideal	Armazenamento seguro		
	Máximo	Ótimo	Após secagem	1 ano	5 anos
Café	62	62	12	11	10
Milho	23	20-22	11	11	9-10
Arroz	21	17-19	11	11-12	9-10
Soja	18	16	11	11-12	9-10
Sorgo	26	23-26	9	11-12	9-10
Trigo	23	15-17	8	12-13	10-11

To determine the harvest point for grains, it is necessary to determine their moisture content under field conditions. The result indicates whether they are ready to be harvested and whether or not they will need to have their moisture content reduced through artificial drying for storage.

The recommended moisture contents for manual grain harvesting are shown in Table 2. For most of them, such as rice, beans, and corn, moisture contents range from 18 to 20%.

Produto	Teores de umidade (%)
Arroz	18 a 24
Feijão	16 a 18
Milho	18 a 24
Soja	16 a 18
Sorgo	18 a 20
Trigo	18 a 20
Café	11 a 12

Table 12: Moisture content of grains at harvest

Note: To be stored, harvested grains need to have a moisture content of 12 or 13%, a level achieved by drying in a yard or in a dryer.

5.5.3 Interference of temperature on the quality of stored grains

Temperature increase is another factor that affects grain storage and can be caused by other factors related to quality loss. Therefore, controlling temperature can prevent rapid deterioration.

The heating of stored grain is caused by fungal attack and occurs when the moisture content of the grain is above the correct level for storage, as shown in Table 1.

Note:

1. To control the temperature, it is necessary to have an environment that allows for good air circulation.
2. Grains must be stored with the correct moisture content.

5.5.4 Characteristics of stored grain mass

Grain mass has certain characteristics that can compromise or guarantee its quality and must therefore be observed.

- **Porosity of the mass:** when stored in silos, containers, or bags, grains form a porous mass consisting of themselves and the space occupied by air, which represents around 40 to 45% of the total volume.
- **Thermal conductivity:** grains exchange heat between themselves and their porous mass. Heat passes from a warmer region to a colder one, from grain to grain, as they are in contact (conduction), and through the flow of air passing through the porous mass (microconvection).
- **Grain moisture balance:** Grain moisture remains in balance when there is a positive relationship between relative humidity and temperature. If relative humidity and temperature vary greatly, grains lose or gain moisture according to low or high relative humidity.

Note: To store grain properly, it must be kept under conditions that hinder or prevent the growth of microorganisms and insects that cause loss or damage. To this end, the water content, relative humidity, and temperature must be in balance.

5.5.5 Losses that occur during grain storage

- **Physical loss or breakage:** occurs when the product suffers weight loss due to damage caused mainly by insect attacks. Other animals, such as rodents and birds, also cause losses, but these are smaller compared to those caused by insects.



Figure 17 - Grain breakage during unloading

- **Loss of quality:** occurs when the quality of the product changes, mainly due to the action of fungi, which cause fermentation, alter the natural taste and smell of the product, and reduce the nutritional value of the grains.

Contamination by foreign matter and other damage that affects the quality of grains for agribusiness are among the factors that lead to quality losses. Contamination can be biological, physical, or chemical, and can occur alone or in combination.



Figure 18 - Contamination of grains by fungi

5.5.6 Warning signs and damage in grain storage

- Generalized appearance of mold and fermentation;
- Mixing of foreign species harmful to the use of the product; and
- Strange odor, of any nature, inappropriate for the product and harmful to consumption.

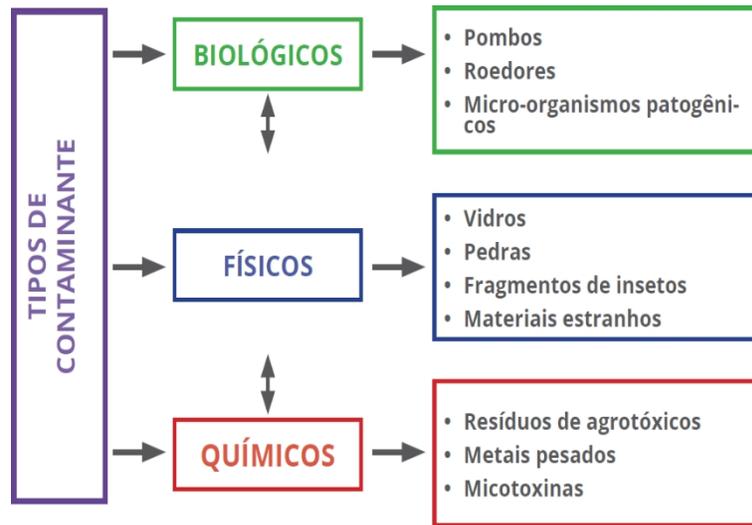


Figure 19 - Biological, physical, and chemical contaminants in stored grains

5.5.7 Contaminants in the external environment of the grain storage unit

It is necessary to identify and control possible contaminants that influence the quality and isolation of stored grains. Therefore, monitoring and control actions must be planned.

Table 13: Identification of biological hazards in post-harvest and grain storage

ÁREA DAS UNIDADES ARMAZENADORAS (Entorno do paiol, solo, galpão etc.)			
PERIGO BIOLÓGICO	<i>Salmonella Coccidiose*</i>	SEVERIDADE MÉDIA	RISCO ALTO
JUSTIFICATIVA - Presença de fezes de aves (pombos*)			
MEDIDAS PREVENTIVAS			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colocar telas para evitar a entrada de aves na unidade armazenadora • Evitar grãos esparramados no pátio da unidade armazenadora 			
PERIGO BIOLÓGICO	LEPTOSPIROSE	SEVERIDADE MÉDIA	RISCO ALTO
JUSTIFICATIVA - Presença de urina e fezes de ratos			
MEDIDAS PREVENTIVAS			
Controlar insetos e roedores (MIP)			

5.5.8 Insects and pests

Insects that attack grains during storage can be classified as:

- **Primary pests**

Primary pests attack and infest undamaged grains and also feed on damaged ones. Most of them can begin their infestation and attack in the field, before harvest.

- **Secondary pests**

Secondary pests attack the interior of damaged or already attacked grains.

5.5.9 Factors that contribute to insect pest attacks

High temperatures and high humidity increase infestations of primary and secondary pests.

Combined conditions of temperatures between 25 and 34°C and about 70% relative humidity are considered risky.

While the moisture content of stored grain can be a risk for pest attack, it is also important to prevent infestation in the grain mass. Dry grain, with a moisture content of less than 12%, does not allow the development of most insect pest species, with the exception of a few, such as stem borers, which attack exceptionally dry grains with less than 8% moisture.

Table 14: Types of pests that can affect grain

PRIMARY PESTS				
TYPE OF PEST	CHARACTERISTICS	PREFERRED CROPS	DAMAGE	IMAGE
Grain weevil (<i>Sitophilus</i> spp.)	<p>This is one of the most dangerous pests for all types of grain. It is characterized by a narrow, pointed snout (rostrum), which is an extension of the head, and has a brownish-bronze or dark brown body.</p> <p>bronze or dark brown body.</p>	<p>They attack cereals, mainly corn, sorghum, rice, and wheat. They do not attack small grains, such as millet, because their larvae do not develop well. They also feed on dried cassava and processed food.</p>	<p>The infestation usually begins in the field, when the eggs are laid in undamaged grain. After harvesting, the infested grain is transported to the warehouse, where the larvae emerge and leave a characteristic hole. Both the larvae and the adult insects cause damage, but the larvae are responsible for most of the economic losses.</p>	
Grain weevil (<i>Prostephanus truncatus</i>)	<p>Native to Central America, this beetle is one of the most important pests attacking stored grain in tropical and subtropical regions. It is dark brown or black in color and also feeds on corn stalks, cob and wood debris, and dry foods.</p>	<p>It is a highly destructive primary pest for corn, especially for the product stored in cobs. Its damage has been so high that storage in cobs is no longer encouraged in some places and has been replaced by straw-free, pre-treated storage. The grain weevil can also feed on dried cassava and flour products.</p>	<p>Infestation usually begins in the field before harvest and continues during storage, especially in corn still with straw. Both the adult beetle and the larva enter the grain and produce large amounts of dust. On average, losses can reach 30% of stored corn.</p>	

<p>Grain beetle <i>(Rhyzopertha dominica)</i></p>	<p>Originally from South America, it is now found in all warm and humid climates around the world. This small brown or black weevil is very voracious.</p>	<p>It is a devastating pest of most cereal grains, including millet, although it is not very common in rice.</p> <p>It also feeds on cassava and other starchy products.</p>	<p>The infestation begins in the field and the larva, introduced into storage systems, attacks the interior of the grains, where it develops.</p> <p>Adult insects and larvae pierce the grains and feed on the endosperm. This process causes a lot of dust, which, when present, can be an indication of high infestation. The grain beetle has a long life cycle and destroys a quantity of grains equivalent to its body weight every day.</p>	
<p>Cereal moth <i>(Sitotroga cerealella)</i></p>	<p>It is an insect that attacks in the post-harvest period and is very common in grain storage facilities, especially right after harvest. It reaches a size of 12 to 14 mm, and the larvae feed and transform inside the grains.</p>	<p>Like the grain beetle, this is a pest that attacks all major grains, including wheat, barley, corn, sorghum, and millet; it also causes great damage to paddy rice, and can cause substantial damage to its germ</p>	<p>It attacks ripening grains while still in the field and is usually transported inside them to storage facilities.</p> <p>After incubation, the larva penetrates the grain and completes its development. Infestations produce a lot of heat and moisture, which promote the proliferation of fungi, as well as secondary pests.</p>	

<p>Bean weevil (<i>Callosobruchus maculatus</i>)</p>	<p>This is a brownish-red beetle of the dry bean weevil family. Although it is essentially a field pest, the eggs and larvae are transported inside the grains after harvest to the warehouse.</p>	<p>Legumes such as beans, soybeans, chickpeas, and string beans are susceptible to attacks by borers in general and bean weevils in particular. This weevil is also an important pest that infests cereal feed, animal meal, flours, and milling residues with high protein content.</p>	<p>The bean weevil generally attacks dried legumes. Infestation can begin in the field where eggs are laid in pods that are ripening. In the larval stage, the damage can affect 90% of stored legume grains. The infestation cycle can be broken by crop rotation, to avoid growing the same species in the same area for consecutive years.</p>	
<p>SECONDARY PESTS</p>				
<p>Brown beetle (<i>Tribolium spp.</i>)</p>	<p>Found in major tropical and subtropical regions. It is a reddish-brown beetle and the larvae are whitish-yellow.</p>	<p>It attacks corn, peanuts, rice, beans, chickpeas, sorghum, and wheat. It prefers damaged grains, but can also attack whole wheat grains.</p>	<p>Both the adult beetle and the larvae feed first on the germ and then on the endosperm. This pest usually spreads in storage conditions with uncontrolled temperature and humidity levels, which are conducive to the proliferation of insects that increase the temperature of the grain mass.</p>	

<p>Flour moth (<i>Ephestia spp.</i>)</p>	<p>This insect is common in stored products and storage facilities in various climates. The upper half of the front is bronze, silver, or dark gray, and the upper half of the rear is gray with a yellowish tint and a black band at the point where between the two parts.</p>	<p>It attacks all types of dry grains, such as corn, rice, and wheat.</p>	<p>The larva feeds externally on grains, but most damage is caused by contamination with massive amounts of silk threads expelled by the larva, which also accumulates feces, films, and eggshells.</p>	
<p>Termites (<i>Macrotermes sp.</i>)</p>	<p>This is a common name for numerous species of social insects that can cause damage to stored grains and wooden structures, such as furniture or wood-covered parts of buildings.</p>	<p>They feed mainly on cellulose. These insects attack various crops such as corn, sorghum, sugarcane, forest plantations, among others. They attack corn crops after sowing, destroying them before germination and causing failures in this process. The roots of corn and sorghum can be attacked, causing the plants to turn yellow, wither, and die.</p>	<p>They are very large because they affect not only the stored product, but also the storage infrastructure itself.</p> <p>Although termites do not specifically seek out grain (they only eat the grain they find in their path), they can seriously damage storage structures built with grass, twigs/branches, wood, or mud, which can collapse and result in significant losses.</p>	

5.5.10 Integrated Pest Management (IPM) for insect control in storage units

IPM considers all available insect pest control techniques, which are combined to reduce pest development and attack. IPM reinforces the application of healthy techniques with the least possible damage to agroecosystems and encourages natural insect pest control techniques.

Pest control may include the use of predators, parasites, sterile male insects, or generating diseases in insects. Pheromones are also used for pest monitoring, to interrupt mating, or as traps.

The wide availability of insecticides often results in their excessive use and dependence on them, detracting from the importance of other pest control and management techniques, such as:

- **Pest management during pre-storage**

Pest control in storage facilities begins when the crop is still in the field. To reduce the risk of transporting primary pests from the field to storage, it is necessary to adopt certain procedures, such as grain drying and quality control, among others.

- **Cleaning and drying**

Try to clean and dry the grains whenever they come out of the fields, especially when they have to be stored for a long period.

- **Quality control of grain to be stored**

Grains must be stored in good quality and sanitary conditions, avoiding those that are infested, mixed (with other species), or damaged.

- **Storage management**

Pest development and control should be monitored based on the location of storage units, the storage period, and the quality of the stored products.

- **Cultivation of resistant varieties**

The use of resistant varieties generally delays infestation and damage to grains, prolonging the period during which the level of damage remains low.

Corn varieties straw and cover the entire ear, providing good protection against weevils. The use of a particular variety needs to be properly analyzed,

as high-yielding varieties are more susceptible to damage by insect pests in storage units.

- **Natural insecticides**

Natural insecticides include materials such as abrasive mineral dusts, natural desiccants such as wood ash, plant materials with repellent or insecticidal properties, such as parts of the Indian neem tree (*Azadirachta indica*), or vegetable cooking oils (peanut or coconut palm oil).

6 CHARACTERIZATION OF ENVIRONMENT AFFECTED BY THE PROJECT

6.1 GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

This chapter presents a description of the current environmental and social situation in the study area.

The purpose of characterizing the baseline situation is to obtain an adequate information base for assessing the environmental and social impacts caused by the Project.

The following points present the analyses of the project's area of influence and the characterization of the baseline situation for Climate, Geology and Geomorphology, Soils and Land Use, Surface and Groundwater Resources, Flora and Fauna, Landscape, Air Quality, Sound Environment, Socio-economic, Infrastructure, Land Use Planning, Historical and Cultural Heritage, and Waste.

6.2 DEFINITION OF THE PROJECT'S AREA OF INFLUENCE

The delimitation of the areas of influence of the project is the result of the territorial spatialization of the direct and indirect impacts resulting from its implementation and operation, considering the physical, biotic, and socioeconomic environments.

They are defined as follows:

- **Directly Affected Area (ADA)** - the Directly Affected Area (ADA) is considered to be the area of the project, including its support structures, private access roads, expanded or renovated, as well as all other unit operations associated exclusively with the project's infrastructure, i.e., for the private use of the project.
- **Directly Affected Area (DAA):** area subject to the direct impacts of the preparation and operation stages of the unit where the agricultural infrastructure (silos) will be installed. Its delimitation is based on the social, economic, physical, and biological characteristics of the systems to be studied and the particularities of the project.
- **Indirect Area of Influence (IAI):** the area that is actually or potentially threatened by the indirect impacts of the preparation and operation of the project where the agricultural infrastructure (silos) will be installed, covering the ecosystems and socioeconomic system that may be impacted by changes occurring in the DAI.

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- **Regional Area of Influence (RAI):** refers to the geographical space and socioeconomic sectors that are directly or indirectly affected by the planning and management activities of the agricultural infrastructure (silos) project. This concept is fundamental to understanding the scope of the policies implemented and to ensuring an integrated and efficient approach.

The definition of geographical boundaries under the influence of a given activity is one of the requirements for assessing environmental impacts and is a determining factor for the other activities necessary for preparing the environmental diagnosis and prognosis.

The delimitation of study areas is related to the identification of spaces subject to the influences of potential impacts associated with a project that modifies the environment. As a result, the task of delimiting these areas requires preliminary knowledge of the type and nature of the planned project, in order to identify the actions that significantly affect the physical, biotic, socioeconomic, and cultural environmental components during its implementation and operation.

Thus, the identification of the study areas guides, first, the environmental diagnosis phase, serving to delimit the scope of work of all disciplines involved in the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA). Second, the areas studied allow for the investigation of the spatial extent of the adverse or beneficial effects associated with the project.

6.2.1 Directly Affected Area (DAA)

The Directly Affected Area (DAA) corresponds to the area that suffers the greatest intervention from the activity, considering physical, biological, socioeconomic changes, and the particularities of the activity.

The grain storage infrastructure project is located in the municipality of Catabola, in the province of Bié, Angola.

6.2.2 Area of Direct Influence (ADI)

The Direct Area of Influence is the geographical area that will be affected by the impacts resulting from the project activities and corresponds to the contiguous and expanded territorial space of the ADA, and as this is likely to result in positive or negative impacts. For the physical, chemical, and ecological environments, the DIA is considered to be within a radius of 500 meters. The project covers private residences to the north and south, the EN 250 to the east, and the EN 250 to the southwest, as illustrated in the figure below.

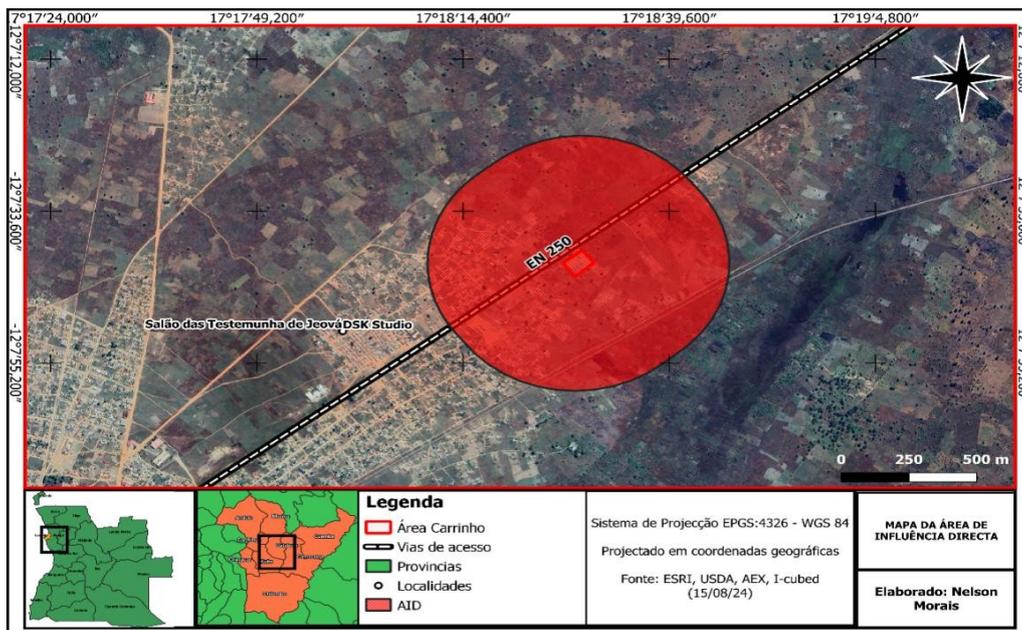


Figure 20 – Map of the direct area of influence.

6.2.3 Indirect Area of Influence (IAI)

The Indirect Area of Influence (IAI) is generally a more comprehensive area where the influences of the proposed activities can be felt, not directly, but through the possible secondary effects that may result from the project.

Thus, the IIA includes the accesses to be used and, more generally, at a higher level, the area occupied by the project. Within a radius of 10 kilometers, the project covers the municipal hospital of Catabola, the hospital of Chissamba, and the municipal seat of Catabola, as shown in the figure below.

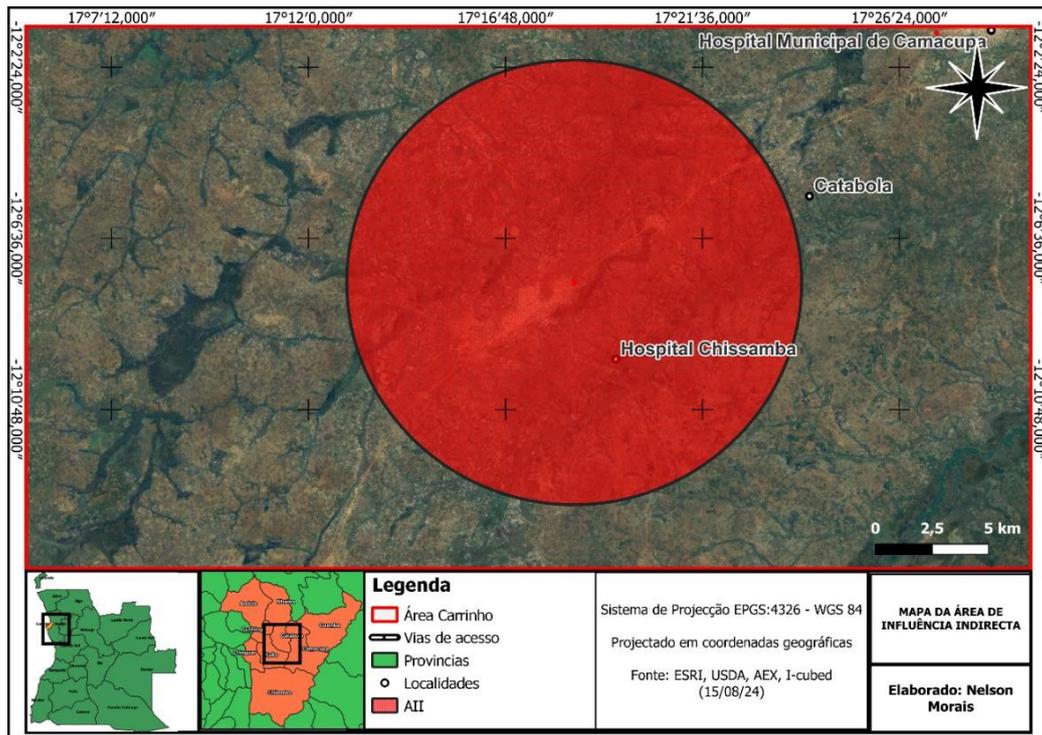


Figure 21 – Map of the area of indirect influence.

6.2.4 Regional Area of Influence (RAI)

The Regional Area of Influence generally refers to the entire geographical area and socio-economic sectors that are directly or indirectly affected by grain storage and transport activities to and from the unit, as well as all locations that will supply this raw material, covering the entire region surrounding the municipality of Catabola.

6.3 CLIMATE

6.3.1 General Considerations

Angola's climate is characterized by a dry and cool season (cacimbo) from June to the end of September and a rainy season from October to the end of May (Ministry of Urbanism and Environment, 2006).

There is a clear association between rainfall in inland Angola and the southward movement of the equatorial trough from September to January, and also with its northward movement from January to May, bringing unstable tropical air with strong convergence at lower levels over much of the territory. This gives rise to very cloudy skies with cumulus, cumulonimbus, altocumulus, and altostratus clouds that cause rain in

the form of very frequent and intense showers and thunderstorms. Local climatic factors must also be taken into account, such as the relief, which, acting in conjunction with the general conditions, determines the specific characteristics of the different areas.

The dry season, from May to August, corresponds to the action of the anticyclonic core of the African continent, transporting dry and stable continental air from the Kalahari over Angolan territory, with temperature inversions in the lower layers.

The average annual temperature varies between 15-20 °C in the central plateau and Namibe desert, and between 25 °C-27 °C in the Congo River basin region and the sub-coastal strip in the north of the country (Ministry of Urban Planning and Environment, 2006).

6.3.2 Climate Classification

Köppen's climate classifications highlight the diversity of climates found in Angola.

According to the Köppen-Geiger climate classification, Angola has several types of climates, which can be distributed according to their representativeness, as illustrated in Table 12.

Table 15: Köppen classification: territorial distribution

CLIMATE TYPE (KÖPPEN)	AREA (km2)	% TOTAL
Aw – Tropical rainy climate	492,660	39.5
BSh – Dry steppe climate	122,000	9.8
BSh' – Dry steppe climate	69,500	5.6
BWh – Arid desert climate	25,840	2.1
BWh' – Dry desert climate	30,200	2.4
CWa-Mesothermal, humid climate with dry winters	374,930	30.1
CWb – Temperate climate with dry winters and hot summers	131,570	10.5
TOTAL	1,246,700	100

Source: (Azevedo, 1972)

6.3.3 Characterization of the Local Climate

The Köppen climate classification was used for the climate analysis of the implementation area. The Köppen classification directly relates climate classes to natural vegetation cover, which allows for global climatological mapping, including

regions where there are no meteorological observations. The Köppen system defines five main climate regions and several sub-regions. In the Köppen system, the different classes are defined based on the annual cycle of average monthly temperatures. The definition of sub-regions, in turn, uses the annual cycle of precipitation and monthly temperature.

In this context, according to Köppen, the municipality of Catabola has a subtropical highland climate, which covers the project area, as shown in the figure below.

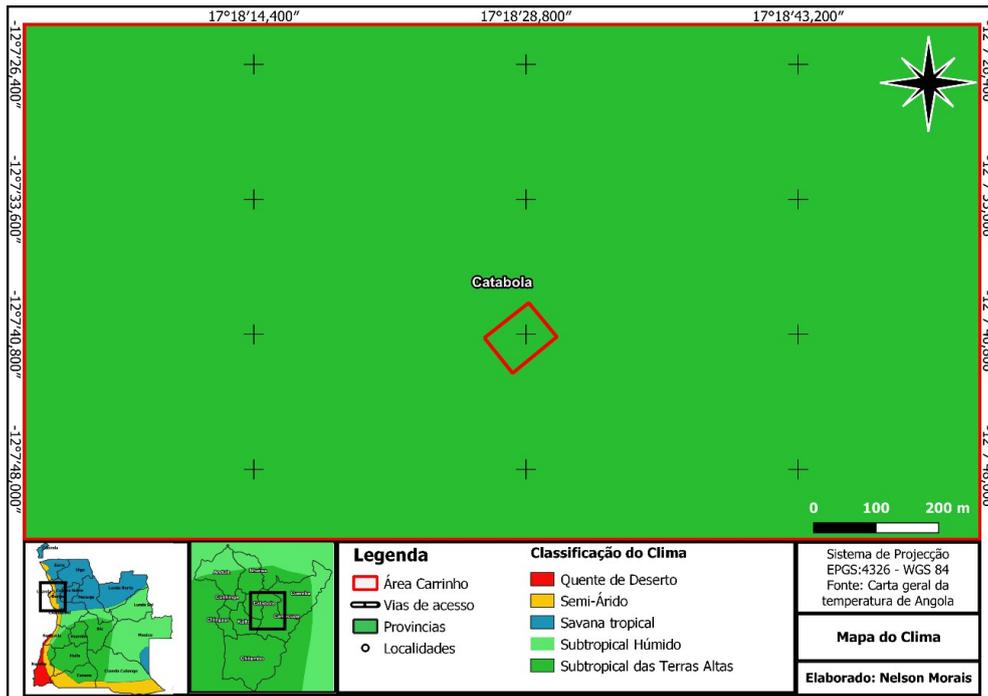


Figure 22 – Climate map.

6.3.4 Temperature

The spatial distribution of air temperature in a region is essentially conditioned by local physiographic factors, which are generally associated with aspects such as relief (altitude and exposure), soil type and cover, proximity to large bodies of water, and wind patterns.

The project is located in a region with an average annual temperature of 20°C – 22°C. The hottest month of the year is March and the coldest month is July, with an average temperature of 19 °C.

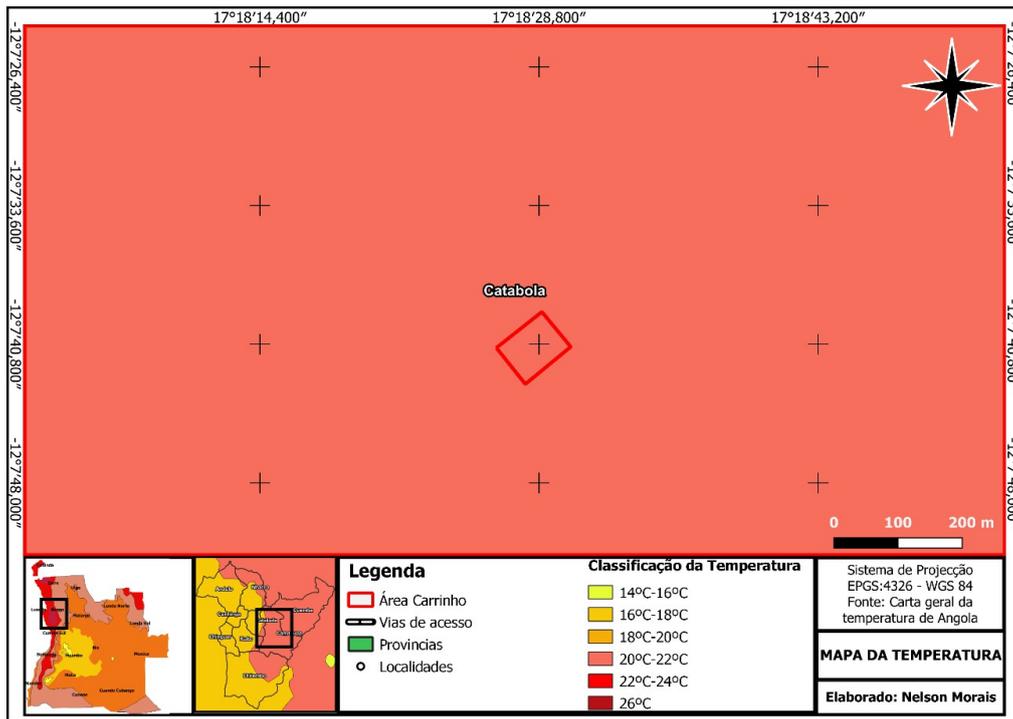


Figure 23 – Temperature map.

6.3.5 Relative air humidity

Relative air humidity is one of the climatic elements that define the hygrometric state of the air. This climatic element has a major influence on potential evapotranspiration (PEV) values, as the higher the air humidity values, the lower the PEV.

We base the level of humidity comfort on the dew point, as it determines whether perspiration will evaporate from the skin and consequently cool the body. Lower dew points cause a feeling of greater dryness. Higher dew points cause a feeling of greater humidity. Unlike temperature, which generally varies significantly from day to night, dew point tends to change more slowly. Thus, while the temperature may drop at night, a muggy day is usually followed by a muggy night.

The sensation of humidity in Bié, measured by the percentage of time when the humidity comfort level is muggy, oppressive, or extremely humid, does not vary significantly throughout the year, remaining virtually constant at 0% throughout the year.

6.3.6 Precipitation

Precipitation is the amount of water transferred from the atmosphere to the Earth in liquid or solid form as rain, drizzle, snow, hail, or sleet, per unit area of a horizontal surface, during a given period of time. It is expressed in mm.

The precipitation in the area where the project is located has an average annual rainfall of 1000 mm – 1250 mm. In terms of monthly precipitation, the month with the highest rainfall is April, with an average of 159 mm, and the dry months are June, July, and August, with 0 mm of precipitation. The variation between the highest and lowest rainfall throughout the year is 159 mm.

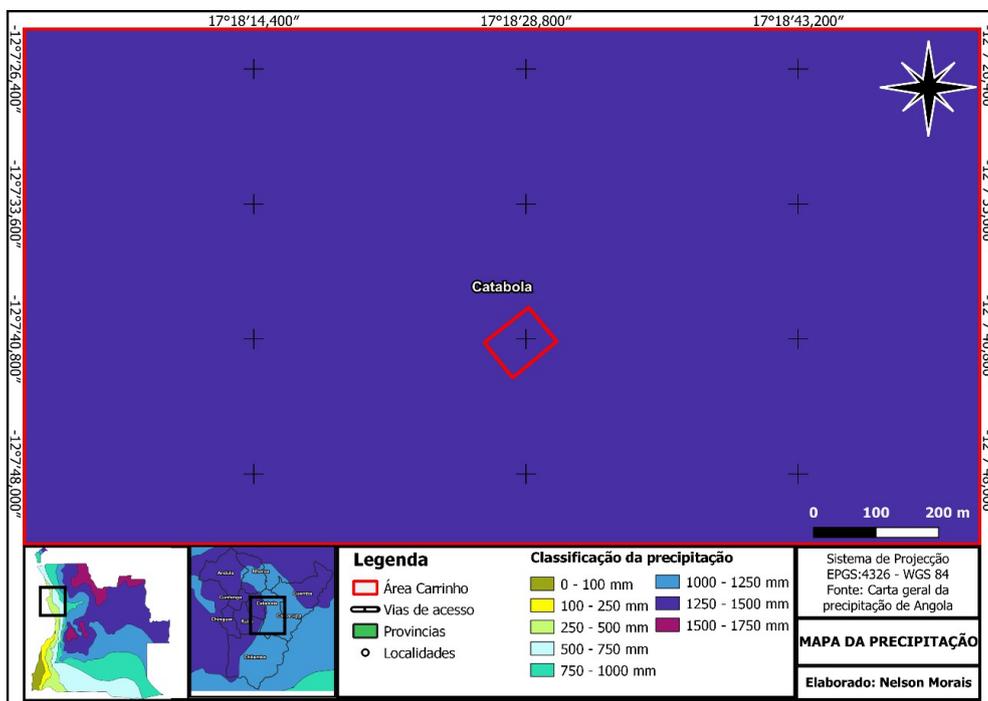


Figure 24 – Precipitation map.

6.3.7 Evaporation and Evapotranspiration

Evaporation is represented in mm, corresponding to the height of water that evaporates from an open tub exposed to the air. Average annual evaporation varies over a given period of time. Evaporation conditions local evapotranspiration, which manifests itself through the transfer of water stored in the soil or in water sources to the atmosphere through vaporization and transpiration of plants and water present in the soil.

Evapotranspiration is characterized by two different concepts: actual evapotranspiration – total water loss through evaporation from the soil and transpiration from plants;

potential evapotranspiration – maximum water loss from soil with uniform green vegetation cover and assuming a uniform saturation stage.

6.3.8 Cloud cover

Cloud cover is defined as the fraction of the open sky covered by clouds. Cloud cover is expressed in tenths (as whole numbers from 0 to 10). 0 represents a clear sky and 10 represents a completely overcast sky

The number of days with clear skies is lower than the number of days with completely cloudy skies. Except for the summer months and October, when the number of cloudy days is lower than the number of days without cloud cover, all other months have a higher number of cloudy days than clear days.

In Bié, the average percentage of cloud cover varies greatly throughout the year. The least cloudy season in Bié begins around April 30 and lasts 5.2 months, ending around October 4.

The least cloudy month of the year in Bié is June, during which, on average, the sky is clear, mostly clear, or partly cloudy 84% of the time.

The cloudiest season of the year begins around October 4 and lasts for 6.9 months, ending around April 30. The cloudiest month of the year in Bié is December, during which, on average, the sky is overcast or mostly cloudy 84% of the time.

6.4 GEOLOGY AND GEOMORPHOLOGY

6.4.1 General considerations

The purpose of this descriptor is to present the geological and geomorphological framework of the area where the Catabola grain silos are located.

The analysis in this descriptor is based on a field survey of the site, carried out in August 2024.

6.4.2 Geological context

The geological framework of the AID was established based on available cartography (Geological Map of Angola at a scale of 1:1,000,000, Sheet 3), photographic records of the terrain, and bibliographic research.

The geology of Angola can generally be divided into sedimentary rocks (usually easily resistant and "soft") and crystalline rocks (usually difficult).

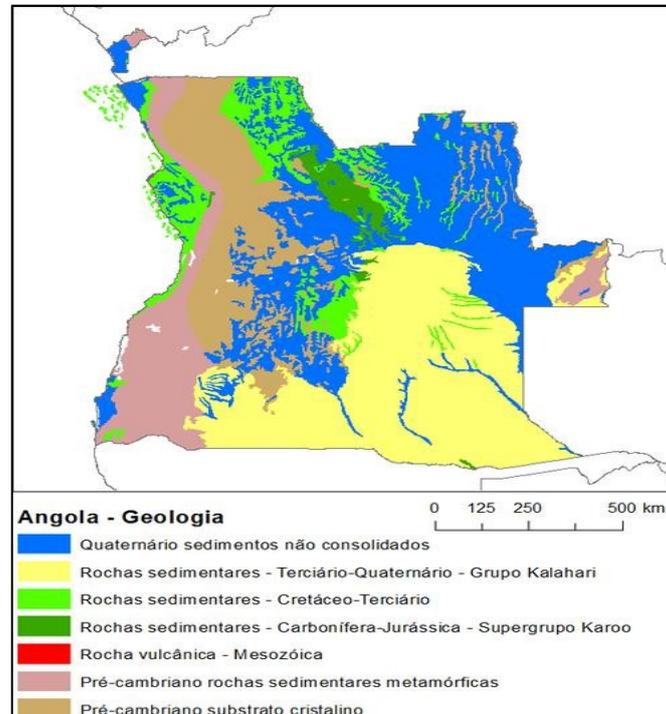


Figure 25 - Geological map of Angola

The municipality of Catabola is geologically located in the lower shield of Angola on the Angolan platform and has formations ranging from the Archean to the Phanerozoic. The Lower Archean was subdivided into two groups: Lower and Upper. The Lower Group includes rocks consisting of pyroxene plagioclases, amphibolites, eclogites, cordierite and sillimanite gneisses, quartzites, ferruginous quartzites, as well as associated plagiomigmatites, enderbites, and charnoquites.

Based on the Geological Map of Angola, the project area includes formations such as:

- Lower Archaic: Gneisses, schists, amphibolites, quartzites;
- Paleocene-Eocene: consisting of marl and limestone.

The formation that outcrops in the project area is the Paleocene Formation.

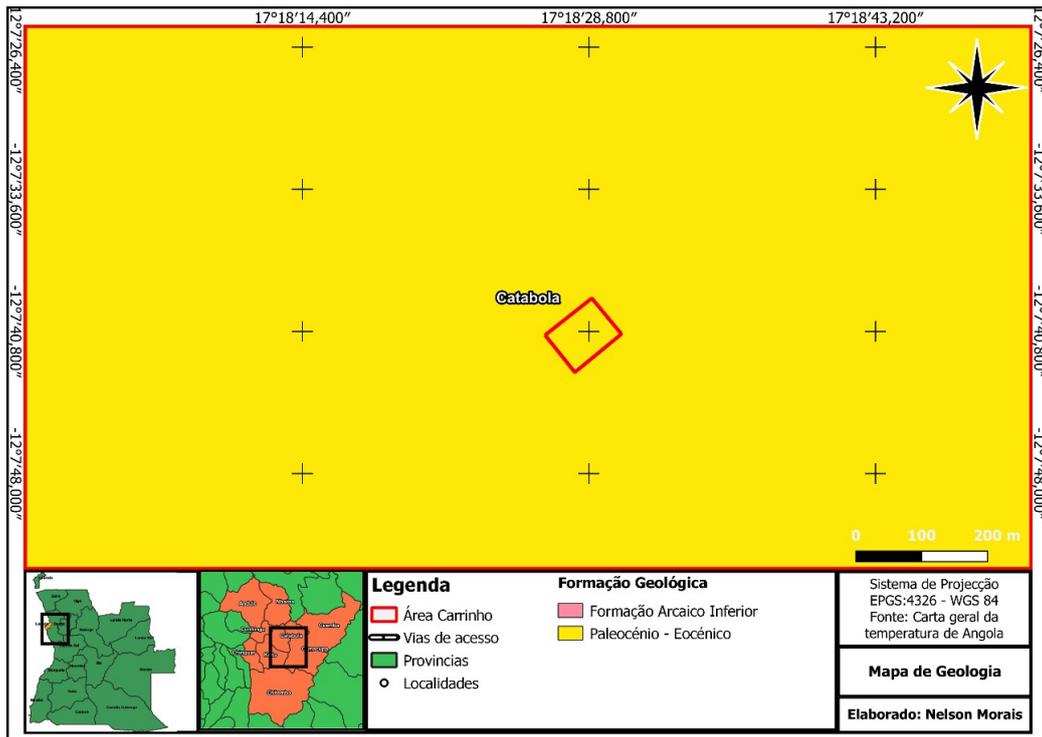


Figure 26 – Geological map.

6.4.3 Geomorphological Setting

According to Diniz (1998), in Angola it is possible to consider geomorphological units.

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Figure 27 - Main geomorphological units of Angola (According to Diniz)

1. **Coastal strip.** Encompassing the platform that runs almost continuously along the coast at average altitudes of 150 m to 250 m, reaching three hundred meters or more at some points in the interior periphery, gently sloping down to the coast where it ends, for most of its length, in a sea cliff with drops of around 100 to 150 m. The discontinuity of the platform is solely due to the action of rivers that have carved out wide, deep valleys where extensive river plains are found.
2. **Subplateau Strip.** An intermediate surface marking the transition to the plateau interior, which runs from north to south of the territory at average altitudes between 400 and 600 m, from which frequent residual landforms rise, from hill islands, protruding platforms delimited by escarpments, steps or dismantled forms, to mountain ranges, whose names sometimes reach altitudes of 1000 m.
3. **Marginal Mountain or Marginal Mountain Range.** Marking the western boundary of the Angolan interior plateau, it corresponds to a mountainous range of residual levels, whose peaks, still somewhat impressive, reach 2100-2200 m, with the highest point at Morro do Môco, at an altitude of 2620 m.
4. **Ancient Plateau.** An extensive plateau surface that reaches its peak at an altitude of 1750-1800 m, forming a line of festoons defining very gentle slopes on either side, which stretch for hundreds of kilometers and through which rivers meander in very wide valleys, almost at the level of flattening. The monotony of the peneplain is only interrupted by the altiplanic platforms and frequent island hills that are residual relics of other older peneplains.
5. **Lower Cunene.** A flat or gently undulating surface that continues from the Old Plateau, sloping from 1,400 m to 1,000/1,100 m at the southern border, with the main watercourses converging on the interior basin of Etocha Pan, except for the Cunene, which, thanks to its capture in Ruacaná, diverted to the Atlantic. Largely filled with recent sediments, the surface is generally poorly drained, with part of the water retained in a multitude of small inland basins.
6. **Upper Cuanza.** The upper Cuanza basin stands out on the inland plateau, at average altitudes of 1200 to 1500 m, as it corresponds to a hydrographic network

with very slow drainage, giving rise, in the rainy season, to large flooded areas that remain so for many months.

7. **Malange Plateau.** A flat or gently undulating plateau at medium altitude (1,200 to 1,250 m), which separates the Cuango river system to the east from the rivers of the Atlantic slope on the opposite side. while the Lucala, an important tributary of the Cuanza, flows across the plateau and plunges spectacularly over a hundred meters in height onto the lower sub-plateau surface (Calandula Falls).
8. **Zaire plateau.** Extensive sandy surface that slopes steeply northward, from average altitudes of 1,200 m along its edge to 500 m in Cuango, deeply dissected by deep, roughly parallel valleys, all of which flow into the Zaire basin as they converge on its tributary, the Cassai.
9. **Cassange Lowlands.** An area that is several hundred meters lower than the surrounding plateau, its boundary largely defined by a steep escarpment. On the other hand, the spectacular residual reliefs that rise from the flatness are nothing more than scattered remnants of the primitive plateau peneplain.
10. **Zambezi-Cubango peneplain.** Extensive sandy surface encompassing the Zambezi and Cubango basins, both of which are part of the same peneplain, which slopes gently southward (1,200/1,300 m – 1,000 m), where the rivers, defining very open valleys, are drawn, so to speak, at the level of the flatness, circulating very slowly in winding beds, in addition to interspersing, at times, extensive areas of difficult drainage, where the waters are retained for extended periods.
11. **Upper Zambezi Massif.** A geomorphological unit distinguished by its integration into the Calunda mountain massif, which is notable not for the differences in altitude between the flat area (1,150 m) and the highest points (around 1,612 m), which are relatively modest, but rather because it rises majestically on the horizon, after almost a thousand kilometers of flatness without any other orographic feature breaking the monotony of the landscape.

6.4.4 Local Geomorphology

The regional geomorphology of the unit is very rugged as it is located in a mountainous area. In terms of altitude, it is characterized by 1,375 meters being the lowest area and 1,414 meters being the highest area. The project area is located at an altitude of 1,380-1,490 meters. These altitudes indicate a mountainous area with a lot of surface runoff from rainwater.

There are no watercourses passing through the project area, so it can be assumed that there is no problem with flooding during the rainy season.

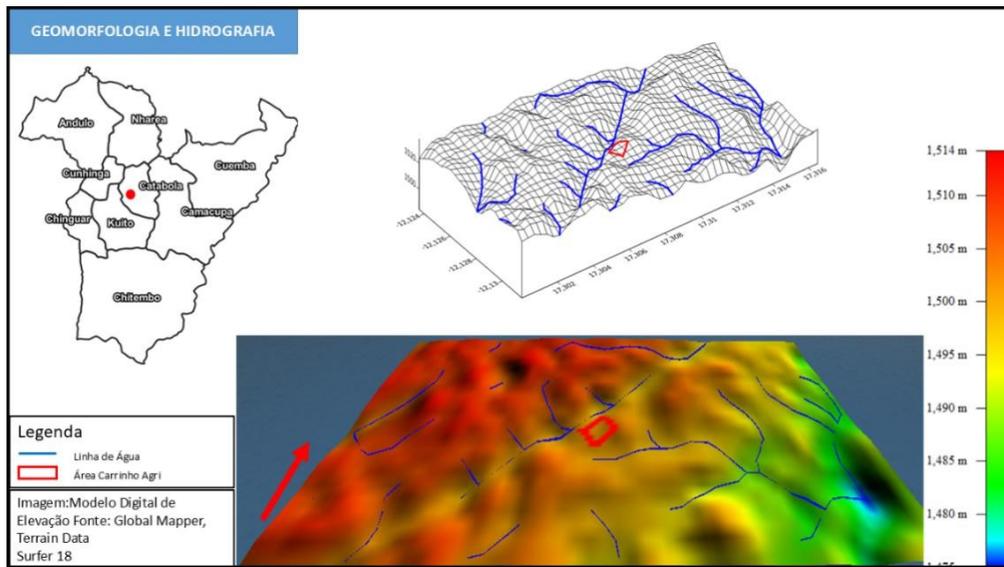


Figure 28 – Geomorphology and hydrography map.

6.5 SOILS AND LAND USE

6.5.1 General Considerations

The purpose of this descriptor is to characterize the soil at the site where the grain silo project will be implemented, hereinafter referred to as the study area.

The analysis of this descriptor was based on a field survey of the site, carried out in August 2024.

6.5.2 Soil Characterization

Angola's soils are characterized by a high percentage (around 50%) of soils that are constantly or periodically subject to erosion processes.

Soil erosion in Angola causes a total loss of soil of around 20 million tons per year, equivalent to the loss of the possibility of feeding 50,000 people per year. According to the same source, the amount of plant nutrients lost annually is around 1,200,000 tons of organic matter, 60,000 tons of nitrogen, 4,500 tons of potassium, and 500 metric tons of phosphorus. Soil erosion causes the denudation of mountains and hilltops, reduces soil depth and alters its structure, and decreases organic matter in the soil, thus reducing water retention capacity with consequent nutrient silting and associated soil acidification. Rainfall often causes serious erosion and subsequent sedimentation of soil in streams and rivers, which eventually flow into the Indian and Atlantic oceans (Source: UNDP-AngolaLDCSIDS-SLM-draft of November 12, 2007-PORTUGUESA).

In dry regions with a desert climate, soils are generally very thin and infertile. In large sedimentary basins, climatic conditions of precipitation and temperature, and the lithology of the materials, are conducive to the development of thick soils.

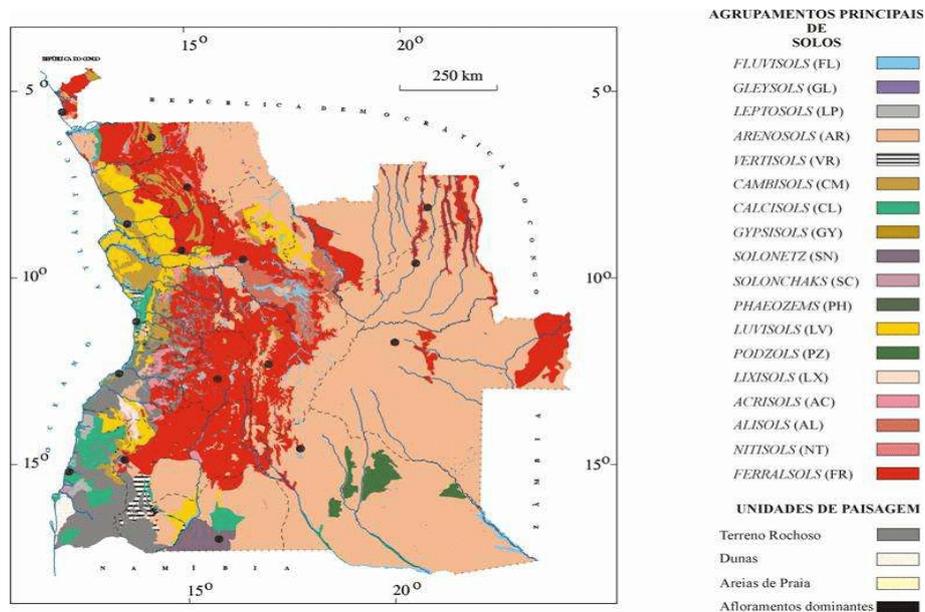


Figure 29 - Generalized map of Angola's soils

6.5.3 Characterization of local soil

Angola's territory has different soil conditions and is influenced by several factors, namely: climate, relief, lithology, and human activity. The soils of the different regions have specific characteristics, as well as features that are unique worldwide.

Soil is the surface layer of the earth's crust, a complex mixture of mineral and organic matter resulting from the decomposition of rocks by physical, chemical, or biological agents that give rise to the mineral components of the soil.

The predominant soils in the project implementation area are Ferralitic and Paraferalitic, as can be seen in the figure below.

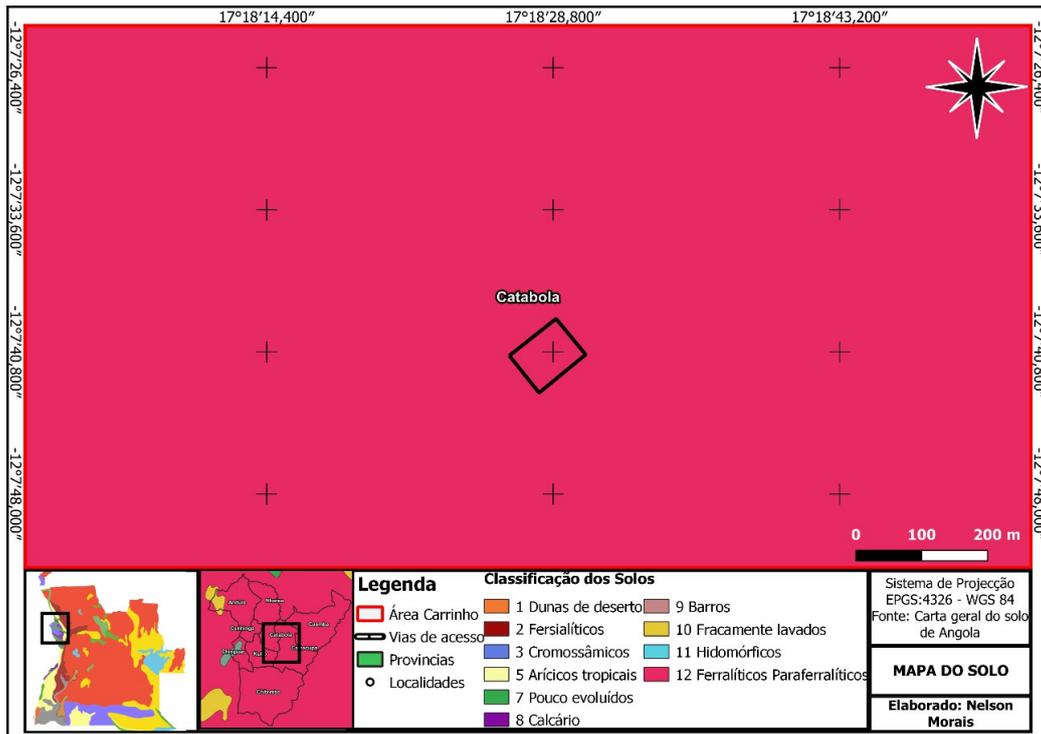


Figure 30 – Soil map.

6.5.3.1 Characterization of land occupation and use

The area occupied by the Catabola grain storage silos infrastructure is approximately 7,000 m².

In terms of road access, the area where the project is located has a road network around the project area. The main access road is the EN 250, with its respective landmarks and other planned streets.

In morphological terms, the area occupied is flat and relatively rugged in some places, with significant variations in natural relief. The area where the project is currently being implemented is relatively flat, as it has undergone earthworks in the past.

In terms of built-up areas, the project implementation zone is located in a semi-natural area. The remaining area is occupied by natural and semi-natural areas, whose vegetation cover consists mainly of herbaceous and shrub species and some trees and grasses.

The neighborhood closest to the development is the 11 de Novembro neighborhood (formerly São Lucas). It consists of permanent masonry buildings and some made of clay. Some areas of the neighborhood are supplied with electricity from the public grid, and water is supplied through a fountain.



Figure 31: **Buildings in the surrounding area**



Figure 32: **11 de Novembro neighborhood**

6.6 SURFACE AND UNDERGROUND WATER RESOURCES

6.6.1 General considerations

The purpose of this descriptor is to identify and characterize the water resources existing in the area where the grain silo project is to be implemented and its surroundings.

6.6.2 Surface Water Resources

Angola has significant water potential, consisting of a dense hydrographic network directly related to the relief of the territory, as most of it descends from the plateau and mountainous areas to the lower regions.

The average surface water availability at the national level is 4,598 m³/s, equivalent to an annual mass of 145,002 Hm³. This represents an average annual surface runoff of 116,300 m³/km² of Angolan territory and 11,809 m³/inhabitant.

Angolan territory has 77 river basins, 47 of which are main basins and the rest are coastal basins that form the following five main drainage areas:

- Atlantic Slope (40.1% of the country's total area): Chiloango, Zaire or Congo, Bengo, Kwanza, Queve or Cuvo, Catumbela, Cunene rivers, among others;
- Zaire Basin (23.2% of the country's total area), which includes most of the rivers in northern Angola, such as the Cuango, Cassai and their tributaries, Cuilo, Cambo, Lui, Tchicapa, Luachimo, among others;
- Etosha-Pan watershed – Namibia (4.5% of the country's total area);
- Kalahari Basin (12.5% of the country's total area): has many intermittent rivers, notably the Cubango River, which flows into the Okavango swamp (Botswana) and has the Cuchi and Cuito as its main tributaries;
- Zambezi Watershed (19.7% of the country's total area), which includes the rivers of the east and tributaries of the Zambezi, such as the Luena, Lungué-Bungo, and Cuando, which flows into the Zambezi via the Chobe River.

The following is a list of river basins ordered according to their drainage areas:

Table 16: River basins and their respective areas

BASIN	AREA (KM ²)	BASIN	AREA (KM ²)
1-Zaire	285,206	6-Cunene	92,400
2-Cubango	156,122	7-Central West	89,496
3-Cuanza	152,520	8-Southwest	84,327
4-Zambezi	148,377	9-Northwest Angola	76,732
5-Cuando	96,360	10-Cuvelai	52,158

Angola river basins:



Figure 33 - Angola's river basins

6.6.3 Local hydrography

In hydrological terms, the study area falls within the Atlantic watershed.

The Cuanza River micro-basin located in the province of Bié is part of the large basin of Angola's main river, the Cuanza River. This basin, in turn, is an Angolan hydrographic basin, whose main drainage river is the Cuanza River, and is the largest and most important basin in the country (Quintino, 2011); it covers 152,570 km² of drainage area (World Bank, 2019).

Its drainage area covers the Angolan provinces of Bié, Huambo, Malanje, North Cuanza, South Cuanza, and Luanda, and is the main supplier of fresh water, electricity, and fish to the populations of central Angola, in addition to hosting immense areas rich in biodiversity in its region of influence (Russo, 2007).

Its main navigable course is along the Cuanza River, with the first section running from Barra do Cuanza to Muxima, and the second section from Muxima to the Cambambe Hydroelectric Power Plant. After Cambambe, the basin enters plateau regions, with long stretches of waterfalls, making navigation impossible (Quintino, 2016).

It has three sub-basins: the Upper Cuanza between the source in the Central Plateau of Angola and the Capanda Hydroelectric Power Plant; the Middle Cuanza, which runs from Capanda to the Cambambe Hydroelectric Power Plant; and the Lower Cuanza, which runs from Cambambe to the mouth (Quintino, 2016; World Bank, 2019).

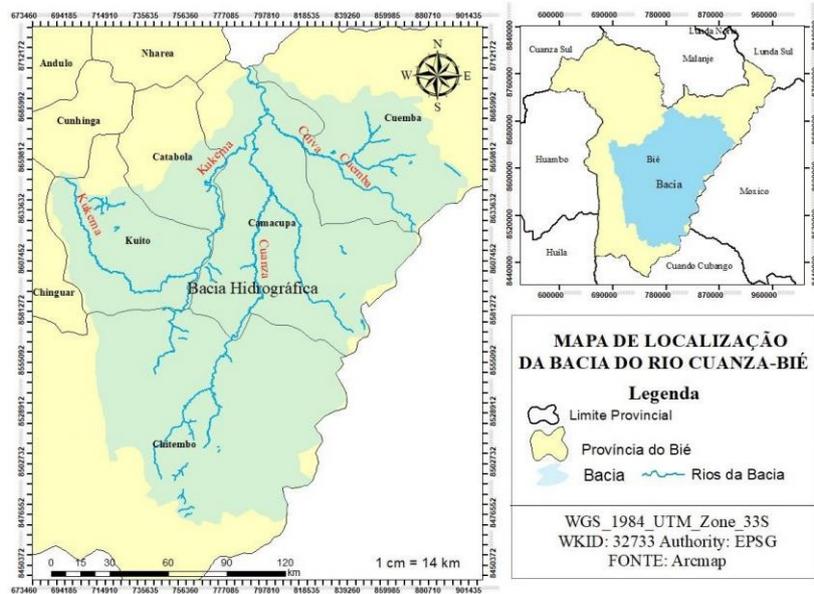


Figure 34 – Map of the Kwanza River basin (Source: IGCA 2001)

The municipality of Catabola is part of the Kwanza River basin, the most important in Angola. This basin is of great ecological and economic importance, supplying several regions and serving as a source of irrigation for local agriculture, as well as contributing to hydroelectric power production in other parts of the country. The presence of watercourses is vital for rural life, especially for subsistence agriculture and livestock farming, which are the main activities of the population.

Among the most important rivers that cross or pass near Catabola are the Kukema and Kwanza rivers, which influence the municipality and the Bié region as a whole. Another important river is the Cutato River, a tributary of the Kwanza, which also plays a key role in supplying water and irrigating nearby agricultural areas. These rivers, together with springs and small streams, form the basis of the water system that sustains local economic activities.

However, the municipality faces challenges in the sustainable management of its water resources. Water supply, especially in rural areas, is still insufficient, and infrastructure for water storage and distribution needs to be improved. Efficient management of these resources is crucial to ensure agricultural development, minimize the impacts of droughts, and guarantee the well-being of populations that depend directly on the region's rivers and springs.

6.6.4 Water uses

There is no river in the area directly affected. The closest river to the project area is the Kondjo River, which is approximately 3.0 km away. Common uses of fresh water are restricted to human consumption, irrigation of crops, artisanal fishing using a rod and line, washing clothes, etc. The predominant fish species in these rivers are catfish and cacusso, etc.

6.7 GROUNDWATER RESOURCES

6.7.1 Hydrogeological Framework

According to FAO data, groundwater availability in Angola is estimated at around 58 km³/year, of which 95% directly feeds rivers, with the remaining 5% flowing into the sea (www.fao.org, 2010).

Angola's groundwater resources are located in coastal aquifers, with an average depth of 5 to 30 m; in aquifers in the central plateau region, with an average depth of between 10 and 30 m; and in aquifers in the semi-arid regions of the south and southeast, with average depths of 200 m or more (Ministry of Urban Planning and Environment, 2006).

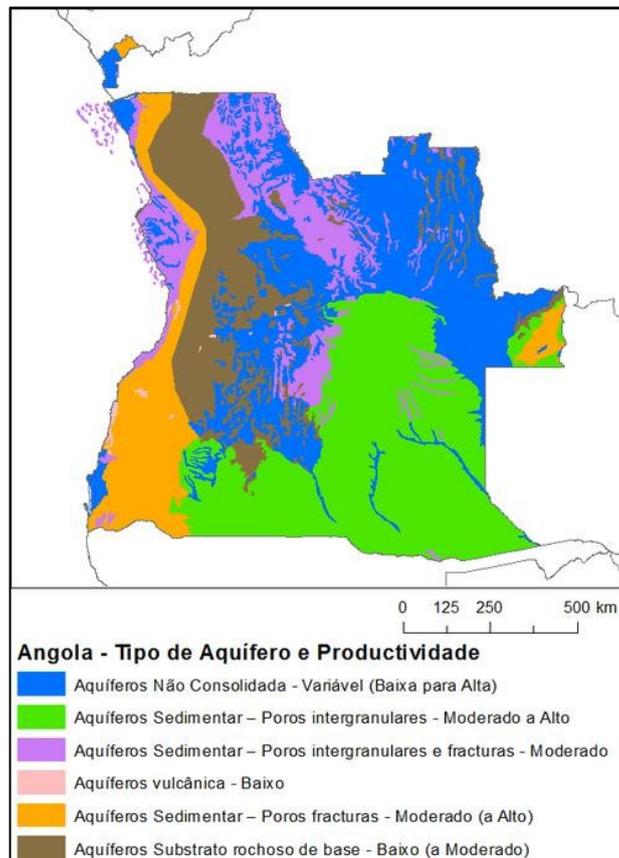


Figure 35 - Type of aquifers and productivity

As for groundwater, the system is estimated to be very productive, with existing wells between 8 and 11 meters deep.

6.7.2 Vulnerability

The vulnerability of geological formations to pollution is intrinsically linked to their lithological composition, morphology, permeability, depth of the aquifer zone, fracturing, among other characteristics.

In general, the table below shows the vulnerability indicators according to geological formation and lithological or morphological compositions.

Table 17: Aquifer vulnerability classes

AQUIFER	VULNERABILITY TO POLLUTION	INDICATOR
Aquifer in highly karstified carbonate rocks	High	V1
Aquifer in carbonate rocks with medium to high karstification high	Medium to High	V2
Aquifer in unconsolidated sediments with hydraulic connection hydraulic connection to surface water	High	V3
Aquifer in unconsolidated sediments without hydraulic connection to surface water	Average	V4
Aquifer in carbonate rocks	Medium to Low	V5
Aquifer in fractured rock	Low and variable	V6
Aquifer in consolidated sediments	Low	V7
No aquifers	Very low	V8

Due to the probable existence of an aquifer at the site with a water connection to surface waters, the degree of vulnerability is estimated to be high (V3).

6.8 FLORA AND FAUNA

6.8.1 General Considerations

Biodiversity is crucially important to the human species, since approximately 40% of the world economy and 80% of people's needs depend on biological resources.

The Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the Basic Environment Law (Law 5/98) define biodiversity or biological diversity as the variability among living organisms from all sources, including those in terrestrial, marine, and aquatic ecosystems and the ecological complexes of which they are part. It encompasses diversity within species, between species, and among ecosystems.

Biological diversity is of crucial importance to the human species, since approximately 40% of the world economy and 80% of people's needs depend on biological resources.

Angola therefore has a rich and varied heritage of flora and fauna, both in quantitative and qualitative terms, which, if exploited sustainably, can form the basis for the country's economic, social, and environmental development.

In addition to its enormous scientific, spiritual, and cultural value, biodiversity offers undeniable advantages for maintaining human well-being and ensuring health and food security, combating disease, economic growth, and providing livelihoods, among other aspects.

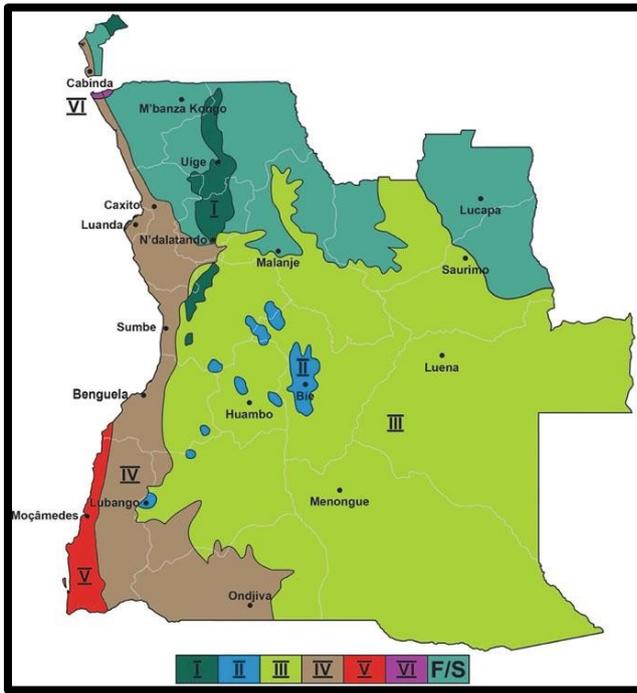
The cataloging of the species that make up a given environment is essential for assessing the risks of environmental impacts in a certain area of the country, in order to ensure a balance between human activities and the natural environment, since biodiversity (fauna and flora) plays a fundamental role not only in sustaining life, but also in the socioeconomic development of the country.

From an ecological point of view, species are the living components of ecosystems and are responsible for producing oxygen (in the case of plants and algae), maintaining water and air quality, producing and maintaining soil fertility, mitigating floods, pollinating plants, providing food, among other services.

Economically, species have direct and indirect value, generating income and employment for the local, national, and international communities of the country, thus contributing to social and economic development.

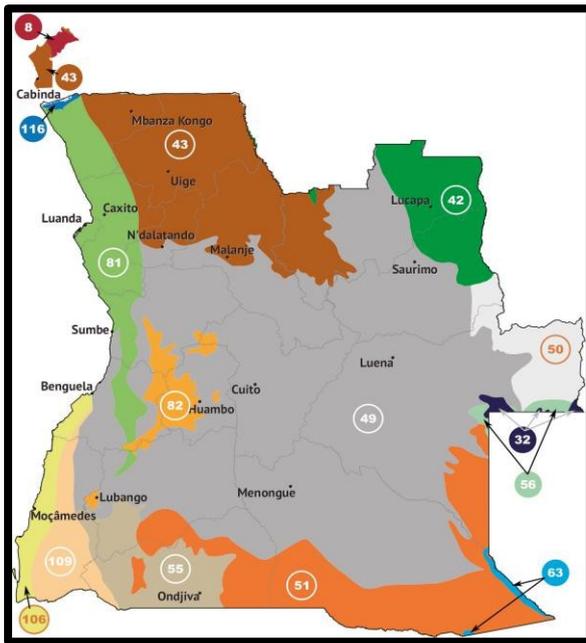
Angola has an extraordinarily wide range of biomes and ecosystems, associated with the diversity of climates and physiography of the territory. In total, there are seven (7) **biomes** and fifteen (15) **ecoregions**, making Angola the African country with the highest number of biomes and the second with the highest number of ecoregions.

Angola's biomes and mosaics comprise the following zones: Guinean-Congolese tropical forest (I); Afromontane forests and grasslands (II); Mesic savanna (III); Arid savanna (IV); Desert (V); Mangroves (VI) and Guinean-Congolese tropical forest/mesic savanna transition mosaic (VII) (figure 1) (HUNTLEY, 2023).



- Biomes of Angola**
- I - Guinean-Congolese rainforest
 - II - Afro-montane forests and grasslands
 - III - Mesic savanna
 - IV - Arid savanna
 - V - Desert
 - VI - Mangroves
 - VII - Guinean-Congolese tropical forest/mesic savanna transition mosaic

Figure 36 - Biomes of Angola | Source: HUNTLEY (2023)



- Ecoregions of Angola**
(According to Burgess *et al.*, 2004)
- 8 - Atlantic Equatorial Coastal Forest
 - 32 - Dry Forest of *Cryptosepalum* Zambeziana
 - 42 - Southern Congolese Forest-Savanna Mosaic
 - 43 - Western Congolese Forest-Savanna Mosaic
 - 49 - Angolan Miombo Woodland
 - 50 - Central Zambezian Miombo Woodland
 - 51 - Zambezian *Baikiaea* Forest
 - 55 - Angolan Mopane Forest
 - 56 - Western Zambezi Grassland
 - 63 - Zambezi Flooded Grasslands
 - 81 - Angola Escarpment Savanna and Forest
 - 82 - Angolan Mountain Forest-Grassland Mosaic
 - 106 - Kaokoveld Desert
 - 109 - Namibian Escarpment Forests
 - 116 - Mangroves of Central Africa.

Figure 37 - Ecoregions of Angola | Source: HUNTLEY (2023)

6.8.2 Methodology

The collection of primary information focused on the project's Area of Direct Influence (ADI). Reconnaissance visits were carried out during July and August 2024, with the aim of conducting a survey of the flora and fauna during 8.6 hours of sampling.

The collection of secondary information (literature review) was directed towards a much broader area, covering all areas of the project. One of the main objectives of the bibliographic information search was to compile a list of potential species in the study area. Information provided by *the International Union for Conservation of Nature* (IUCN), the phytogeographic map of Angola, the description of biomes for Angola provided by *the World Wide Fund for Nature* (WWF), the Red List of Angola, and the List of species included in the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), as well as other sources cited in this section. The potential list was supplemented by information collected in the field.

In terms of flora and fauna characterization, particular emphasis was placed on the potential presence of species that are most relevant in terms of nature conservation and biodiversity, i.e., those that are classified as threatened according to the IUCN and/or that are included in the categories of the Red List of Species of Angola, under the terms of Executive Decree No. 258/18. In this context, particular attention was also paid to any habitats with which these species may be associated.

Biotic information was sampled mainly based on the method of active search observation in potential habitats (GODOI *et al.*, 2019), although all supplementary information obtained was recorded, namely between trips to and from the study area and between sampling sites.

Secondary and primary information was further supplemented by conducting questionnaires with the population on the flora and fauna of the study area.

The specific methodological details relating to the sampling of flora, vegetation, and fauna are described below:

6.8.3 Flora and vegetation

The composition and description of the vegetation in the study area was based on direct *in situ* observation, data provided by the phytogeographic map of Angola, and information on Angola's ecoregions provided by the WWF.

Sampling of flora and vegetation was carried out mainly using the transect method. The transects were covered in a zigzag pattern, identifying the species present.

Specimens or population centers of note, such as invasive species or possible endangered species, were geolocated using GPS and photographed.

The vegetation units present were recorded along the transects, including the start and end points of the patch, if relevant, as well as the main species present. The floristic surveys focused on the different vegetation units identified. The results of these surveys were subjected to a phytogeographic analysis using the Phytogeographic Map of Angola. This classification analysis allowed for the segregation of the plant formations present.

6.8.4 Characterization of the Biotic Environment of the Project Area

6.8.4.1 Biogeographic and phytosociological context

Phytogeographically, the study area falls within the miombo woodland ecoregion, typical of central Angola, and is part of the mixed savanna, forest, and grassland biome. Characteristically, miombo woodland is the dominant vegetation formation, composed mainly of trees of the genera *Brachystegia*, *Julbernardia*, and *Isoberlinia*. Wooded savannas are common, where scattered trees and shrubs dominate the upper stratum, while grasses of the genera *Hyparrhenia* and *Andropogon* predominate in the lower stratum.

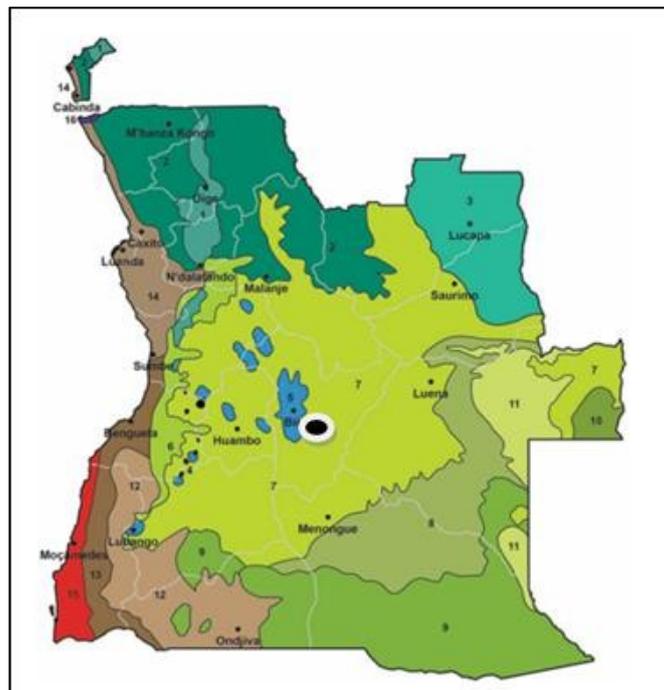


Figure 38 - Ecoregions of Angola with indication of the study area.

6.8.4.2 Characterization of flora and vegetation

Of the plant types described for this area, sparse or low-density savanna forest is evident. This type of formation combines characteristics of savannas and forests, where the vegetation consists of a mixture of spaced trees and an understory of grasses and shrubs.



Figure 39: Vegetation types in the study area.

Of the species observed in the field, only two have had their conservation status assessed for Angola: *Erythrophleum africanum*, which is vulnerable, and *Guibourtia coleosperma*, which is not threatened.

The species identified as vulnerable in the survey is an indicator that the study area has important ecological characteristics and that this species may be under threat due to factors such as habitat loss. The vulnerable status indicates that, although the species is not immediately on the verge of extinction, it faces a significant risk if current trends continue.

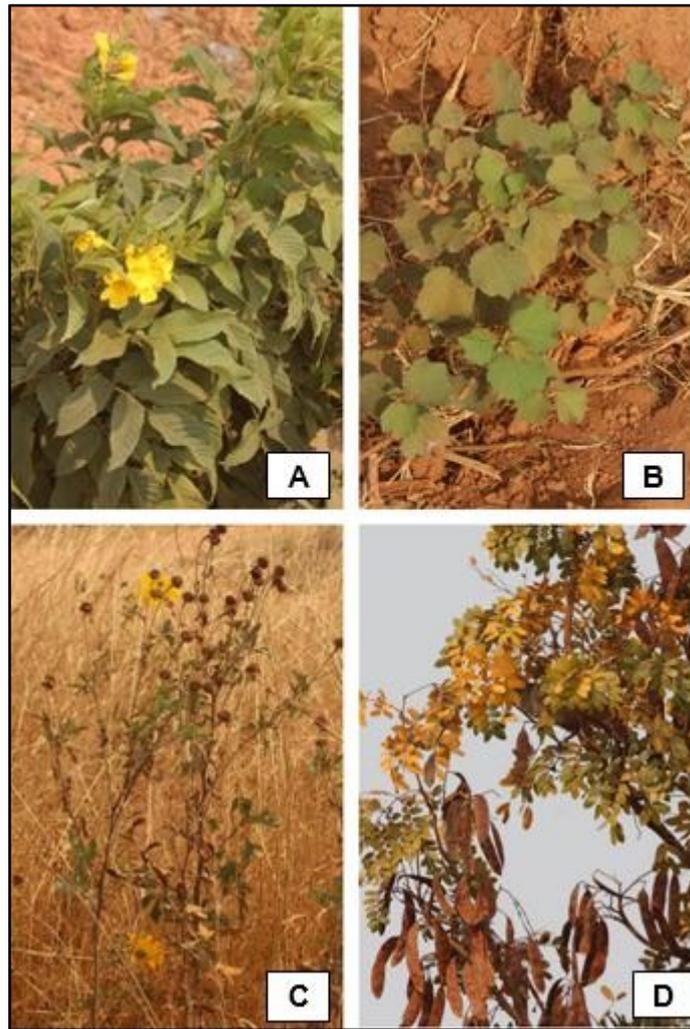


Figure 40 – Main botanical groups in the project area - *Tithonia diversifolia* (A); *Urena lobata* (B); *Tecoma stans* (A) and *Erythrophleum africanum* (D).

Table 18: Main botanical groups in the immediate project area. LC - Least Concern, NA - Not Assessed, VU - Vulnerable, DD - Data Deficient

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Taxonomic groups			Species			Conservation status		Ecological behavior	
Division	Class	Family	Scientific name	Common name	Habit	Status IUCN	Status National	Exotic	Invasive
Tracheophyta	Magnoliopsida	Malvaceae	<i>Urena lobata</i>	Congo jute	Shrub	LC	NA		
Tracheophyta	Magnoliopsida	Fabaceae	<i>Erythrophleum africanum</i>	African blackwood	Tree	LC	VU		
Tracheophyta	Magnoliopsida	Asteraceae	<i>Tithonia diversifolia</i>	Mexican sunflower	Shrub	NA	NA		
Tracheophyta	Magnoliopsida	Bignoniaceae	<i>Tecoma stans</i>	Yellow trumpet vine	Shrub	NA	NA		
Tracheophyta	Magnoliopsida	Annonaceae	<i>Xylopia odoratissima</i>	Xylopia	Tree	NA	NA		
Tracheophyta	Magnoliopsida	Sapotaceae	<i>Englerophytum magalismontanum</i>	Stamvrug	Tree	NA	NA		
Tracheophyta	Magnoliopsida	Fabaceae	<i>Burkea africana</i>	Wild lilac	Tree	LC	DD		
Tracheophyta	Magnoliopsida	Fabaceae	<i>Guibourtia coleosperma</i>	Machibi	Tree	LC	LC		
Tracheophyta	Magnoliopsida	Fabaceae	<i>Copaifera baumiana</i>	Mupa	Shrub	NA	NA		
Tracheophyta	Magnoliopsida	Dipterocarpaceae	<i>Marquesia macroura</i>	Marquesia	Tree	LC	NA		
Tracheophyta	Magnoliopsida	Phyllanthaceae	<i>Hymenocardia acida</i>	Hymenocardia	Tree	LC	NA		

6.8.5 Fauna

Fauna sampling in the study area was based on a bibliographic review of the area's fauna composition and questionnaires conducted among the local population. Fauna specimens observed in the field were recorded and analyzed from the perspective of endemism and conservation status.

6.8.5.1 Characterization of fauna

Angola has a richly diverse fauna, with more than 117 amphibians, 278 reptiles, 940 birds, and 291 native mammal species.

The assessment of the fauna occurring in an area is a fundamental parameter for evaluating the impacts that projects may have on biodiversity in the short, medium, and long term.

The main faunal groups that are biological indicators for the project in question are: herpetofauna (reptiles and amphibians), avifauna (birds), and mastofauna (mammals).

6.8.5.2 Herpetofauna

According to the IUCN (2020) and biogeographical surveys carried out by the team conducting the study, the amphibians potentially present in the project's area of influence are mainly species with wide distribution and no unfavorable conservation status, nor any status assigned by the Red List of Species of Angola.

The main groups of reptiles in the area are lizards and snakes, with a particular emphasis on lizard genera such as *Agama*, *Gerrhosaurus*, and *Chamaeleo*. The snake groups recorded for the area are from the Viperidae, Elapidae, and Lamprophiidae families, the latter being most representative with the *Boaedon* genus.



Figure 41: Common chameleon (*Chamaeleo dilepis*), recorded in the project area

6.8.5.3 Avifauna

Avifauna is characterized by the groups of birds in a given environment, and is one of the most vulnerable groups to changes in their habitat.

The main birds described as occurring in the study area are mainly from the order Passeriformes (birds), with emphasis on the species *Corvus albus* (white-collared crow), *Streptopelia semitorquata* (red-eyed dove), *Uraeginthus angolensis* (blue-breasted roller), *Numida meleagris* (guinea fowl), *Estrilda astrild* (waxbill), and *Pycnonotus barbatus* (black-capped bulbul).

These species are mainly found in open savanna fields and miombo forests, and are all classified as Least Concern (LC) by the IUCN. They are fundamental to the balance of ecosystems and serve as indicators of environmental quality.

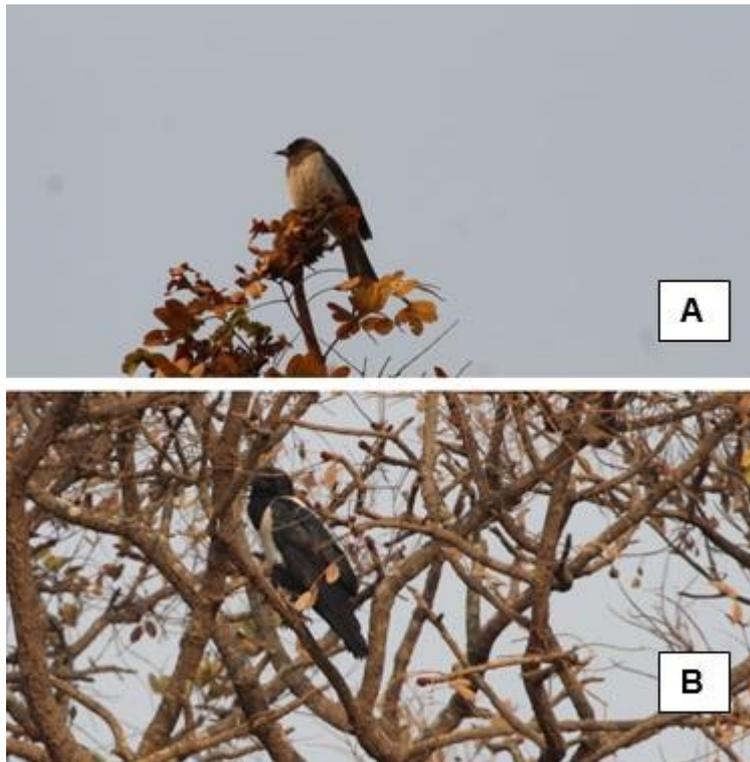


Figure 42: *Pycnonotus barbatus* (whiskered bulbul) (A); *Corvus albus* (white-bellied crow) (B).

6.8.5.4 Mastofauna

Mastofauna represents the group of mammals in an area and is one of the groups that serves as environmental indicators. Around 291 species of mammals are described for Angola, 12 of which are endemic, meaning that they are relevant groups for conservation.

No wild terrestrial mammal species were identified in any of the study areas during direct surveys, mainly because it is an area that is already heavily anthropized and has a large human population. Most of the mammals that occur in the area are those used for agriculture and livestock, such as cattle, pigs, and goats.

According to other surveys conducted in the vicinity of the area, the most common wild mammal species in the area belong to the Bovidae family (bovids), notably the pacaça (*Syncerus caffer nanus*), the mountain goat (*Philantomba monticola*), the nunce (*Redunca arundinum*), and the golungo (*Tragelaphus scriptus*). Of all the species mentioned above, the pacaça is the animal registered as endangered, listed in Category B (endangered) of Angola's Red List.

Table 19: Main fauna species in the project area: LC - Least Concern, NA-Not Assessed, NE - Not Evaluated by IUCN, Category B (AEx) - Critically Endangered, Category C - Vulnerable, Category D - Invasive, CITES - Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora

COMPOSITION OF FAUNA IN THE DIRECT PROJECT AREA - CA **TABLE**

Taxonomic groups	Species				Conservation Status		Ecological Behavior	
	Family	Scientific Name	Common name	Confirmed	Status IUCN	National status	Migratory	Congregator
Avifauna	Cisticolidae	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	Reed Bunting		LC	NA	x	
	Corvidae	<i>Corvus albus</i>	White-bellied crow	x	LC	NA		x
	Estrildidae	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>	Waxbill	x	LC	NA		
	Ploceidae	<i>Euplectes hordeaceus</i>	Black-winged red bishop		LC	NA		
	Ploceidae	<i>Euplectes macroura</i>	Yellow-mantled Widow		LC	NA		x
	Pycnonotidae	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>	Black-capped Bulbul	x	LC	NA	x	
	Bucerotidae	<i>White-tailed Hornbill</i>	Brown hornbill		LC	NA		x
	Meropidae	<i>Merops bullockoides</i>	White-fronted Bee-eater	x	LC	NA		x
	Meropidae	<i>Merops pusillus</i>	Little bee-eater	x	LC	NA		x
	Meropidae	<i>Merops variegatus</i>	Blue-breasted bee-eater		LC	NA		
	Numididae	<i>Numida meleagris</i>	Guinea fowl	x	LC	NA		x
	Lybiidae	<i>Yellow-throated Barbudian</i>	Yellow-throated barbudinho		LC	NA		
	Cisticolidae	<i>Yellow-throated Prinia</i>	Tawny-flanked Prinia		LC	NA		x
	Columbidae	<i>Red-necked Turtle Dove</i>	Red-eyed Dove	x	LC	NA	x	
	Estrildidae	<i>Angolan Greenfinch</i>	Blue-breasted Roller	x	LC	NA		x

Herpetofauna	Agamidae	<i>Agama agama</i>	Common agama	x	LC	NA	x	x
	Chamaeleonidae	<i>Chamaeleo dilepis</i>	Common chameleon	x	LC	NA	x	x
	Lamprophiidae	<i>Boaedon angolensis</i>	Angolan house snake	x	LC	NA	x	
	Lacertidae	<i>Gerrhosaurus</i> sp.	Keeled lizard	x	LC	NA	x	x
	Elapidae	<i>Dendroaspis polylepis</i>	Black mamba		LC	NA	x	
	Viperidae	<i>Bitis arietans</i>	Surucucu		LC	NA	x	
	Pythonidae	<i>Python natalensis</i>	Southern African python		NT	NA	x	
Mastofauna	Pedetidae	<i>Pedetes capensis</i>	Jumping hare	x	LC	NA		x
	Bovidae	<i>Philantomba monticola</i>	Mountain goat	x	LC	NA	x	x
	Bovidae	<i>Syncerus caffer nanus</i>	Pacaça		NE	Category B		x
	Bovidae	<i>Redunca arundinum</i>	Nunçe		LC	NA		x
	Bovidae	<i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i>	Golungo		LC	NA		x

6.8.6 Conservation areas

Angola is a country with exceptional biodiversity, home to a wide range of ecosystems ranging from tropical forests and savannas to deserts and wetlands. This diversity of habitats supports a rich and varied fauna, including several endemic and endangered species, such as the giant sable antelope (*Hippotragus niger variani*), one of the country's rarest and most iconic antelope species. Other endangered species include elephants, rhinos, and big cats, whose populations have been impacted by poaching and habitat loss.

Starting in the 1930s, legally protected areas (national parks and game reserves) were created, and by the time of independence in 1975, these occupied 6% of the country's land area. As a result of prolonged war, conservation areas were exposed to severe neglect, poaching, and land encroachment. Many habitats of biogeographical importance and many rare and endemic species were put at risk. In April 1998, the Republic of Angola ratified its accession to the Convention on Biological Diversity, and in May 2006, it approved the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan, committing itself before the international community and in light of the provisions of the Constitution of the Republic of Angola to "promote environmental protection and reflect strategies for the protection of the country's natural resources," a concern expressed in multiple approved documents (NBSAP, p. 3).

The recently strengthened administration is cause for optimism, signaling that a new era for biodiversity conservation is approaching. The conservation area system was greatly expanded in 2011, and more and more resources are being made available to ensure its effective management.



Figure 43: Conservation areas in Angola: • 1 Maiombe • 2 Quiçama • 3 Cangandala • 4 Cameia • 5 Iona • 6 Bicular • 7 Mupa • 8 Luengue-Luiana • 9 Luando • 11 Chimalavera • 12 Búfalo • 13 Namibe. (Mavinga is not shown on this map due to a lack of complete data regarding the boundaries of its classification)

The area or environmental conservation unit closest to the project zone is the Luando Nature Reserve, which is approximately 141 km from the project zone. Therefore, the actions developed for its implementation would not have a negative impact on the conservation unit, as the minimum boundary for considering an impact on conservation areas is 5 km (IUCN, 2020).

6.9 LANDSCAPE

6.9.1 General considerations

The purpose of this descriptor is to characterize the landscape of the area where the silo is located and its surroundings, in order to determine the potential visual disturbances caused by the use of the space.

6.9.2 Landscape Units

The landscape should be understood as the visual image of the surrounding space, which always presupposes an interaction between potential observers and the observed territory.

The morphology of the territory and its occupation are the aspects that contribute most clearly and directly to the different types of landscape. These types, which include the presence of living elements, do not behave in a static manner, but vary throughout the day and, above all, throughout the year. Therefore, the landscape can be defined as a complex and dynamic system.

In addition to the factors mentioned above, *"understanding the landscape involves knowledge of factors such as climate, geology, soils, flora and fauna, ecological structure, land use, and all expressions of human activity over time, as well as understanding their interrelationships, constituting a multifaceted reality."* The visual expression of these interactions at a given moment constitutes the landscape that can be seen by each observer, according to their perception and specific interests (Pinto-Correia et al., 2001).

When defining the Landscape Units present in the study area, it is important to take into account the concept of Landscape and that of Landscape Unit.

According to (Forman, R. T and Godron, M; 1986), Landscape is understood as the global, dynamic, and evolving image of *"a heterogeneous area of territory composed of a set of interacting ecosystems that repeat themselves throughout it in a similar way"* and that is *"the result of the combination of nature, techniques, and human culture"* (Pitte, J.R. T; 1983).

A Landscape Unit is considered to be not only *"areas limited by relief or other elements, within which all points are mutually visible,"* but also those in which the landscape presents a certain homogeneity in terms of relief, geology, and humanization. These correspond to areas with relatively homogeneous landscape characteristics, whose interconnection creates a specific pattern that is repeated, differentiating a given unit from the surrounding area. In addition to this pattern, there should be internal coherence and a character specific to the unit, which facilitates its identification.

Unique Landscape Elements are understood to be *"elements with a small surface area, but which stand out in the landscape unit as a whole due to their difference, their intrinsic quality (or, conversely, because they create a disqualifying dissonance) and/or the impact (sensory, cultural, or ecological) they have on the unit."*

6.9.3 Landscape Characterization

For the characterization of the landscape, a Visual Influence Area of the project was defined, which was considered adequate for a good perception of the surroundings, taking into account the characteristics of the territory under analysis and seeking to cover the visual basin directly influenced by the set of existing structures, based on parameters related to observation conditions, namely access roads, existing scenic points, and human occupation.

Landscape units were considered as a methodological approach for better characterization and assessment of the landscape of the study area. These are individualized by grouping relatively homogeneous landscape characteristics, whose interconnection creates a specific pattern that is repeated, differentiating a given unit from the surrounding area.

Taking into account the characteristics of the project's visual impact area, namely the relief, land use, and vegetation cover, three distinct landscape units were identified and defined: UPH1 Semi-Natural Area, UPH2 Peri-urban Area, and UHP3 Consolidated Urban Area.

UHP 1 - Semi-natural Zone

UHP1 is characterized by the absence of dominant occupation, with human and natural occupation coexisting. It has a relatively flat relief and natural vegetation, interspersed with fields, characteristic of subsistence agricultural areas. The vegetation cover consists of herbaceous elements, shrubs, and some trees. It is marked by the presence of temporary natural thalwegs.

The land on which the agricultural infrastructure (silos) is located falls within UHP1.



Figure 44: **Semi-natural zone**

UHP2-Peri-urban area

This UHP is characterized by residential and/or mixed use (residential, informal commerce, and infrastructure), which develops along the EN 250 and on the outskirts of the city of Catabola. It comprises a low to medium density agglomeration, with some degree of planning, which is organized along the unpaved road leading to the site where the agricultural infrastructure (silos) is located.

UHP3 Consolidated Urban

UHP3 comprises the consolidated urban fabric in the areas bordering and in the center of the city of Catabola, which has a mixed occupation, characterized by a medium-density agglomeration, crossed by the unpaved EN-250 road network and paved intermediate roads in the center of the village. This UHP includes the Antunes Sapalo neighborhood (100 houses social project), the administrative center of the town of Catabola.



Figure 45: 100 Houses Social Project



Figure 46: Center of the village of Catabola

6.9.4 Landscape Assessment

The characterization of the landscape included the definition of landscape units, which correspond to areas with more or less homogeneous characteristics in terms of their structural elements, their functioning, and their participation in the space (namely geology, climate, water resources, soils, vegetation, and land use).

For each landscape unit, an assessment is carried out based on an objective characterization and a subjective characterization, which results from the assessment of the following parameters:

Visual quality, which corresponds to the result of the presence of the main structural elements of the space (relief, vegetation cover, water resources, and built structures) and the dynamics between these elements;

Visual absorption, which refers to the capacity to absorb, integrate, or visually disguise human activities while maintaining its characteristics and visual quality, assessed based on its greater or lesser capacity to withstand visual impact, depending on the relief, the existence of vegetation screens, and the existence of human occupation;

Sensitivity, a parameter that indicates the degree to which a landscape is affected by the alteration/introduction of a particular external action, varies inversely with visual absorption capacity, which means that a given landscape will be more sensitive if it has high visual quality and low visual absorption capacity (integration of changes in the landscape).

Table 20: Landscape sensitivity matrix

ABSORPTION CAPACITY ABSORPTION	VISUAL QUALITY		
	High	Medium	Low
High	High	Medium	Reduced
Medium	Very high	Average	Reduced
Low	Very high	High	Average

The combination of the application of the concepts of absorption and visual quality to the Landscape Units according to the matrix for landscape sensitivity resulted in the Landscape Sensitivity classification presented in the table below.

Table 21: Characteristics of landscape units

LANDSCAPE UNITS	VISUAL QUALITY	ABSORPTION CAPACITY	LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY
UHP1- Semi-natural	High	High	High
UHP2- Peri-urban area	Reduced	High	Reduced
UHP3 - Consolidated Urban Area	Reduced	High	Reduced

Thus, with regard to UHP1, its high visual quality, combined with its high absorption capacity, results in high landscape sensitivity.

UHP2 and UHP3, which are characterized by some dominant human occupation, characterized by population clusters with consolidated and densified occupation, have reduced landscape sensitivity.

Based on a visual analysis of the landscape, situations that represent high landscape and scenic value due to their unique character, expression, and quality are identified, being preferred and/or valued by the user.

With regard to visual quality, as this is a characteristic that depends on subjective factors, its assessment is based primarily on qualitative criteria, and it is not possible to obtain an absolute estimate of this parameter.

6.10 AIR QUALITY

6.10.1 General Considerations

This descriptor was developed based on elements collected during the field visit carried out in August 2024, on the local and surrounding analysis of potential sources of air pollution, and on bibliographic research.

6.10.2 Air Characterization

The purpose of this descriptor is to characterize the air quality in the area where the silos will be installed and their surroundings. To this end, any sources of atmospheric emissions and sensitive receptors were identified and inventoried during a site visit in February 2024.

In the absence of an Ambient Air Quality Measurement Network, qualitative methods were used to assess air quality. Atmospheric dispersion conditions were also assessed, based on meteorological parameters that determine the transport and dispersion of pollutants and local morphological characteristics.

With the aim of providing guidelines to protect human health from harmful effects and to support national and local authorities in air quality management, the World Health Organization (WHO) recommends the guideline values for atmospheric pollutants shown in the table below.

Table 22: WHO recommended guideline values

POLLUTANT	EXPOSURE DURATION	GUIDELINE VALUE (MG/M3)
Carbon monoxide	15 min	100,000
	30 min	60,000
	1 hour	30,000
	8 hours	10,000
Lead	1 year	0.5
Nitrogen dioxide	1 hour	200
	1 year	40
Ozone	8 hours	100
Sulfur dioxide	10 min	500
	24 hours	20
PM10	24 hours	50 (value that should not be exceeded for more than 3 days per year)
PM2.5	24 hours	50 (value that should not be exceeded for more than 3 days per year)

Source: (WHO, 2006)

6.10.3 Air Quality Characterization

The main sources of pollution in the immediate vicinity of the study area are associated with atmospheric emissions. According to observations made, air quality in the study area will be mainly affected by greenhouse gases emitted by vehicles and machinery operating in the area, as well as the use of fuel-powered generators and particle emissions (dust).

In terms of sensitive receptors, the vegetation around the project area stands out as it may be affected by vehicle traffic, mainly due to the emission of particles from driving on unpaved roads. There are no other potential sensitive receptors in the vicinity of the project area, namely schools, hospitals, and recreational and leisure areas.

The atmospheric emissions characteristic of burning and fuel-powered machinery include, among other pollutants, carbon monoxide (CO), methane (CH₄), carbon dioxide (CO₂), particulate matter (PM₁₀ - particles with an aerodynamic diameter <10 µm), nitrogen oxides (NO_x/NO₂), sulfur oxides (SO_x/SO₂), nitrous oxide (N₂O), non-methane volatile organic compounds (NMVOCs), heavy metals, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), dioxins and furans (PCDD+PCDF), and benzene.

Since the surveys were conducted prior to the project and the air quality data for the study area and surrounding area are not known, it is not possible

to say with certainty whether the concentration of the aforementioned pollutants exceeds the WHO recommended guideline values. However, these values may be known once the environmental monitoring plan for monitoring atmospheric emissions during the different phases of the project's implementation has been implemented.

6.11 NOISE ENVIRONMENT

6.11.1 General Considerations

This descriptor was prepared based on information gathered during the field visit carried out in August 2024, on the analysis of the local area and surrounding area for potential sources of noise pollution, and on bibliographic research.

6.11.2 Noise Levels and Effects of Noise on Health

Noise is generally defined as unwanted sound, which implies a subjective classification of sound. A sound signal may have different characteristics, but it is only classified as "noise" when it is directly or indirectly correlated with adverse physiological or psychological effects on humans or is perceived negatively (as useless, intrusive, or unpleasant).

When a sound source vibrates, it causes pressure variations in the surrounding air, which overlap with the air pressure. Compared to air pressure (in Pascals), the variation in sound pressure is perceptible to the human ear, for an average individual with full hearing ability, in the range of 20 mPa to 100 Pa.

It is customary to express the sound pressure level in decibels, dB. The decibel is a logarithmic ratio between the measured sound pressure and the reference value. The scale of sound pressure level values ranges from 0 dB (hearing threshold) to 140 dB (pain threshold). The ear is more sensitive to mid-range frequencies, where the human voice is expressed.

In environmental acoustics, the most commonly used descriptor for assessing discomfort is the equivalent continuous sound level, L_{Aeq} , defined as the constant sound pressure level which, integrated over the analysis time interval T , has the same sound energy as the signal under analysis, varying over time, where L_{Ap} is the sound pressure level, weighted by the A-scale.

Noise pollution is now treated as atmospheric contamination through energy (mechanical or acoustic energy), causing effects throughout the body and not just

on the auditory system. Noise is now considered a serious public health problem.

Continuous exposure to high noise levels can cause serious health effects that manifest themselves primarily at the physiological, psychological, and social levels. The degree of resulting impairment depends on the characteristics of the source itself, the frequency and intensity of the noise, the sensitivity of the receiver, and the duration of exposure to the noise.

Some of the most common effects of noise are psychological disturbances or physiological changes associated with *stress* and fatigue, resulting in sleep disturbances and lack of concentration.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has stipulated that the discomfort threshold for continuous noise should be below 50-55 dB(A) LAeq day. At night, to avoid sleep disturbances, ambient noise should not exceed 30 dB(A) LAeq night.

Table 23: Exposure limit values (ELVs)

	LEX, 8h db (A)	LCpeak db (C)
Limit Values	87	140
Upper action level	85	137
Lower action level	80	135

6.11.3 Characterization of the Acoustic Reference Framework

The main sources of noise in the immediate vicinity of the study area are associated with road traffic on access roads, generator use, workers, and other instruments used in the execution of the works.

As mentioned above, the WHO has stipulated that the nuisance threshold for continuous noise is 50 dB (A) at the daytime LAeq level. At night, noise levels should be between 5 dB and 10 dB below daytime values to ensure a balanced sound environment.

As mentioned above, the characterization of the reference acoustic framework included the identification of noise emission sources and sensitive receivers in the study area.

Table 24: Details of the noise measurement survey

Reference of equipment used	Pulsar Model 33	
Height of equipment above ground	1.5 m	
Measurement range	23-140 db	
Weighting	A	
Measurement duration	10 minutes	
Atmospheric conditions: Equipment: Testo 410-2	Humidity	36.2
	Temperature	26 °C
	Wind speed	2.2 m/s
	Clear skies	Cloudy
Equipment positioning surface	Compacted soil	

Table 25: Results obtained

Measured parameters	Results	Location	Coordinates
L _{Aeq}	68.5 db	Agri-Catabola Cart	12° 7'39.16"S 17°18'28.88"E
L ₉₅	63.5 db		
L ₅₀	65.0 db		
L ₅	70.9 db		
L _{peak}	104.8 db		



Figure 47 – Noise measurement at the site

The sound levels obtained are 68.5 dB, which does not exceed the noise limit recommended by the WHO for mixed areas, since the sound levels were

influenced by the operation of generators, the operation of trucks during grain unloading at the terminal, and the proximity to the EN-250 road, which is less than 10 meters from the facilities.

The continuous noise annoyance threshold (LAeq) may be exceeded sporadically during the daytime when machinery, vehicles, and/or other equipment that may cause noise are in use, estimated to be above (50 dB(A)).

6.12 SOCIOECONOMICS

6.12.1 General Considerations

This descriptor was developed based on elements collected during the field visit carried out in August 2024, on the local analysis of the surrounding area and region, on potential socioeconomic development factors, and on bibliographic research.

The socioeconomic characterization of the study area aims to identify and characterize the main demographic, economic, and social aspects likely to be influenced by the development of the grain silo project and, thus, highlight the potential direct and indirect impacts associated with it.

6.12.2 Administrative Framework

Bié is one of Angola's 18 provinces, located in the central region of the country, with its capital in the city and municipality of Cuíto.

According to the 2018 population projections prepared by the National Statistics Institute, it has a population of 1,654,744 inhabitants. The average population density in the nine municipalities that make up the province is 25 inhabitants per km², with a maximum of 88 inhabitants per km² in Cuito and a minimum of 5 inhabitants per km² in Nhareá. It has a total area of 70,314 km².

Bié is made up of the following municipalities: Andulo, Camacupa, Catabola, Chinguar, Chitembo, Cuemba, Cunhinga, Cuíto, and Nharea.



Figure 48 - Administrative division of Bié

Table 26: Number of municipalities, communes, and localities in Bié (Census, 2014)

Província e municípios	Comuna	Localidades		Total
		Urbana	Rural	
Bié	39	176	2 814	2 990
Cuito	5	59	231	290
Cunhinga	2	8	123	131
Chinguar	3	14	180	194
Andulo	4	20	586	606
Nharea	5	10	358	368
Camacupa	5	25	585	610
Cuemba	4	5	242	247
Chitembo	6	21	230	251
Catabola	5	15	227	242

Source: Data from the Bié population census. INE, 2014.

6.12.3 Demographics and population

According to the Final Results of the 2014 Census, the population in Bié, on the date of the census, May 16, 2014, was 1,455,255 people. Forty-three percent reside in urban areas and 57% in rural areas.

Table 27: Population by area of residence, by sex, 2014

Província e área de residência	Total		Homens		Mulheres	
	Nº	%	Nº	%	Nº	%
Bié	1 455 255	100	691 623	100	763 632	100
Urbana	628 689	43,2	299 144	43,3	329 545	43,2
Rural	826 566	56,8	392 479	56,7	434 087	56,8

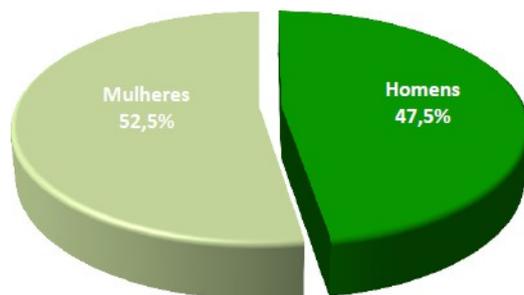
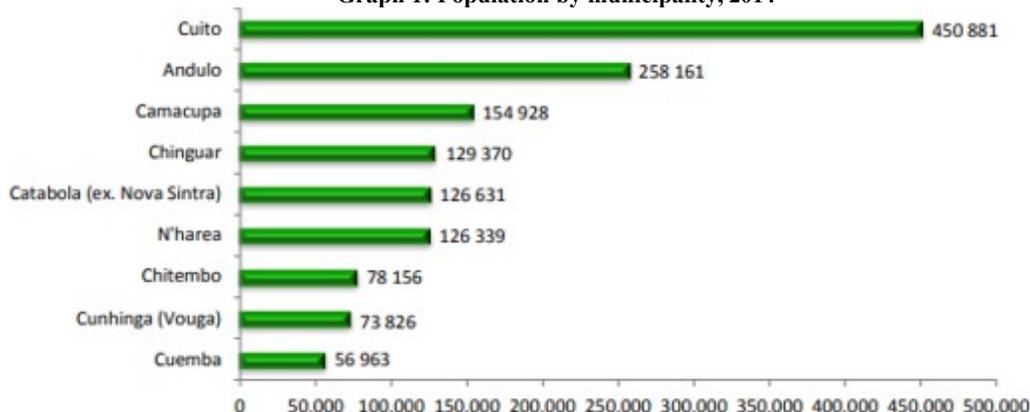


Figure 49 - Population, by sex, 2014

Among the resident population, 763,632 are women, corresponding to 52.5% of the total, while the male population is 691,623, representing 47.5% of the total resident population in Bié.

The municipality of Cuito is the most populous with 450,881 people, representing 31% of the total population of the province. With less than 100,000 inhabitants are the municipalities of Chitembo (78,156 inhabitants), Cunhinga (73,826 inhabitants), and Cuemba (56,963 inhabitants).

Graph 1: Population by municipality, 2014

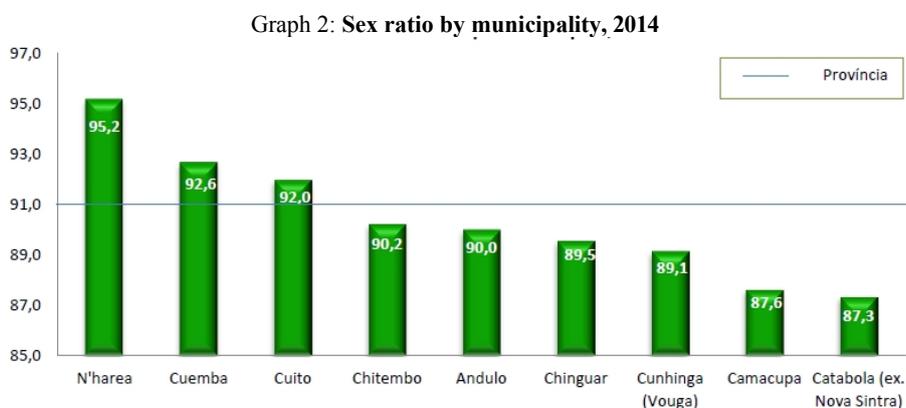


Approximately 21 people live in each square kilometer of Bié province. The municipality of Cuito has the highest population density in the province, with 96 inhabitants per square kilometer, about five times higher than the provincial average. This is followed by the municipalities of Chinguar and Catabola, with 45 each, and the municipality of Cunhinga, with 39. The municipalities of Cuemba and Chitembo have an average of four inhabitants per square kilometer.

The municipality of Catabola covers 3,028 km² and has around 126,631 inhabitants. It is bordered to the north by the municipality of Nharea, to the east by the municipality of Camacupa, to the south by the municipality of Cuíto, and to the west by the municipality of Cunhinga.

The municipality consists of the main commune, corresponding to the city of Catabola, and the communes of Chipeta, Caiuera, Chiuca, and Sande. The city also includes the district of Chissamba.

The sex ratio expresses the ratio between men and women. The sex ratio at the provincial level is 91, meaning that in the province of Bié there are on average 91 men for every 100 women. The municipalities of N'harea, Cuemba, and Cuito have the highest sex ratios, 95, 93, and 92, respectively. The municipality of Catabola has the lowest value, with 87 men for every 100 women.



6.12.4 Employment

The unemployment rate in Angola rose to 32.4% in the first quarter of 2024, with young people being the hardest hit by unemployment, which affects 63.5% of young people between the ages of 15 and 24. According to data from the Angolan National Statistics Institute (INE), the unemployment rate among the population aged 15 to 24 rose by 9.1% in the first three months of 2024 compared

the previous quarter (58.3%), while the unemployment rate among the population over 15 years of age saw a less significant increase in quarterly terms (from 31.9% to 32.4%). In the first quarter of this year, an additional 181,368 Angolans aged 15 or over (working-age population) became unemployed, for a total of 5,646,659 people (a quarterly change of 3.3%).

Among Angolans aged 15 to 24, the unemployed population increased to 3,737,150 people, with an additional 286,183 young people unemployed. Within the working-age population (17,414,877), 11,768,218 people were employed, with an estimated employment rate of 60.2%, which was slightly higher in rural areas and among the male population (61.6% compared to 59% for women).

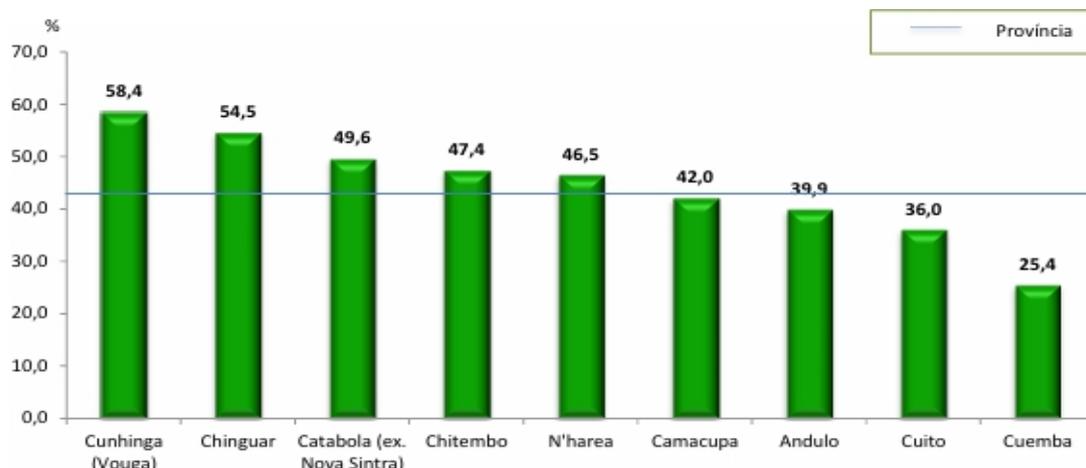
The 35-44 and 45-54 age groups account for the largest number of employed people, according to the Angola Employment Survey (IEA).

Almost half of the people (47.5%) work in agriculture, hunting, and fishing, followed by trade with 22.6%. Most of the employed people (79.8%) are in the informal sector, of which 70.7% are men and 88.5% are women.

The IEA is a sample survey of households residing in Angola. Each quarter, a total of 10,944 households are selected, 6,036 in urban areas and 4,908 in rural areas.

For the province of Bié, the calculation of unemployment rates using ILO definitions of unemployment tends to underestimate unemployment in developing countries, where there is a high intensity of informal economic activities; most people are self-employed and most people, even if they do not have a job, engage in some activity to support themselves and their households. In this context, Angola has used the flexible concept, which removes the third criterion. The unemployment rate is the ratio between the number of unemployed and the number of economically active people. This indicator represents the size of the available and unused labor force in the province.

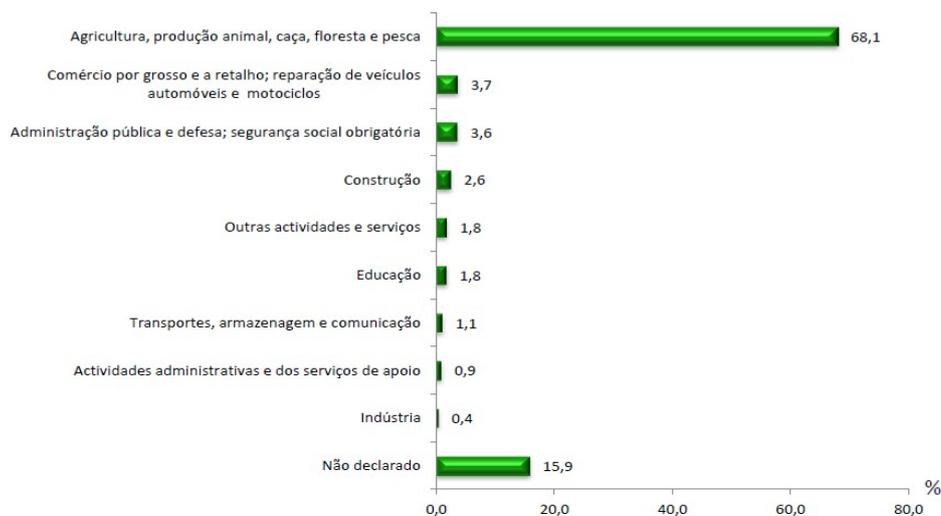
Graph 3: Employment rate by municipality, 2014



The municipalities of Cunhinga and Chinguar have the highest employment rates, with 58% and 55%, respectively. At the opposite end of the spectrum are the municipalities of Cuito and Cuemba, with 36% and 25%, respectively.

In 2014, the number of unemployed people stood at 74,116, corresponding to a provincial unemployment rate of 20%. The unemployment rate mainly affects young people aged 15-24. The highest unemployment rates were in the municipalities of Cuemba and Cuito, with 34% and 24% respectively. The municipalities of Chinguar and Cunhinga have the lowest unemployment rates, with 13% and 9% respectively.

Graph 4: Employed population by main activities



The employment sector in the municipality of Catabola is predominantly rural, with agriculture being the main source of jobs. Most of the working population is involved in agricultural activities, especially in the cultivation of products such as corn, beans, cassava, and vegetables. Subsistence agriculture is the basis of the local economy, with many small farmers growing crops for their own consumption and to supply local markets. In addition, there are a growing number of initiatives focused on livestock farming, including cattle, goat, and pig breeding.

Another important sector in Catabola is commerce, which, although limited, offers employment opportunities mainly in informal markets, basic goods stores, and small businesses. Commerce is largely linked to agricultural production and the supply of goods and services to the local population.

In addition to agriculture and trade, the public and service sectors also play an important role in job creation, albeit on a smaller scale. There are job opportunities in areas such as education, health, and public administration, which are offered by local and provincial governments. However, one of the main challenges facing the employment sector in Catabola is the lack of economic diversification and the scarcity of formal job opportunities, which limits the professional growth of the population, especially for young people.

6.12.5 Economic activities

6.12.5.1 Agriculture

The province of Bié has high agricultural potential (historically proven), resulting from a unique soil structure and favorable climatic diversity. The population is generally engaged in agricultural production, with a predominance of rice, fruit and vegetable crops, beans, corn, cassava, soybeans, peanuts, sesame, sunflowers, and Arabica coffee.

In 2014, around 70% of households in the province of Bié were engaged in some form of agricultural activity.

Table 28: Households engaged in agriculture. 2014

Provincia	Nº	%
Bié	219 249	70,2

Graph 5: Households, by type of agricultural activity practiced (Census, 2014)

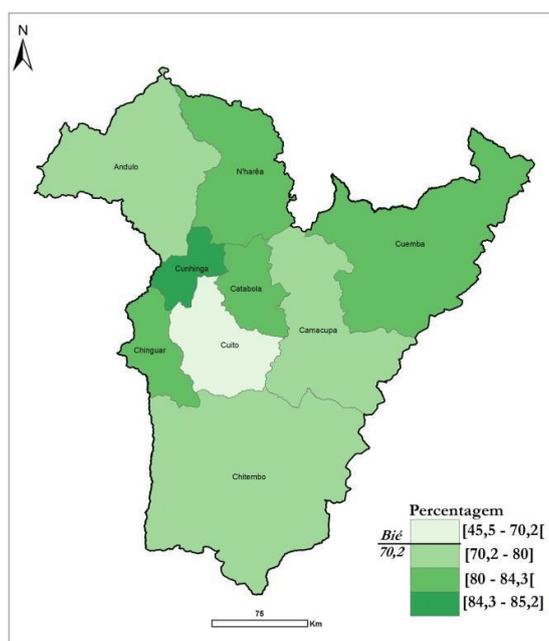
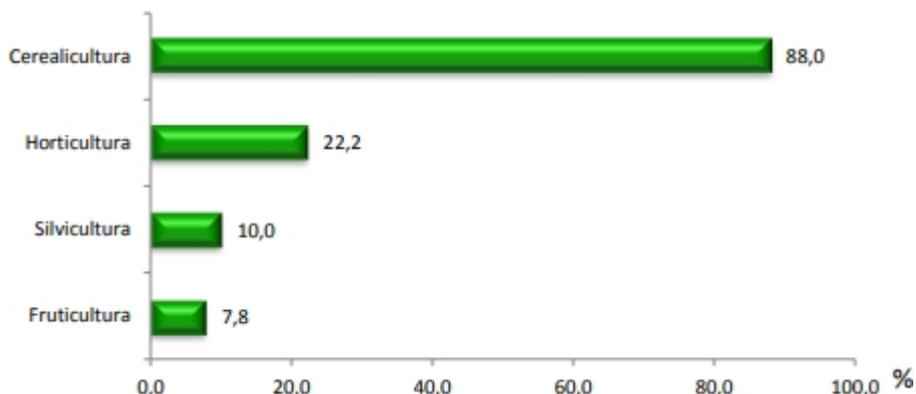


Figure 50: Households engaged in agricultural activities by municipality, 2014

The municipality of Cunhinga, with 85%, has the highest proportion of households engaged in agricultural activities, while the municipality of Cuito, with 46%, has the lowest proportion.

The municipality of Catabola borders the municipality of Camacupa to the east and the municipalities of Cunhinga and Cuito to the northeast. It has a plateau-like terrain that is conducive to the cultivation of all types of crops, from cereals to vegetables, tubers, and others.

The agricultural sector in the municipality of Catabola is predominantly based on family farming, with an emphasis on the production of butter beans, considered the region's flagship crop. Other important crops include corn, rice, cassava, wheat, potatoes, sweet potatoes, and various vegetables. Currently, more than 17,000 peasant families benefit from support through the distribution of agricultural inputs, such as fertilizers, seeds, and work tools, with priority given to cooperatives and peasant associations.

The municipality has six farms and several cooperatives, such as the Katapi Agricultural Cooperative, which play a vital role in organizing local production. Initiatives such as the implementation of agricultural service centers, with processing and storage capacity of up to 60 tons, aim to improve the agricultural value chain. In addition, training programs in biofertilizers are underway to promote sustainable agricultural practices.

However, the sector faces significant challenges, such as the lack of adequate transport routes for production, which results in considerable losses for farmers. The shortage of agricultural machinery and dependence on manual techniques limit productivity. Despite this, the opportunities are promising, with investments in infrastructure, technical training, and institutional support that can boost sustainable agricultural development in Catabola, especially since the Benguela Railway (CFB) began operating.

6.12.5.2 Fishing

The province of Bié has vast resources for inland fishing in the Cuanza (Angola's largest) and Cuquema, Cuiva, Cutato, Cunhinga, Cunje, Mêmibia, Cuito, and other rivers, which allow fishing activity in the region. The most commonly caught species are catfish, cacusso, needlefish, and tuqueia. In the province of Bié, the Fisheries Department has registered 40 fishermen's associations and 40 aquaculture associations.

According to the 2014 census, around 7% of households in the province of Bié are involved in fishing activities.

Table 29: Households engaged in fishing activities, 2014

Província	Nº	%
Bié	23 224	7,4

The fishing sector in the municipality of Catabola is still in its infancy and small-scale, mainly practiced in local rivers and lagoons, such as the Kondjo River. Fishing is carried out using traditional methods, mainly by families who use it as a complementary activity to agriculture. The main species caught include tilapia (cacusso), catfish (mussolo), and other freshwater species typical of the region. However, the lack of appropriate equipment, the absence of conservation structures (such as cold storage), and the poor organization of the sector represent significant challenges to its growth. On the other hand, there are significant opportunities for the development of aquaculture, using local water resources, and for the creation of fishermen's cooperatives, which can benefit from technical support, training, and access to financing. Strengthening the fish value chain, from capture to marketing, can contribute to food security and the diversification of the local economy.

Although no specific data is available on the fisheries sector in Catabola, national initiatives such as the National Fisheries Development Plan (Planapescas 2023-2027) aim to boost fish production and may benefit inland regions, including Bié.

6.12.5.3 Livestock

Livestock farming is a key sector for the subsistence of Angola's rural population and is strategically important for the economy and food and nutritional security of the population through the production and trade of animals and animal products. Animal production plays a major role in the socioeconomic life of our country, not only because of the percentage of the population engaged in this activity, but mainly because of the resources it provides.

Livestock farming in the country focuses mainly on information about the agricultural and aquaculture enterprises that practice this activity, whose data is limited to the structure of the farms that raise animals, the species raised, their numbers and classes, production systems, animal vaccination, and animal health status, among other things. The RAPP (Agricultural and Fisheries Census) found that there are 773 specialized companies in the country that practice livestock farming as their main activity and 2,341 that practice livestock farming as at least one of the company's activities.

The main livestock species raised by Agricultural and Aquaculture Enterprises are cattle, goats, pigs, sheep, and poultry, particularly

chickens. The results show that the number of animals in the EEs is 259,640 cattle, 136,216 goats, 69,846 pigs, and 58,951 sheep.

The table below illustrates the data on livestock numbers according to the main species raised in Angola.

Table 30: Livestock numbers by EE per province

PAÍS/PROVINCIA	BOVINOS	CAPRINOS	OVINOS	SUÍNOS
Angola	259 640	136 216	58 951	69 846
Cabinda	1 092	551	439	1 229
Zaire	1 173	2 101	640	2 814
Uíge	12 623	5 386	4 598	7 423
Luanda	16 701	16 102	14 710	8 528
Cuanza Norte	13 444	4 877	2 197	1 811
Cuanza Sul	30 663	22 937	10 042	21 921
Malanje	9 633	4 518	1 504	2 558
Lunda Norte	19 370	5 089	1 489	1 577
Benguela	35 077	16 267	5 634	4 189
Huambo	10 441	10 894	4 382	6 715
Bie	4 087	4 305	1 460	1 125
Moxico	913	1 644	78	534
Cuando Cubango	968	506	60	80
Namibe	30 907	10 031	2 144	856
Huila	33 385	8 938	1 671	828
Cunene	25 178	11 705	1 764	916
Lunda Sul	6 342	3 985	1 304	1 965
Bengo	7 643	6 380	4 835	4 777

Fonte : INE-RAPP 2019-2020

Table 31: Number of birds raised by EEs by Province (Continued)

PAÍS/PROVÍNCIAS	GALINHAS		FRANGAS DE CORTE		FRANGAS POEDEIRAS		PATOS		PERUS	
	TOTAL	MÉDIA	TOTAL	MÉDIA	TOTAL	MÉDIA	TOTAL	MÉDIA	TOTAL	MÉDIA
Angola	60 986	1 799	104 254	11 043	551 219	51 529	12 796	659	544	114
Cabinda	115	12,8	7 042	320,1	1 069	213,8	567	31,5	2	2
Zaire	313	39,1	1 739	82,8	404	33,7	251	17,9		
Uíge	2 355	84,1	162	23,1	5 033	2516,5	329	20,6		
Luanda	9 253	298,5	17 157	2451	99 627	9057	2 020	91,8	27	4,5
Cuanza Norte	656	46,9	894	81,3	13 576	969,7	242	22	5	2,5
Cuanza Sul	1 356	30,8	23 552	305,9	52 581	1877,9	1 443	23,3	233	14,6
Malanje	5 583	164,2	2 055	158,1	13 487	749,3	241	13,4	21	5,3
Lunda Norte	11 765	273,6	442	88,4	80	40	2 107	84,3		0
Benguela	991	17,7	11 272	150,3	71 305	5485	944	15,7	39	5,6
Huambo	7 991	44,9	253	28,1	57 143	5714,3	1 027	18,7	34	3,8
Bie	3 313	77	3 661	114,4	29 493	3277	207	13,8	10	3,3
Moxico	4 495	179,8	521	57,9	10 741	1790,2	231	19,3	1	1
Cuando Cubango	151	25,2	210	42	290	41,4	47	9,4		
Namibe	2 355	181,2	280	280	6 194	2064,7	339	48,4	12	12
Huila	749	68,1	30 450	6090	39 700	7940	312	52	47	9,4
Cunene	1 531	45	78	39			124	12,4		
Lunda Sul	6 248	63,1	400	50	5 640	705	750	30	38	12,7
Bengo	1 766	147,2	4 086	681	144 856	9053,5	1 615	134,6	75	37,5

Fonte : INE-RAPP 2019-2020

The livestock sector in the municipality of Catabola plays a complementary role to agriculture and is mainly practiced in a family and traditional manner. The main

species raised include cattle, goats, sheep, pigs, and poultry (such as chickens and ducks). Cattle are used both for meat and milk production and for animal traction in agricultural activities. Despite its potential for expansion, the sector faces several challenges, such as a lack of veterinary care, insufficient controlled grazing land, a shortage of feed and vaccines, and poor organization among breeders. Endemic diseases also pose a frequent threat to livestock.

However, there are good opportunities for growth, especially with investments in livestock infrastructure, training for producers, and encouraging the creation of cooperatives or associations of breeders, which would improve productivity and ensure greater food security and local income generation.

6.12.5.4 Industry

The industrial sector in Bié province has significant potential, mainly sustained by agribusiness, agricultural product processing, and mineral exploration. At the provincial level, initiatives focused on the processing of corn, rice, cassava, and other subsistence agricultural products stand out, given that Bié has extensive arable land and a tradition of grain cultivation. The food processing industry is therefore strategic, with milling, husking, and packaging units distributed mainly in the municipalities of Camacupa, Kuito, and Andulo. The presence of mineral resources, such as diamonds, gold, and semi-precious stones, also drives the extractive sector, although it still lacks a larger industrial structure for local processing.

The industrial sector in the municipality of Catabola is still in its infancy and not very diversified, with a predominance of artisanal processing units linked to agriculture, such as cereal mills, cassava flour production, and baking. There are also small sawmills and metalworking and carpentry workshops, geared towards the local market.

Formal industry is virtually non-existent due to the lack of regular electricity, inadequate infrastructure, difficulties in accessing finance, and a shortage of skilled labor. Nevertheless, the municipality has significant industrial potential thanks to the availability of agricultural raw materials, forest resources, and a young, active population.

Growth opportunities include the installation of agro-industrial units, animal feed factories, and product storage and conservation centers, provided they are accompanied

by public and private investments in energy infrastructure, transportation, and technical training.

6.12.5.5 Trade

The trade sector, which is subdivided into rural and urban trade, has weaknesses:

In the rural trade subsector, there is no adequate system for marketing livestock and agricultural products that stimulates the supply of agricultural inputs and consumer goods; there is a lack of specific incentives for agents who may be involved in this sector; lack of a functional network; difficulties on the part of central bodies in implementing approved rural marketing programs; lack of technicians with the sensitivity and capacity to address the problems; lack of interest among traders in this business sector due to the low purchasing power of rural populations; lack of private investment; and lack of establishments in municipalities capable of supplying agricultural equipment and tools, seeds, pesticides, livestock medicines, and others.

In the urban trade subsector, weaknesses stem from the excessive concentration of commercial activities in the municipal capital; poor product quality and lack of control entities; poor enforcement of legislation and standards in the area of food quality; insufficient implementation of rural trade promotion programs; excessive bureaucracy and delays in the commercial licensing process; insufficient measures to protect domestic production; the exodus of traders and the rural population to urban centers and market computerization; poor information on the connection between food quality and public health; insufficient storage and preservation infrastructure; lack of regular surveys of commercial activities; municipal markets with poor hygiene and sanitation conditions; weakness in the marketing system for domestic goods; poor use of newly built markets; and the resulting weak purchasing power of the population; weak competitiveness of domestic production and constraints throughout the value chain.

The trade sector in the municipality of Catabola is one of the most dynamic in the local economy, consisting mainly of small and medium-sized traders operating in informal markets, canteens, warehouses, and stalls.

The main commercial activities involve the sale of food products, basic necessities, construction materials, clothing, and local agricultural products such as corn, beans, and cassava. Trade is essential for the distribution of agricultural production and the supply of urban and rural populations.

However, the sector faces challenges such as poor road access, low storage capacity, widespread informality, and difficulties in accessing credit and bank financing. Nevertheless, there are promising opportunities with the improvement of infrastructure, the organization of municipal markets, the promotion of intermunicipal trade, and the formalization of commercial operators, which can contribute to economic growth, job creation, and increased tax revenue for the municipality.



Figure 51: **Fruit market in Catabola**



Figure 52: Canteen where various products are sold - Catabola



Figure 53: Informal market - Catabola

6.12.5.6 Financial, Banking, and Insurance System

The province of Bié currently has a banking network represented by several banking institutions.

The banking and insurance sector in the municipality of Catabola is still in its infancy and underdeveloped, reflecting the predominantly rural nature of the region. Despite this, some banking institutions are present in the municipality, offering basic services such as opening accounts, granting credit, and money transfers. These institutions are fundamental to local economic development, especially in supporting the agricultural sector and trade.

Among the banks operating in the municipality, Banco de Poupança e Crédito (BPC) stands out as one of Angola's largest banking institutions, with a presence in various regions of the country, including Catabola. Banco Internacional de Crédito (BIC) also has branches in the region, providing financial services that help sustain local economic activities, especially small and medium-sized enterprises.

The insurance sector in Catabola is even more limited, with few options available to the population. ENSA – Seguros de Angola, one of the country's leading insurance companies, offers some services in the region, mainly in the areas of life, health, and auto insurance. However, the low penetration of insurance services and the lack of awareness about the importance of insurance mean that this sector is underdeveloped. The expansion and improvement of financial and insurance infrastructure are necessary to support the sustainable development of the local economy.

6.12.5.7 Hospitality and Tourism

Tourism has the potential to establish itself as a sector of strategic importance for the Angolan economy, given the country's tourism potential and its capacity to generate wealth and employment through its development. The country's natural, climatic, historical, and economic characteristics place it in a privileged position compared to other countries in the region in terms of tourism potential, so it is essential to leverage this potential.

Tourism is the "green oil" that Angola should define as a strategic commitment to diversify the national economy. Integrating Angola into the international tourism route should follow the stages of regional tourism development (SADC) and the initial stage of creating the necessary conditions for the consolidation of domestic tourism, as a starting point for boosting the sector.

The tourism sector in Bié is booming, the local market is fertile for investment, and it offers good opportunities for the private sector in the area of hospitality and tourism.

Most of the tourist areas in Bié lack investment in infrastructure that could attract visitors and customers, contributing to revenue collection for the state, as noted in a report by the local Directorate of Trade, Hospitality, and Tourism. The document mentions that the tourism sector contributes to job creation, as well as

improving incomes and economic development in the province. Among the areas mentioned in the document are the Chicava tourist center and the Pouca Vergonha garden in Cuito, the Essonda hot springs, the paleolithic caves of Dombe in Andulo, the Geodetic Center of Angola in Camacupa, and the Luando River Falls in Cuemba.

Like most of the country's rivers, the largest of those that cross the national territory also originates in the province of Bié. The Kwanza River originates in the town of Mumbué, in the municipality of Chitembo, in the south of the province. Bié has high hydroelectric potential and is in a phase of recovery. Many basic services, such as energy and water, are functioning regularly.

The hotel and tourism sector in the municipality of Catabola is underdeveloped, reflecting the early stages of tourism development in the region. Tourist accommodation infrastructure is limited, consisting mainly of small hotels and guesthouses that cater to travelers passing through the region, as well as merchants and business visitors.

Among the establishments available, the Hotel Catabola stands out, offering simple accommodation, as well as some local guesthouses, such as Residencial Luz do Sol and Princesa, which provide basic accommodation services for tourists and travelers. Although they are modest structures, they play an important role in providing accommodation for visitors to the municipality.

In terms of tourist attractions, Catabola has significant potential, but it is still largely unexplored. The region is rich in natural beauty, notably the Kwanza River, which runs through the region and offers opportunities for outdoor activities and excursions. The region is very rich in wildlife, with particular emphasis on hippos, elephants, antelopes, crocodiles, jaguars, lions, and wild boars, which could be an important tourist attraction.

Catabola's natural and historical wealth can be better exploited with investments in tourism infrastructure and the promotion of its attractions.



Figure 54 – Residencial Princesa – Catabola

6.12.6 Social Facilities

6.12.6.1 School network

The education sector in Bié Province has been working to develop an educational system that meets the technical, scientific, and professional requirements necessary for training new generations.

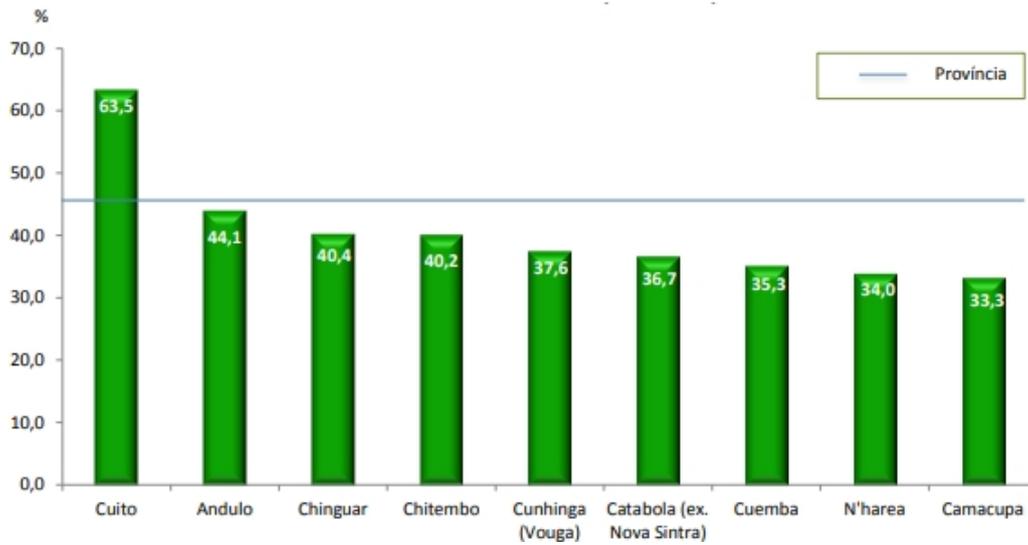
The literacy rate expresses the ratio between the population aged 15 or over who can read and write and the population aged 15 or over. The literacy rate in Bié province is 46%, with 67% in urban areas and 31% in rural areas. In terms of gender, 63% of men can read and write, compared to 32% of women.

Table 32: Literacy rate by area of residence, by gender (2014 census)

Provincia e área de residência	Total	Homens	Mulheres
Bié	46,1	62,6	32,3
Urbana	67,2	81,5	55,2
Rural	30,9	48,9	16,1

Analysis by municipality indicates that, in Bié province, the lowest rate is in the municipality of Camacupa, where only 3 in 10 people can read and write (33%).

Graph 6: Literacy rate by municipality, 2014



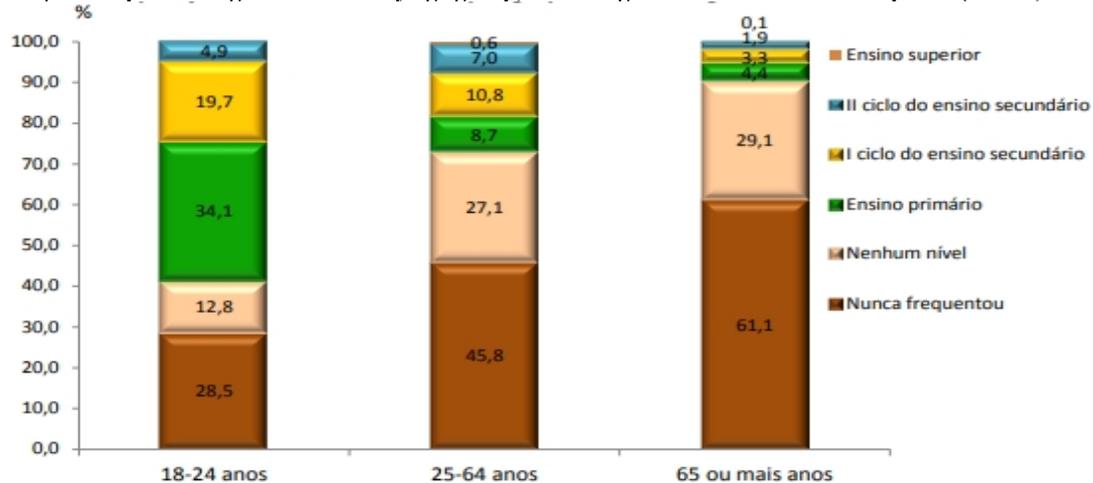
In 2014, only 6% of the population aged 18 or over had completed the second cycle of secondary education (had completed 12th or 13th grade). On the other hand, 15% of the population aged 18 or over had completed primary education (had completed 6th grade).

Table 33: Population aged 18 or over, by level of education completed, 2014

Provincia	Nunca frequentou	Nenhum nível	Ensino primário	I ciclo do ensino secundário	II ciclo do ensino secundário	Ensino superior
Bié	41,8	23,3	15,4	12,9	6,2	0,4

Analysis by age group shows that only 5% of the population aged 18-24 completed upper secondary education, compared to 7% of the population aged 25-64 and 2% of the population aged 65 or over.

Graph 7: Population aged 18 or over by age group, according to level of education completed (census, 2014)



According to the results of the 2014 Census, 27% of the population aged 5-18 was outside the education system.

Table 34: Population aged 5-18 outside the education system, by sex (2014 census)

Província	Total		Homens		Mulheres	
	Nº	%	Nº	%	Nº	%
Bié	145 484	26,8	65 549	24, 5	79 935	29,0

In all age groups, there is a predominance of girls outside the education system, however, the significant difference between girls and boys is seen in the 15-18 age group

In 2014, the proportion of the population aged 24 or over with completed higher education was 0.5%. Men lead with 0.8%, compared to 0.3% for women.

Table 35: Population aged 24 or over who have completed higher education, by sex (2014 census)

Província	Total		Homens		Mulheres	
	Nº	%	Nº	%	Nº	%
Bié	2 410	0,5	1 581	0,8	829	0,3

The municipality with the highest proportion of the population with completed higher education is Cuito, with around 2%. The remaining municipalities have proportions of less than 0.5%.

The education sector in the municipality of Catabola has made significant progress but still faces considerable challenges. Currently, the municipality has 84 schools, totaling 932 classrooms, where more than 60,000 students are enrolled from primary to secondary education. These institutions are served by 1,305 teachers, a number that was recently reinforced with the admission of 55 new teachers through a provincial public competition.

To improve the quality of education, more than 500 primary school teachers participated in training courses under the Learning for All Project (PAT), focusing on teaching methods and school management. In addition, new school infrastructure was inaugurated, including three schools with seven and twelve classrooms, built under the Integrated Local Development and Poverty Reduction Program and the PIIM, benefiting more than 3,000

students. In the Chissamba Evangelical Mission, there are plans to build a polytechnic institute with 20 classrooms and a boarding school with capacity for 400 students.

Despite this progress, the sector faces challenges such as the need for more school infrastructure, especially in rural areas, and a lack of teaching resources and school supplies. However, opportunities are being explored, such as the expansion of the school meal program, which already benefits more than 3,000 students in 12 schools, with the aim of reducing absenteeism. Continued teacher training and the construction of new schools are essential to ensure quality and inclusive education for all students in the municipality.



Figure 55: **Primary school-Catabola**



Figure 56: **Teacher training school-Catabola**

6.12.6.2 Hospital network

According to the Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS, 2015-2016), malaria is one of the main public health problems in Angola and is the leading cause of demand for health services, absenteeism from work and school, and death. It is also one of the main causes of miscarriage, premature birth, low birth weight, anemia in pregnant women, and maternal and perinatal mortality. It accounts for about 35% of demand for curative care, 20% of hospital admissions, 40% of perinatal deaths, and 25% of maternal mortality.

The province of Bié has benefited from 192 new small, medium, and large health facilities in all localities in the province, preventing users from being transferred to other provinces in search of treatment. The nine municipalities in the province have well-structured health units equipped with state-of-the-art technology, capable of providing first aid in the most sensitive cases before transferring patients to referral units in the city of Cuito.

The provincial health system also has six missionary hospitals in five municipalities: Andulo, Catabola, Cuito, Cunhinga, and Chitembo, which are financially supported by the Executive and are of great use in the areas where they are located.

"Health units managed by churches are of paramount importance to the provincial health system because they are rooted outside large population centers. It is to these units that people living in communities far from urban centers turn for first aid.

With regard to maternal and child health centers, the municipalities of Cuito, with two, Cunhinga, Andulo, Camacupa, and Chinguar are covered by these services. For the next fiscal year, four more are planned to be built for the municipalities that do not yet have them, namely Catabola, Chitembo, Cuemba, and Nharêa.

As for health centers, the province of Bié has 131 facilities. The municipality of Andulo has 31 centers, Cuito 24, Chinguar 14, Cunhinga and Catabola 13 each, Nharêa 11, Chitembo 10, Camacupa eight, and Cuemba seven.

The province has 21 hospitals, some of which were built under various government programs, notably the Integrated Municipal Investment Plan (PIIM), with a total of 830 beds for hospitalization.

Currently, the province has 4,819 professionals, distributed across various service areas, of which 251 are doctors, 3,158 nurses, 397 diagnostic and therapeutic technicians, 295 administrative staff, and 718 hospital support staff.

Of the total number of doctors serving the provincial health system, 184 are Angolan nationals and 67 are expatriates, most of whom are Cuban.

In terms of nurses, the system is served by 479 licensed professionals, 126 bachelor's degree holders, 2,363 mid-level technicians, and 190 nursing assistants. In the area of diagnosis and therapy, the system is served by 391 specialists, of whom 131 have higher education, 232 are mid-level technicians, and 28 are assistants. The administrative area is served by 295 professionals.

After the inauguration of the largest health facility in the province in September 2020 by President João Lourenço, the Walter Strangway Hospital began treating patients suffering from various illnesses.

The facility also provides specialized medical services in the areas of pediatric surgery, oncology, and pathological anatomy, which were previously only available in the provinces of Huambo, Benguela, and Luanda.

The health sector in the municipality of Catabola has made progress but still faces considerable challenges. The local hospital network consists of a well-equipped municipal hospital, the Chissamba Missionary Hospital, 13 medical posts, and four health centers distributed across the municipality's four communes. The missionary hospital is scheduled to be renovated and expanded to include pediatrics, gynecology, surgery, orthopedics, outpatient consultations, and clinical analysis services.

Despite these infrastructures, the sector faces significant challenges. The operating theater at Catabola Municipal Hospital has been inoperative for over a decade due to a lack of specialist doctors, which prevents surgical procedures from being performed and forces

transferring patients to other health facilities . In addition, there is an urgent need to build a maternal and child health center, as Catabola is one of the municipalities in Bié that does not yet have this essential service .

The most common diseases in the region include malaria, anemia, acute diarrhea, and tuberculosis, many of which are associated with poverty and lack of prevention. To improve the sector, actions such as continuous training of health professionals, investment in disease prevention, and improvement of existing infrastructure are necessary.

With adequate investment and effective public policies, it is possible to transform the health sector in Catabola, ensuring quality and accessible care for the entire population.



Figure 57 – Health center in Catabola

6.13 INFRASTRUCTURE

6.13.1 General Considerations

This descriptor comprises an analysis of the infrastructure in the project area, namely the electricity and water supply networks, road network, etc.

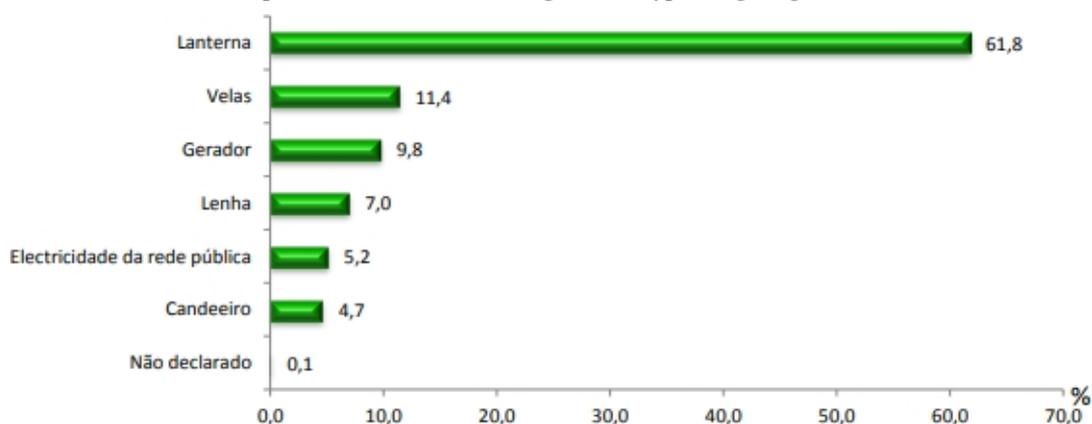
6.13.2 Electricity Supply Network

The public electricity supply is still very poor in the province of Bié. Only 5% of households in the province of Bié have access to electricity from the public grid.

Table 36: Households with access to electricity from the public grid by area of residence, 2014

Província e área de residência	Nº	%
Bié	16 121	5,2
Urbana	14 760	12,0
Rural	1 361	0,7

Graph 8: Households, according to main type of lighting, 2014



The municipality of Catabola has an electricity network supplied by the National Electricity Distribution Company (ENDE).

The electricity network in the municipality of Catabola has seen significant advances in recent years, driven by public investment and regional interconnection projects. Currently, more than 300 households in the municipal seat already benefit from electricity from the Cunje 1 Hydroelectric Plant in Camacupa, which was reopened in July 2024. In addition, 200 household connections have been made in the commune of Chipeta, with a target of 1,200 connections. Work is underway to build a 60 kV substation and medium and low voltage networks, which will benefit around 126,631 inhabitants.

The energy sources that supply Catabola include hydroelectric power from the Camacupa dam and energy from the Laúca dam in Malanje. Solar energy projects are also under development, such as the Cuito photovoltaic plant, with

a capacity of 14.6 megawatts, scheduled to come online in 2025, with the aim of strengthening the region's electricity system.

Despite progress, the sector faces challenges such as the need to expand distribution networks, modernize existing infrastructure, and ensure continuous, quality supply. Opportunities include the integration of renewable energy sources, such as solar, and the creation of public-private partnerships to accelerate rural electrification, promoting the municipality's socioeconomic development.



Figure 58: Catabola 60/30 Kv substation

6.13.3 Water Supply Network

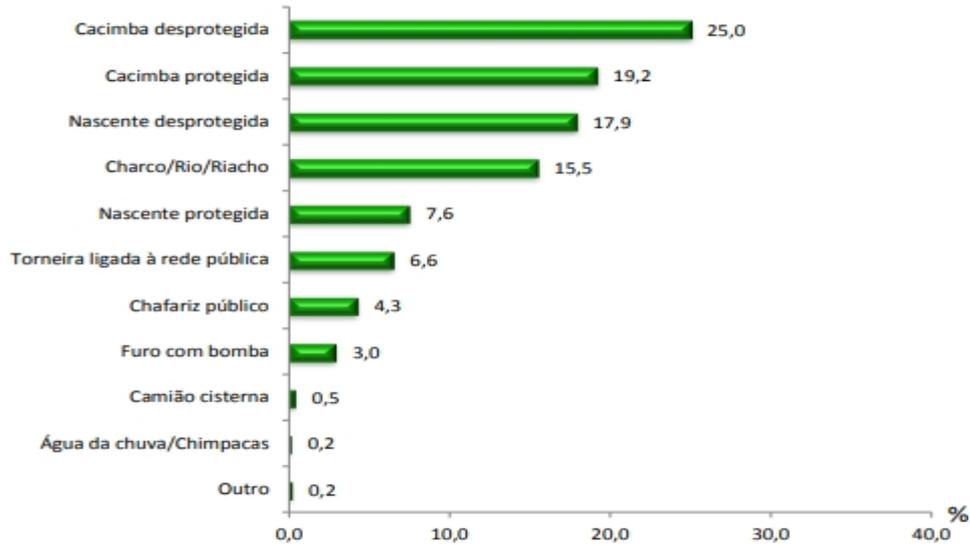
EASBIÉ-EP (Empresa de Águas e Saneamento do Bié) is the agency responsible for managing wastewater and drinking water in the municipality of Bié. Its corporate purpose is to provide services in the water sector, specifically the production, treatment, supply, distribution, and sale of drinking water, while also ensuring activities related to basic sanitation.

According to the results of the 2014 Census, only 41% of households have access to appropriate sources of drinking water.

Table 37: Households with access to appropriate drinking water by area of residence, 2014

Província e área de residência	Nº	%
Bié	126 808	40,6
Urbana	74 934	61,2
Rural	51 874	27,3

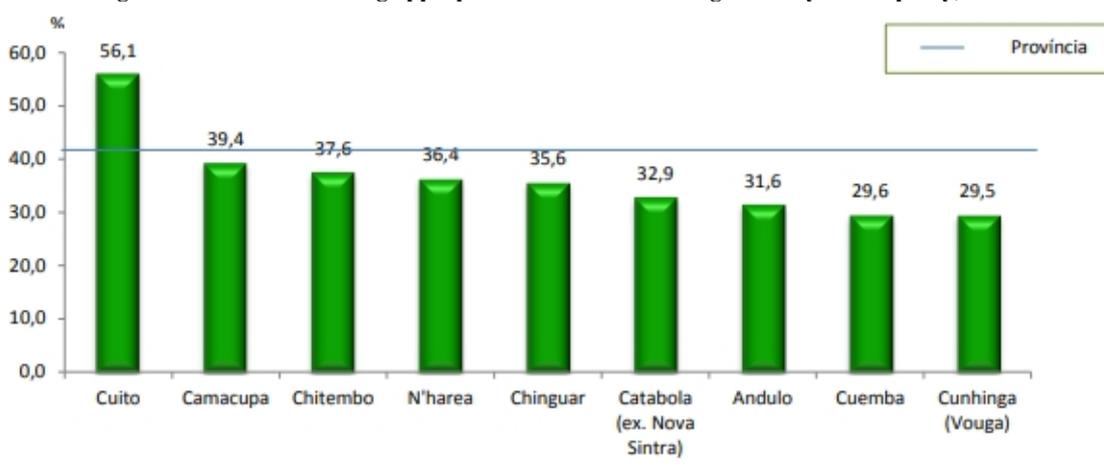
Graph 9: Households by main sources of drinking water supply, 2014



There are significant differences in access to appropriate drinking water among the municipalities in the province of Bié. The municipality of Cuito has the highest rate compared to the other municipalities, at 56%, while the municipalities of Cunhinga and Cuemba have the lowest rates, at around 30%.

The municipality's water supply comes from nearby fountains and artesian wells. At the municipal level, 123 water points, 43 fountains, and 136 auxiliary spouts are controlled, installed on the main streets.

Figure 10: Households using appropriate sources of drinking water by municipality, 2014



The supply of drinking water is one of the main problems. Water supply network coverage is limited, with only part of the urban population having access to household connections. In rural and peri-urban areas, the population depends on alternative sources, such as artesian wells, natural springs, etc. However, these alternatives do not

always guarantee water quality, increasing vulnerability to water-related diseases.

The municipality of Catabola faces significant challenges in supplying drinking water, although initiatives are underway to improve the situation. Currently, access to water is limited, with many residents relying on alternative sources such as wells and springs due to the absence of a comprehensive conventional water supply system.

In response to this shortage, the provincial government announced in 2024 the approval of projects for the construction of water supply systems in Catabola, Andulo, Chinguar, and Camacupa. These projects aim to increase the supply of drinking water to local communities, although they are still in the planning stage and seeking funding for their implementation.

In addition, the municipality is included in the Bié Province Water Supply Master Plan, which seeks to mitigate current difficulties and respond to future challenges in water supply. This plan, expected to be completed in four years, aims to create strategies to increase water distribution capacity, especially in view of the shortage predicted from 2035 onwards.



Figure 59: **Fountain - Catabola**

6.13.4 Basic sanitation

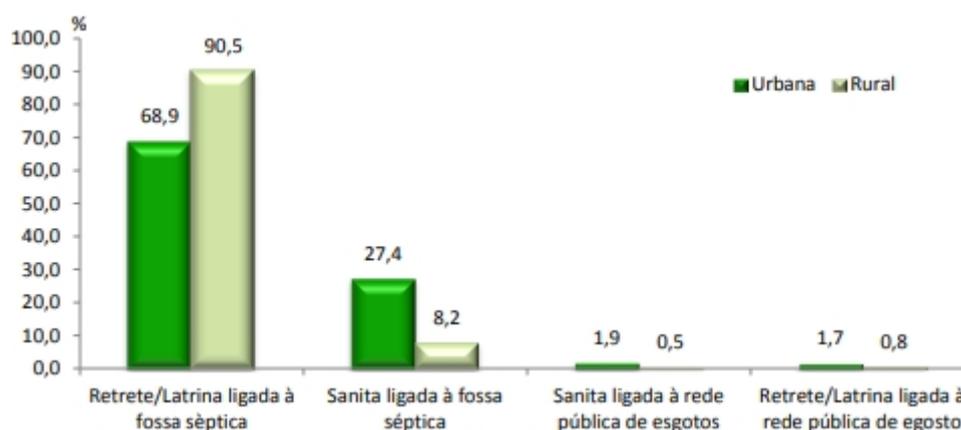
EASBIÉ-EP (Empresa de Águas e Saneamento do Bié) is the entity responsible for providing water supply and sanitation services (sewerage and stormwater drainage network) in the province.

According to the 2014 census, at the provincial level, about 62% of households use an appropriate place to defecate. However, for residents in rural areas, the figure is 54%, and 75% for residents in urban areas.

Table 38: Households using appropriate facilities for defecation by area of residence, 2014

Província e área de residência	Nº	%
Bié	194 760	62,4
Urbana	91 635	74,8
Rural	103 125	54,3

Figure 11: Households using appropriate sanitation facilities by area of residence, 2014



There are differences between municipalities in terms of the use of appropriate sanitation facilities. The municipality of Cunhinga has the highest rate (84%). The municipalities of Chitembo and Cuemba have the lowest rates, with 15% and 19%, respectively.

The basic sanitation network in the municipality of Catabola faces significant challenges, characterized by limited coverage and inadequate infrastructure. Currently, there is no specific data available on the number of household connections to the sanitation system in Catabola. Many areas rely on informal solutions, such as rudimentary latrines

and septic tanks, which contribute to public health risks, including the spread of diseases such as malaria and acute diarrhea.

Among the main challenges are the scarcity of investment in infrastructure, the lack of efficient drainage systems, and the absence of effective public policies adapted to local realities. In addition, centralized management and limited community participation hinder the formulation of policies tailored to the needs of the population.

However, there are opportunities to improve the sector. The province of Bié is open to public-private partnerships for the management of drinking water supply and basic sanitation assets, with support from the World Bank. These partnerships aim to provide quality and more household connections in the region. In addition, initiatives such as the National Strategy for Total Sanitation Led by Communities and Schools (ENSTLCE) seek to ensure that all Angolans have access to improved sanitation and hygiene, promoting a clean and healthy environment.

To move forward, it is essential to invest in adequate infrastructure, promote community participation in service management, and adapt public policies to local realities. With these efforts, it is possible to transform basic sanitation in Catabola, ensuring better health conditions and quality of life for the population.

6.13.5 Road Network and Transportation

The main mode of transport in Angola is still road transport, which connects virtually all of the country's major cities. Its network is structured around five transport corridors, whose main roads are:

- EN-100 (west coast);
- EN-250 and EN-260 (center-west/east);
- EN-230 (northwest/east);
- EN-140, EN-120, and EN-105 (north-central/south);
- EN-180 (east-north/south);
- EN-280 (southwest/east).

The country has a basic road network of approximately 27,000 km, of which only about 14,000 km are paved.

Recognizing that a railway network has the capacity to drive a country's development, Angola's strategic plan includes a series of railway projects with significant socio-economic impacts, contributing to the reduction of regional disparities, improving the flow of goods, and boosting passenger transport.

The Angolan railway network consists of three (3) main lines, connecting the most important Atlantic ports, namely Luanda, Lobito, and Namibe, with the interior of the country through economic and population corridors, which consist essentially of radial lines. In terms of length, Angola's railway network covers approximately 2,730 km, as follows:

- Luanda Railways (CFL) – from the Port of Luanda/Malanje – 479 km;
- Benguela Railways (CFB) – from the Port of Lobito/Luau – 1,344 km;
- Moçâmedes Railways (CFM) – from the Port of Namibe/Menongue – 907 km.

The province of Bié is connected to the rest of the country by many means of transport, one of the most important being road transport. The most important road section is the EN-250.

The province also has Joaquim Kapango Airport, an important air transport facility, which is equipped to handle small and medium-sized aircraft.

The road and transport network in the municipality of Catabola presents significant challenges, but also promising opportunities for regional development.

The main access road is National Road 250 (EN250), which connects Cuito to Catabola, Camacupa, and Cuemba, playing a strategic role in connecting central and eastern Angola, including the connection to the Republic of Zambia. Historically, this road has suffered from degradation, with only 18 of the 164 kilometers paved, hindering the flow of agricultural production and access to essential services.

In July 2024, the government resumed rehabilitation works on the EN250, specifically on the Cunje/Catabola/Camacupa section, covering a distance of 71.8 kilometers. The project, carried out by the company OMATAPALO, is expected to be completed in two years and create 630 jobs.

The works include strengthening the pavement, installing public lighting, sidewalks, and signage, using more than 80% of materials of national origin.

In addition, the municipality has benefited from interventions under the Integrated Municipal Intervention Plan (PIIM), with the asphaltting of 5.8 kilometers in the municipal headquarters and the earthmoving of 58 kilometers of secondary roads, improving local mobility.

In the transport sector, the province of Bié faces challenges, such as the inoperability of 29 of the 65 buses intended for public transport, due to technical breakdowns and difficulties in obtaining spare parts. Despite this, the Benguela Railway (CFB) remains a viable alternative for passenger and freight transport, connecting Chinguar to the commune of Munhango (Cuemba).

Opportunities for the sector include the completion of the EN250 road, which will facilitate the transport of agricultural production and access to markets, as well as promoting tourism, given its proximity to attractions such as the Cunje Falls and the confluence of the Cuito and Cuquema rivers. Strengthening road and transport infrastructure is essential to boost the socioeconomic development of Catabola and the surrounding region.



Figure 60: Access road (Catabola city center)

6.14 LAND USE PLANNING

6.14.1 General Considerations

The purpose of this descriptor is to identify the land management instruments approved and/or in force in the province of Bié, based on information gathered from local authorities and bibliographic research.

6.14.2 Municipal Master Plan

No Municipal Master Plan has been identified as having been drawn up and/or ratified

6.15 HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE

6.15.1 General considerations

The purpose of this descriptor is to identify and characterize the historical and cultural heritage that may exist at the project site and in its immediate surroundings.

The characterization of the heritage was based on a field survey carried out at the site in August 2024 and on bibliographic research.

6.15.2 Inventory of Existing Heritage Sites

The province of Bié has 169 monuments and sites, most of which are in a state of disrepair. In 2022, the following were elevated to national historical and cultural heritage status: the IECA Evangelical Mission of Camudongo, the Cuito Monument Cemetery, which joins the post office buildings, the Dragoons Barracks (4th Division of the Angolan Armed Forces), Embala Ekovongo, and the Evangelical Missions of Chilessó and the Catholic Mission of Chicumbi, in the municipality of Andulo.

Other points of cultural interest in the province of Bié. In terms of natural heritage, Bié has the Kwanza River, which is considered a natural heritage site because it is the source of this river. In terms of cultural heritage, don't miss Cristo-Rei, Silva Porto Fort, Munhango Fort, N'Harea Fort, Pouca-vergonha Garden, and Kambadua Lagoon, a popular spot for sport fishing.

In Catabola, in terms of culture (traditional dances), all tribes have Chianda (male and female clowns) called Caviulas as the most appreciated, with a predominance of the Umbundu, Nganguela, Chokue, Luimbi, Songo, and Portuguese languages, the official language that serves as a link between the peoples.

Among the most striking cultural rituals in Catabola are the initiation ceremonies, known as "Efiko" for men and "Okuluku" for women, which mark the transition to adulthood. These rituals are accompanied by dances, traditional music, and songs in Umbundu, with strong community participation. In addition, respect for the sobas (traditional leaders) is an essential part of social and cultural organization, and their tombs are sacred places where rituals are performed to honor the ancestors.



Figure 61: Cultural center



Figure 62: Parish of Santa Terezinha do Menino Jesus in Catabola

6.16 PROJECTION OF CURRENT CURRENT IN ABSENCE OF THE PROJECT

The identification of the evolution of the state of the environment without the Project or projection of the current situation is based on the perspective of the continuation of the characteristics and trends that are felt at the time this projection is made.

The Project under analysis is located in an area that is strategically located for the storage and distribution of grain, as it has industrial potential and access roads and a CFB railway line that facilitate the transport of stored grain for export and import.

Therefore, in a scenario where the Project is not built, it is expected that the current state of the environment will evolve in the long term towards the occupation of this area by industrial activities due to the soil characteristics mentioned above.

It should also be noted that the province of Bié has been the target of various investments and interventions in the agricultural and industrial sectors, with a view to fostering and promoting the role of the private business sector and ending regional disparities, thereby contributing to the development of the province and the country.

In view of the above, it is not expected that, from the point of view of the evolution of the current situation, there will be any substantial changes in the state of the environment that would justify a different analysis from the characterization of the current situation now carried out.

7 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

7.1 METHODOLOGY AND EVALUATION CRITERIA

This chapter presents the identification and assessment of the relevant environmental and social impacts resulting from the construction, operation, and decommissioning phases of the agricultural infrastructure (silos) of the Carrinho, SA grain terminal.

The impact assessment process is a predictive exercise based on comparing the foreseeable environmental and social effects of the Project, based on knowledge of its characteristics, with the baseline situation of the environment in the study area. The identification of impacts also benefits from existing knowledge about the environmental and social impacts generated by projects similar to the Project under analysis, as well as from the technical team's previous experience in conducting environmental and social impact studies. The prediction of environmental and social impacts allows for the assessment of the environmental and social sustainability of the Project and provides a basis for proposing environmental and social mitigation measures to enhance this sustainability.

Environmental and social impact is understood to mean a change in the current state of the environment that results directly or indirectly from the Project under analysis. Each potential impact identified is assessed in terms of its value, magnitude, and significance.

In addition, and whenever necessary, the assessment of impacts can also be systematized according to the following classification criteria:

- **Signal** - negative, positive, depending on whether the impact degrades, enhances, or does not affect the current state of a given environmental component;
- **Spatial dimension (Incidence)** - local, extended, regional, according to the extent of the area in which the effects of the impact are felt;
- **Probability of occurrence** - certain, probable, improbable, and uncertain. The probability assigned to impacts took into account knowledge of the characteristics of each of the actions and each environmental factor, as well as existing knowledge about the impacts of similar projects;
- **Duration** - temporary or permanent, depending on whether the effects of the impact occur only during a specific and identifiable period of time, or whether they persist indefinitely;

- **Reversibility** - reversible or irreversible, according to the potential for restoring the environmental component to its pre-project situation, either passively (with the cessation of the cause of the impact) or actively (through recovery measures);
- **Time dimension:** immediate, when the impact occurs during or immediately after the action that causes it; medium-term (approximately up to five years) or long-term;
- **Type of occurrence:** direct or indirect, depending on whether they are directly determined by the project or induced by related activities;
- **Magnitude:** low, moderate, or high, depending on the degree of impact on the environmental values in question;
- **Capacity for minimization or compensation:** refers to the measures and actions implemented to reduce the severity of negative impacts caused by a project on the environment;
- **Significance:** insignificant, significant, or very significant. The significance of an impact is considered to be the most important descriptive criterion of the impact, and its degree is influenced by the assessment of all other assessment criteria, with particular emphasis on the magnitude, duration, and reversibility of the impact. The degree of significance attributed to an impact is also influenced by compliance with current legal provisions. Significance thus represents an overall assessment of the importance of the environmental impact produced by the impact.

For the assessment of impacts, and in order to provide an overall picture of them, a classification scale based on the following parameters will be used to calculate the significance of the impact, as illustrated in the table below.

Table 39: Summary of criteria used for impact assessment

Classification criterion	Scale	Value (for calculating the significance of the impact)
Nature (Sign)	Positive (+) or Negative (-)	Not applicable
Incidence	Local/Direct	1
	Extended	2
	Regional/National/International	3
Probability of occurrence	Unlikely	1
	Uncertain	2
	Likely	3
	Certain	4
Duration	Temporary	1
	Permanent	2
Reversibility	Reversible	1
	Irreversible	2
Dimension	Immediate	1
	Medium term	2
	Long term	3
Type of occurrence	Direct or Indirect	Not applicable
Magnitude	Reduced	1
	Moderate	2
	High	3
Significance	Not very significant	1
	Significant	2
	Very significant	5
Minimization or compensation capacity	Minimizable and/or compensable	1
	Not minimizable or compensable	2

The classification regarding the **significance of environmental and social impacts** will be obtained by multiplying the following criteria: Probability (P), Incidence (I), Magnitude (M), and Duration (D), using the following formula.

$$S=P \times I \times M \times D$$

The significance of environmental and social impacts is assigned according to the intervals of the score values on the following scales:

- **Not significant** if the score is between 1 and 11 points;
- **Significant** if the score is higher than 12 and equal to 23 points;
- **Very significant** if the score is equal to or exceeds 24 points;

Table 40: Acronyms used in the impact assessment scale

CRITERIA	SCALE			
Duration	Temporary (T)	Permanent (P)		
Magnitude	Reduced (R)	Moderate (M)	High (H)	
Probability	Uncertain (U)	Unlikely (UNL)	Likely (LIK)	Certain (C)
Occurrence	Indirect (IN)	Direct (DIR)		
Incidence	Local (L)	Extended (E)	Regional (RE)	
Reversibility	Irreversible (IR)	Reversible (RV)		
Nature (Signal)	Positive (+)	Negative (-)		
Capacity minimization or compensation	Minimizable and/or compensable (MC)	Not minimizable or compensable (NMC)		

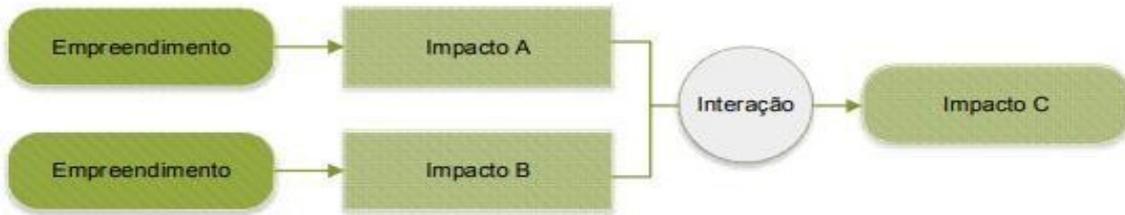
Table 41: Identification of significance according to colors

Not significant		Negative, not very significant	
Significant		Significant Negative	
Very Significant		Very Significant Negative	

Cumulative: a cumulative environmental impact is derived from the sum of other impacts or chains of impacts that add up, generated by one or more isolated but contiguous projects in the same environmental and social system.

Synergy: refers to the ability of a specific effect to induce a new impact when interacting with another, not necessarily associated with the same project or activity.

Example:



7.2 MAIN ACTIONS AND POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACTS

The main actions that generate negative environmental and social impacts during the construction, operation, and decommissioning phases are identified below (Tables 42, 43, and 44).

It should be noted that the project under evaluation does not involve the displacement of populations.

Table 42: Main project actions generating negative impacts during the construction phase

Main actions generating impacts	Main direct negative impacts
Setup of the construction site and other support areas, including the presence of workers, equipment, and materials	Generation of noise and dust, emission of atmospheric pollutants, disturbance to the neighborhood, and risk of work-related accidents
General circulation of vehicles, machinery, equipment, and workers involved in the construction process	Generation of noise and dust, and emission of atmospheric pollutants
Transport of aggregates to the construction site	Generation of noise and dust, and emission of atmospheric pollutants
Cleaning, excavations for opening foundations	Generation of noise and dust, and emission of atmospheric pollutants
Assembly of silos	Generation of noise and dust, and emission of atmospheric pollutants, disturbance of the neighborhood, and risk of work-related accidents
Demobilization and dismantling of the construction site	Noise and dust generation, emission of atmospheric pollutants and production of waste
Final cleaning of the site.	Noise and dust generation, emission of pollutants emissions and production of waste

During **the operational phase**, the following actions are considered likely to generate negative impacts on the environment:

Table 43: Main project actions generating negative impacts during the operational phase

Main actions generating impacts	Main direct negative impacts
Silo handling	Generation of noise and dust, disturbance to the neighborhood, and risk of work-related accidents
Handling of cereals	Risk of pest proliferation
Light and heavy vehicle traffic	Noise generation and atmospheric pollutant emissions and disturbance to the surrounding population
Fuel supply	Risks of environmental contamination
Water and electricity consumption and effluent generation	Pressure on urban infrastructure
Operation of generators	Noise and air pollutant emissions
Cleaning, pest control, and facility maintenance	Risks of environmental contamination, waste generation, noise, and atmospheric pollutant emissions
Grain transportation	Pressure on urban infrastructure, noise generation and pollutant emissions, disturbance to the population, and accident risks

During **the decommissioning phase**, the following actions are considered likely to have an impact on the environment:

Table 44: Main project actions generating negative impacts during the decommissioning phase

Main actions generating impacts	Main direct negative impacts
Demolition of infrastructure and removal of silos and other equipment	Generation of noise, dust, and atmospheric pollutant emissions; risks of work-related accidents
Demobilization and dismantling of support areas	Noise, dust, and air pollution, work-related accident risks, environmental contamination risks
Permanent decommissioning of facilities	Decrease in employment and standard of living of the population, and decline in the local socio-economy, etc.
Final cleanup	Generation of noise and dust, emission of pollutants emissions and production of waste

The actions resulting from the construction, operation, and decommissioning of agricultural silo infrastructure may have not only negative but also positive environmental and social impacts, assessed according to the classification criteria identified in section 7.1. These will have an impact on the following descriptors:

7.3 CLIMATE

7.3.1 Construction phase

Change in evapotranspiration and temperature at ground level

During the construction phase, actions related to excavation and soil sealing for the creation of new areas for the assembly of silos may have an impact on evapotranspiration and temperature at ground level.

The impacts on the climate will be negative, of reduced magnitude, direct, probable, localized, temporary, reversible, and insignificant.

7.3.2 Operation phase

Increased perception of heat discomfort

During the operational phase, actions resulting from the waterproofing of surfaces and the installation of equipment and buildings will temporarily alter the conditions of solar radiation absorption and reflection, as well as air circulation, contributing to an increase in the perception of heat discomfort.

The impacts on the climate, although negative, will be of reduced magnitude, direct, probable, localized, temporary, reversible, and insignificant.

7.3.3 Deactivation phase

Change in evapotranspiration and ground temperature

During this phase, changes may occur mainly after the decommissioning work has been completed. However, changes in evapotranspiration and ground-level temperature may be observed.

These are positive impacts, of reduced magnitude, direct, probable, localized, permanent or temporary, reversible, and insignificant.

7.4 LOCAL GEOLOGY AND GEOMORPHOLOGY

7.4.1 Construction phase

Change in local geomorphology

During the construction phase, actions related to excavation, waterproofing, and soil modeling for the creation of new areas for the assembly of silos, parking lots, and other buildings may have an impact on the local geomorphology.

The impacts on this descriptor will be negative, of reduced magnitude, direct, certain, localized, temporary, reversible, and insignificant.

7.4.2 Operational phase

Change in local geomorphology

In general, for geology and geomorphology, the impacts result from the artificialization of landforms due to the presence of the grain terminal. The impact is considered to be negative, direct, localized, irreversible, certain, permanent, of reduced magnitude, and insignificant.

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7.4.3 Decommissioning phase

Change in local geomorphology

During this phase, changes may occur in terms of the artificialization of the relief and erosion of the upper formations and upper substrate due to the excavations carried out to remove the structural foundations.

In this phase, the impacts are expected to be negative, direct, temporary, localized, probable, immediate, irreversible, and insignificant.

7.5 SOILS

7.5.1 Construction phase

Soil compaction, contamination, and erosion

With regard to soils, it is considered that actions related to the installation of silos and the movement of machinery and vehicles may cause soil compaction, sealing, contamination, and erosion.

The impacts on this descriptor will be negative, of reduced magnitude, direct, probable, localized, temporary, reversible, and insignificant.

7.5.2 Operation phase

Soil compaction

During the project's operational phase, the main impacts are related to the area occupied by the grain terminal infrastructure, which may be subject to soil compaction due to vehicle and pedestrian traffic.

Therefore, impacts on the soil are expected during this phase and are classified as negative, direct, localized, reversible, permanent, probable, of reduced magnitude, and insignificant.

Accidental contamination

During the project's operational phase, the main impacts are related to the area occupied by the grain terminal infrastructure and unpaved areas exposed to the risk of spills (fuel and oil leaks) and wastewater.

Therefore, impacts on the soil are expected during this phase and are classified as negative, direct, localized, reversible, temporary, probable, of reduced magnitude, and insignificant.

7.5.3 Decommissioning phase

Soil compaction, contamination, and erosion

At this stage, erosion of exposed soils, soil compaction, and removal or alteration of soil at the site may cause an impact.

However, these are negative impacts of reduced magnitude, direct, probable, local, temporary, reversible, immediate, and insignificant.

During site recovery, the return of the soil to its undisturbed state is a positive impact, of reduced magnitude, direct, probable, localized, permanent, reversible, medium and long term, and insignificant.

7.6 LAND USE

7.6.1 Construction phase

Change in land use

With regard to this indicator, during the construction phase, the impacts are considered to be related to the construction of infrastructure, the risk of spills and soil contamination during the supply of machinery, generators, and preventive maintenance.

The impacts on this descriptor will be negative, low in magnitude, direct, probable, localized, temporary, reversible, and insignificant.

7.6.2 Operation Phase

Change in land use

In this phase, it is considered that the occupation of land by the grain terminal infrastructure will induce negative impacts that are of reduced magnitude, direct, certain, localized, permanent, irreversible, immediate, and insignificant.

7.6.3 Decommissioning phase

Land use change

In this phase, after the decommissioning of the infrastructure, the area may return to its natural state prior to the implementation of the terminal. However, soil compaction and removal or alteration of the soil at the site may cause an impact.

However, these are negative impacts of low magnitude, direct, probable, local, temporary, reversible, and insignificant.

During site recovery, the return of the soil to its undisturbed state is a positive impact, of reduced magnitude, direct, probable, localized, permanent, reversible, medium and long-term, and insignificant.

7.7 WATER RESOURCES

7.7.1 Construction phase

Contamination of surface water

At this stage, it is considered that earthworks (landfills and excavations), accidental spills, and waste production during the installation of silos could cause these materials to be washed away by rain.

In general, this impact is considered to be negative, temporary, reversible, of reduced magnitude, probable, localized, and insignificant.

Groundwater contamination

During the movement of machinery and vehicles assigned to the works, accidental spills (oils and fuels) may occur, which may cause pollution of any existing groundwater and surface water. The impacts are considered negative, insignificant, reversible, of reduced magnitude, indirect, unlikely, localized, and temporary, with the adoption of mitigating measures.

7.7.2 Operation phase

Surface water contamination

In the area where the grain terminal is located, there is a fuel storage tank in the service area for the operation of generators. In the event of an accidental leak in this tank contaminating the waterways, the impact is considered to be negative, direct, localized, temporary, reversible (taking into account the removal of pollutants), short-term, probable, of reduced magnitude, and insignificant.

The effluents generated at the grain terminal are domestic and industrial in nature. After being collected and treated, they will be discharged into the receiving environment. In the absence of *on-site* treatment conditions, they must be sent to a specialized unit for proper treatment.

Impact on surface drainage patterns

At this stage, actions resulting from the waterproofing of surfaces and roofing may affect surface water drainage patterns and increase runoff during the rainy season.

This will generate probable, localized, permanent, reversible, direct, minor, and insignificant negative impacts.

Contamination of groundwater

In the event of disruptions or failures in the conveyance and treatment of effluents, spills, and waste runoff, and if these are discharged into waterways or infiltrate the groundwater, they may cause contamination.

This will generate negative, uncertain, localized, temporary, reversible, immediate, direct impacts of reduced magnitude and little significance.

Decrease in the local water table

In the event of supplying the facilities with groundwater resources through a borehole and pump, this action may affect the water table, causing negative, uncertain, widespread, permanent, irreversible, long-term, indirect impacts of reduced magnitude and little significance.

7.7.3 Decommissioning phase

Contamination of surface and groundwater

At this stage, impacts may occur due to spills of products such as fuel, oils, and wastewater effluents during the dismantling of equipment, which may affect groundwater quality. However, this is unlikely to happen, as the equipment will only be dismantled after it has been emptied. In the event of an occurrence, there will be negative impacts of reduced magnitude, direct, probable, local, temporary, reversible, and insignificant.

A gradual return to undisturbed surface water drainage patterns may also be observed.

These are positive impacts, of reduced magnitude, direct, probable, local, temporary, reversible, and insignificant.

7.8 FLORA

7.8.1 Construction phase

Disturbance and destruction of flora

With regard to flora, it is considered that the main impacts will have occurred during the clearing of the land and deforestation. Therefore, no further deforestation is planned during the construction phase of the new silos. However, actions related to excavation and leveling of the implementation area and vehicle traffic may cause dusting of the surrounding flora and interfere with plant photosynthesis.

The impacts on this descriptor will be negative, of reduced magnitude, direct, probable, localized, temporary, reversible, and insignificant.

7.8.2 Operation phase

Disturbance and destruction of flora

During the operational phase, the impacts caused during the construction phase will continue, particularly in terms of destruction, compounded by dust from vegetation cover due to the emission of particulate matter from the circulation of machinery and vehicles assigned to the facilities, with effects on the surrounding flora.

The cleaning of silos using suction during the operational phase and traffic on the access road to the terminal may contribute to increased levels of dust and particulate matter emissions.

These impacts are considered to be negative, direct, of reduced magnitude, localized, long-term, probable, reversible, temporary, minimizable, and insignificant.

7.8.3 Decommissioning phase

Disturbance and destruction of flora

During the decommissioning phase, the expected impacts are similar to those of the construction phase, in that most of the actions are similar in nature, not involving the construction or implementation of infrastructure, but rather its demolition or dismantling. However, given that the areas to be intervened will already be devoid of vegetation, the expected impacts are assessed as less significant compared to the construction phase. Thus, the impacts on flora and vegetation at this stage are assessed as negative, direct, localized, temporary, immediate, certain, reversible (if a landscape recovery plan appropriate to the area in question is implemented), of reduced magnitude, minimizable (if the limits of the intervention area are respected, without occupying surrounding areas and using existing accesses) and insignificant.

As in the construction phase, actions involving the movement of earth and other materials, the circulation of vehicles and heavy machinery on unpaved access roads will result in the dispersion of dust which, when deposited on the surrounding vegetation, may affect its development. This impact is assessed as negative, direct, temporary, localized, probable, reversible, of reduced magnitude, minimizable, and insignificant.

The last action in this phase will be the implementation of a redevelopment plan, which includes the renaturalization of the affected areas after the land has been cleared. These actions will reverse the negative effects observed in the previous phases, since their impacts are assessed as: positive, certain, direct, permanent, localized, long-term, reversible, of reduced magnitude, and insignificant.

The recovery of local flora may also occur during this phase, which translates into a gradual return to an undisturbed state after decommissioning work. This is a positive impact, of reduced magnitude, direct, certain, localized, temporary, reversible, and insignificant.

7.9 FAUNA

7.9.1 Construction phase

Scaring away fauna

With regard to fauna, it is considered that the main impacts will have occurred during excavation and land leveling, since the area has already been subject to deforestation in the past. Therefore, at this stage, it is considered that the movement of machinery and vehicles, and increased noise during the construction and assembly of the silos, may cause species to flee.

These impacts are considered to be negative, direct, of reduced magnitude, localized, probable, reversible, temporary, minimizable, and insignificant.

Running over and/or killing of species

It is considered that the circulation of machinery and vehicles may cause the running over or death of species.

These impacts are considered negative, direct, of reduced magnitude, widespread, uncertain, reversible and irreversible (in the case of species death), temporary, minimizable, and insignificant.

7.9.2 Operation phase

Scare away wildlife

During the operation phase, the impacts originating in the construction phase will continue, namely in terms of habitat affectation, either due to the destruction of vegetation cover or to the disturbance induced by the normal operation of the terminal and lighting projection, causing the scaring away of species.

These impacts are considered to be negative, of reduced magnitude, direct, uncertain, localized, permanent, irreversible, and reversible, and insignificant.

Running over and/or killing of species

It is considered that the circulation of vehicles assigned to the facilities may cause the running over or death of species.

These impacts are considered to be negative, direct, of reduced magnitude, localized, uncertain, reversible and irreversible (in the case of species death), permanent, minimizable, and insignificant.

7.9.3 Decommissioning phase

Frightening away of wildlife

During this phase, species may be scared away by the noise during demolition. In any case, the impacts generated will be negative, moderate in magnitude, direct, certain, local, temporary, reversible, immediate, but insignificant.

After decommissioning work, there may also be a gradual return of fauna to an undisturbed state during this phase. These impacts are positive, of reduced magnitude, direct, probable, localized, temporary, reversible, and insignificant.

Running over and/or death of species

It is considered that the circulation of machinery and vehicles may cause the running over or death of species.

These impacts are considered negative, direct, of reduced magnitude, localized, probable, reversible and irreversible (in the case of species death), temporary, minimizable, and insignificant.

7.10 LANDSCAPE

7.10.1 Construction phase

Landscape alteration

At this stage of the project, the impacts in terms of landscape change resulting from the implementation of new infrastructure that may contrast with existing infrastructure are considered.

At this stage, the impacts on the landscape are considered to be negative, moderate in magnitude, direct, certain, temporary, localized, reversible, and insignificant.

7.10.2 Operational phase

Landscape change

During the operational phase, the impacts felt during the construction phase relating to functional and visual changes to the landscape will continue into the operational phase, where there will be a

process of adaptation of the landscape to the new reality, i.e., the presence of the grain terminal infrastructure in a semi-natural, topographically flattened area with a significant visual basin due to its proximity to the main road (EN-250) that passes in front of the facilities and residential areas, namely the 11 de Novembro neighborhood (e.g., São Lucas).

The visual presence of the grain terminal infrastructure will contrast with the landscape, causing negative impacts of moderate magnitude that are direct, certain, localized, permanent, irreversible, and significant.

7.10.3 Decommissioning phase

Landscape alteration

During this phase, there may be a visual impact during the decommissioning of the grain terminal, altering the character of the landscape, and if abandoned, it may result in possible misuse and vandalism of the infrastructure.

These are considered to be negative impacts on the landscape of low and high magnitude (in the case of abandonment), direct, certain, local, temporary, and permanent (in the case of abandonment), reversible, immediate, and insignificant.

However, during the recovery of the landscape, a gradual return of the landscape to its undisturbed state can be observed.

These are positive impacts, of low magnitude, direct, probable, localized, temporary, reversible, and insignificant.

7.11 AIR QUALITY

7.11.1 Construction phase

Emissions of pollutants and particulate matter

At this stage of the project, it is considered that the impacts are generated due to the emission of pollutants and particulate matter from the circulation of vehicles, machinery, and excavations.

In view of the above, the impacts on air quality are negative, direct, temporary, reversible, certain, localized, of reduced magnitude, and insignificant.

7.11.2 Operational phase

Emissions of pollutants and particulate matter

During the project's operational phase, actions likely to cause changes in air quality are due to new sources of pollutants originating from the operations taking place, namely, the circulation of heavy vehicles accessing the infrastructure, loading and unloading of grain, the circulation of machinery associated with the movement of grain, heavy and light vehicle traffic, fuel supply, and the operation of electric generators.

Air pollutants are usually divided into three broad categories: greenhouse gases (GHGs), eutrophication and acidifying substances, and tropospheric ozone precursor substances.

The main eutrophication and acidifying gases resulting from anthropogenic activity are sulfur dioxide (SO₂), nitrogen oxides (NO_x), ammonia (NH₃), and particulate matter (PM).

In high concentrations, these gases can cause damage not only to human health and cultural heritage, but also to the environment, contributing to the degradation of ecosystems and the eutrophication and acidification of soil and water.

Tropospheric ozone precursor substances include polluting gases such as nitrogen oxides (NO_x), non-methane volatile organic compounds (NMVOCs), carbon monoxide (CO), and methane (CH₄). Ozone can cause health problems, particularly affecting the respiratory system, even at low concentrations and after short-term exposure, with the most vulnerable groups such as children, the elderly, and people with a history of lung problems being particularly affected.

CO₂, a greenhouse gas (GHG), is a product of combustion and as such is released in exhaust gases. Consequently, both private transport and road freight contribute to the release of greenhouse gases and contribute to climate change.

The suspended particles released contain small amounts of sulfates, nitrates, metals, and other trace elements, which are also toxic. Nitrogen oxides and suspended particles are the most relevant constituents due to their higher presence in exhaust gases.

Gaseous emissions from heavy goods vehicles powered by diesel, the fuel generally used in freight transport, include carbon dioxide (CO₂), oxygen (O₂), water vapor, nitrogen (N₂), carbon monoxide (CO), nitrogen compounds (NO_x), sulfur compounds (SO_x), and volatile organic compounds (VOCs).

During the operational phase, negative impacts on air quality are expected to be moderate in magnitude, direct, certain, localized, permanent, reversible, and insignificant.

7.11.3 Decommissioning phase

Emissions of pollutants and particulate matter

During this phase, air quality will be negatively impacted by gas (smoke) and dust emissions from the movement of machinery, vehicles, excavations, and equipment in general during decommissioning, as well as possible odors. These impacts are considered negative, of reduced magnitude, direct, probable, local, temporary, reversible, and insignificant.

Once decommissioned, the impacts caused by the infrastructure in terms of this descriptor will be reduced. This is a positive impact, of reduced magnitude, direct, certain, localized, temporary, reversible, and insignificant.

7.12 SOUND ENVIRONMENT

7.12.1 Construction phase

Increase in noise levels.

During the construction phase of the silos, it is considered that activities related to the movement of machinery, vehicles, generators, employees, and the assembly of the silos will cause an increase in noise levels.

In general, the impacts can be classified as negative, direct, moderate in magnitude, temporary, certain, widespread, reversible, and insignificant.

7.12.2 Operation phase

Increase in noise levels.

During the terminal's operation phase, the main actions likely to generate impacts on the sound environment stem from the activities and operations of the aforementioned facilities,

namely grain logistics, transport and distribution, maintenance, generator operation, workers, etc.

The noise levels emitted by road transport are essentially composed of emissions from the propulsion system and the movement of vehicles on the pavement. Factors contributing to noise levels include, in addition to driving speed, the type of vehicle, the type of tires, the type of pavement, the condition of the vehicles, the age of the vehicles, the slope of the road, the presence or absence of noise barriers, and driving patterns.

The impacts on the sound environment will be felt most strongly during the night and are mainly associated with road traffic.

Thus, it is expected that road traffic resulting from the terminal's operation will lead to negative impacts of moderate magnitude that are direct, probable, localized, permanent, reversible, and insignificant if mitigation measures are adopted.

On the other hand, at the start of normal operation, a campaign to monitor noise levels should be carried out in order to assess the significance of the impact generated and/or the need to apply mitigation measures (e.g., noise barriers).

7.12.3 Decommissioning phase

Increase in noise levels.

During this phase, the movement of vehicles, machinery, and workers, as well as the noise caused during demolition, will have an impact. These impacts are considered negative, moderate in magnitude, direct, certain, local, temporary, reversible, and insignificant at this stage of the work.

Once decommissioned, the impacts caused by this descriptor are reduced. This is a positive impact, of moderate magnitude, direct, certain, local, temporary, reversible, and insignificant.

7.13 SOCIOECONOMICS

7.13.1 Construction phase

Job creation

To carry out the work, it will be necessary to hire external and internal labor to form the workforce for the terminal's construction. Although the risk is very low

very low probability, all situations of labor exploitation, discrimination at work, or the use of child labor must be prevented in order to avoid serious violations of the provisions of international conventions on the protection of the rights of children and workers to which Angola is a signatory through the International Labor Organization (ILO).

In this context, it is important to comply with the provisions of the AfDB's Integrated Safeguard System, namely Operational Safeguard 5.

The hiring of labor will have positive, direct, temporary, widespread, reversible, certain, small, and insignificant impacts.

Boosting associated sectors

In general, at the socioeconomic level, the main impacts associated with the construction phase will result from the revitalization of associated sectors in the provision of raw material supply, construction, transportation, etc.

These impacts are positive, direct and indirect, temporary, widespread, reversible, probable, of reduced magnitude, and insignificant.

Disruption to local communities

Vehicle traffic and noise caused during the construction and assembly of silos may cause some inconvenience to the population living in the surrounding area. This impact can be classified as negative, of low magnitude, direct, probable, local and widespread, temporary, reversible, and insignificant.

Risks of accidents involving the population

Vehicle traffic during the construction and assembly of the silos may increase the risk of accidents involving the population living in the surrounding area. This impact can be classified as negative, moderate, direct, uncertain, local and widespread, temporary, reversible and irreversible (in the event of death), insignificant to very significant (in the event of death).

7.13.2 Operation phase

Job creation

The main positive impacts of the project will be felt with the start of the operation phase and, given the nature of the investment in the region's infrastructure, will extend beyond the municipal and provincial levels.

For the terminal to operate, it will be necessary to resort to external and internal labor, which will constitute the workforce. Although the risk is very low, all situations of labor exploitation, discrimination at work, or the use of child labor must be prevented in order to avoid serious violations of the provisions of international conventions on the protection of the rights of children and workers to which Angola is a signatory through the International Labor Organization (ILO).

In this context, it is important to comply with the provisions of the AfDB's Integrated Safeguard System, namely Operational Safeguard 5.

Thus, it is expected that the hiring of labor will create a positive, direct, certain, broad, permanent, immediate, moderate, irreversible, and significant impact (due to the lack of local employment).

Boosting related sectors

The operation of the grain terminal will leverage local economic development and the creation of indirect jobs associated with economic activities complementary to the Terminal's activity.

In general, at the socioeconomic level, the main impacts associated with the operation phase of the silos will generate benefits and will be related to the use of service providers, transport companies, and suppliers of locally and nationally produced foodstuffs. The impacts are considered to be positive, moderate in magnitude, indirect (stimulation of associated sectors), probable, widespread (grain distribution and export), irreversible, temporary and permanent, and significant.

Nuisance to the population

Vehicle traffic and noise caused during product distribution and the acquisition of various inputs may cause some inconvenience to the population living in the vicinity

where these vehicles circulate. This impact can be classified as negative, moderate in magnitude, direct, uncertain, local and widespread, permanent, reversible, and insignificant.

Risks of accidents involving the population

The circulation of vehicles and motorcycles during the distribution of products and acquisition of various inputs may lead to an increased risk of accidents involving the population. This impact can be classified as negative, moderate, direct, uncertain, localized and widespread, permanent, reversible and irreversible (in the event of death), immediate, insignificant and significant (in the event of death).

7.13.3 Decommissioning phase

Reduction in the dynamism of associated sectors and unemployment

At this stage, there may be an increase in unemployment and a decrease in income for the community and all those who depended on these facilities to conduct their business. This is a negative impact of moderate magnitude, direct and indirect, certain, local and regional, permanent, reversible, and significant.

Job creation

To carry out the work, it will be necessary to resort to external and internal labor, which will constitute the workforce for the terminal decommissioning works. Although the probability of this happening is very low, all situations of labor exploitation, discrimination at work, or the use of child labor must be prevented in order to avoid serious violations of the provisions of international conventions on the protection of the rights of children and workers to which Angola is a signatory through the International Labor Organization (ILO).

In this context, it is important to comply with the provisions of the AfDB's Integrated Safeguard System, namely Operational Safeguard 5.

The decommissioning of these infrastructures may create employment opportunities or possible employment in their reuse.

This is a positive impact, of reduced magnitude, direct, certain, local, temporary, reversible, and insignificant.

Risks of accidents involving the population

Vehicle traffic during the decommissioning and dismantling of the silos may increase the risk of accidents involving the population living in the surrounding area. This impact can be classified as negative, moderate, direct, probable, local and regional, temporary, reversible and irreversible (in the event of death), insignificant to significant.

7.14 URBAN INFRASTRUCTURES

7.14.1 Construction phase

Pressure on the road network

With regard to this descriptor, it is considered that the impacts during the construction phase will mainly affect the road network, specifically the EN-250 national road, due to the transport of construction support equipment, and tertiary roads, due to the movement of machinery, vehicles, and workers.

However, it is considered that this impact, although negative, is of low magnitude, direct, uncertain, localized, temporary, reversible, and insignificant.

Pressure on the energy, water, and sanitation supply network

At this stage, it is considered that there will be no impact on these sectors, since the facilities will have their own autonomous systems.

7.14.2 Operational phase

Pressure on the road network

Due to the transport of inputs and distribution of stored grain, it is considered that there will be impacts due to the use of the EN-250 national road network and tertiary roads. It is not considered that the normal operation of the terminal will generate significant traffic on the access roads, and as such no significant impacts are expected.

The impacts are considered to be negative, of low magnitude, direct, uncertain, widespread, permanent, reversible, and insignificant.

Pressure on the energy, water, and sanitation supply network

It is also expected that during the operational phase, activities related to electricity and water consumption and the generation of solid and liquid waste may put pressure on the

public distribution network infrastructure (if the terminal is connected to the network). However, the production of liquid effluents and consumption of drinking water is not expected to put pressure on public infrastructure, as the facilities will have their own autonomous effluent and drinking water storage system.

The impacts are considered to be negative, of low magnitude, direct, unlikely, local, permanent, reversible, and insignificant.

Reduction in grain transport time due to proximity to the EN-250

At this stage, it is considered that the location of the grain terminal near the EN-250 could reduce grain reception and transport time.

The impact is considered to be positive, moderate in magnitude, direct, probable, regional, permanent, irreversible, and very significant.

7.14.3 Decommissioning phase

Pressure on the road network

During this phase, there will be an increase in traffic intensity on the roads serving the area where the grain terminal is located, with a consequent increase in the probability of road accidents and road degradation during decommissioning due to the transport of equipment and waste resulting from demolition and excavation.

This is considered a negative impact of low magnitude, direct, certain, widespread, permanent, reversible, and significant.

Once decommissioned, it reduces the impacts caused by the grain terminal in terms of this descriptor. It is a positive impact, of low magnitude, direct, certain, local, temporary, reversible, and insignificant.

7.15 WASTE PRODUCTION, CONTROL, AND MANAGEMENT

7.15.1 Construction phase

Waste production

It is considered that during the construction of the metal silos, various types of waste will be generated, including inert waste such as rubble and scrap metal, hazardous waste such as oils, greases, paints, and solvents, organic waste from workers' food scraps, and recyclable waste such as plastics, cardboard, and packaging.

There may also be liquid waste resulting from the use of changing rooms and the maintenance and cleaning of the facilities.

At this stage, they are considered negative, of reduced magnitude, direct, certain, localized, permanent, reversible, and insignificant.

Risks of environmental contamination

It is considered that the incorrect storage and disposal of solid and liquid waste may cause a risk of environmental contamination.

At this stage, they are considered negative, of reduced magnitude, direct and indirect, probable, localized, temporary, reversible, and insignificant.

Proper management of this waste will be essential to minimize environmental impact during construction.

7.15.2 Operation phase

Waste production

During this phase, various types of waste will be produced as a result of grain deterioration, office waste, cafeteria waste, maintenance area waste, facility cleaning waste, etc.

This will mainly consist of cardboard, plastic packaging, cans, plastic bottles, food scraps, PETs, lubricating oils, damaged parts, effluents from the changing rooms, etc.

The impacts considered in this phase are negative, of reduced magnitude, direct, certain, localized, permanent, irreversible, and significant to slightly significant, subject to the adoption of mitigation measures.

Risks of environmental contamination

It is considered that the incorrect storage and disposal of solid and liquid waste may cause a risk of environmental contamination. At this stage, these risks are considered to be negative, of reduced magnitude, direct and indirect, probable, localized, permanent, reversible, and insignificant.

The development and implementation of a Waste Management Plan is essential to prevent incidents.

7.15.3 Decommissioning phase

Waste production

At this stage, large quantities of waste may be produced, whether solid, liquid, etc. Therefore, very specific measures must be taken regarding its collection and final destination. At this stage, they are considered negative, moderate in magnitude, direct, probable, localized, temporary, reversible, immediate, and significant.

Once decommissioned, the terminal's impact in terms of waste production is reduced. This is a positive impact, of reduced magnitude, which is direct, certain, localized, permanent, reversible, and insignificant.

Risks of environmental contamination

It is considered that the incorrect storage and disposal of solid and liquid waste may cause a risk of environmental contamination. At this stage, they are considered negative, of reduced magnitude, direct and indirect, probable, localized, temporary, reversible, and insignificant.

Proper management of this waste will be essential to minimize environmental impact during construction.

7.15.4 LAND USE PLANNING

7.15.5 Construction phase

The actions necessary for the construction of the silos are compatible with the provisions of the Law on Spatial Planning and Urban Development (Law No. 3/2004, of June 25), namely with the provisions of Article 42(b). They are also compatible with the provisions of the Land Law (Law No. 9/04 of November 9), namely in its Article 68, paragraph a.

7.15.6 Operational phase

The project ensures compliance with the various land management instruments in force in the area of implementation.

However, there will only be a negative impact if authorization has not been requested from the municipal or communal administration regarding the project's framework.

7.15.7 Decommissioning phase

The actions necessary for the decommissioning of the terminal must be in line with the provisions of the Law on Territorial Planning and Urban Development (Law No. 3/2004 of June 25), as well as other related laws.

7.16 HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE

Given that no classified heritage sites have been identified in the area directly affected and in the immediate vicinity of the site, no impacts are expected to directly affect this descriptor, either during the construction, operation, or decommissioning phases.

7.17 ANALYSIS OF THE VULNERABILITY OF THE "SILOS" PROJECT TO THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE

The project falls under Category 2 according to the Bank's Climate Safeguards system. This indicates that the project has moderate vulnerability to climate change, requiring an analysis of the risks associated with climate change and the implementation of adaptation measures.

Climate change has been a global concern, with significant effects on food security, water availability, and increased frequency of extreme weather events. Angola, due to its geographical location and dependence on agriculture, is particularly vulnerable to these impacts. Among the main challenges facing the country are prolonged drought, soil erosion, changes in rainfall patterns, and rising temperatures, factors that directly affect agricultural production and the food security of the population.

Angola, despite its low contribution to global warming, is among the nations most impacted by climate change due to the vulnerability of its ecosystems. The effects include increased aridity and recurrence of droughts, intensification of saline intrusion and deterioration of underground water reserves, soil degradation and loss of biodiversity, as well as an increase in the frequency and intensity of tropical storms, among others.

The project to build a grain terminal in Catabola aims to improve the conservation and storage of cereals, reducing post-harvest losses and ensuring greater stability in food supply. However, to ensure its effectiveness and sustainability, it is essential to analyze its vulnerability to climate change:

- **Water security:** Water scarcity can affect the grain drying process and storage efficiency, especially during prolonged periods of drought.
- **Impact on infrastructure:** High temperatures and heavy rains can compromise the structure of silos, accelerating the degradation of materials and increasing maintenance costs.

- **Effects on agricultural production:** The reduction in the production of corn, rice, beans, soybeans, and other types of grains due to climate change may impact the use of silos, reducing the operational efficiency of the project.
- **Need for adaptation:** Measures such as the construction of rainwater harvesting systems, the use of heat-resistant materials, and the adoption of climate monitoring systems are essential to mitigate the impacts.

To address these challenges, Angola is committed to several international agreements on climate change, including:

- Paris Agreement (2015): Angola has made commitments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to climate change by promoting the resilience of agricultural systems.
- United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC): The country has developed national climate adaptation plans to mitigate negative impacts.
- United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP): Angola participates in initiatives for the sustainable use of natural resources and protection of biodiversity.

Regarding the occurrence of other extreme weather events, such as temperature variations, heat islands, heavy rains, tropical storms, landslides, and periods of severe drought, there are still no studies that allow for concrete predictions, and there is great uncertainty about these projections.

All efforts to build sustainable infrastructure were a fundamental requirement to ensure the absorption, reduction, or prevention of emissions that this project seeks to achieve in the operational phase.

The grain terminal project in Catabola is essential to ensuring food security, but it faces risks due to climate change. To ensure its viability and longevity, it is crucial to integrate climate adaptation measures, such as infrastructure improvements, flood control, water harvesting, wastewater treatment and reuse, and constant monitoring of environmental and social impacts. Adherence to international commitments reinforces the need for sustainable strategies that ensure the project's resilience in the face of climate challenges.

7.18 SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

The following table presents a summary of environmental and social impacts, consisting of a final assessment that summarizes and classifies the main impacts identified during the environmental and social impact assessment (ESIA). At this stage, the negative and positive impacts on the environment resulting from the project activities are analyzed according to environmental factors, in relation to the criteria used to assess the impacts (magnitude, duration, incidence, probability, etc.) and their scale (section 7.1), without assigning a numerical value to their significance. Climate change not caused by the project, but rather globally by potential climate change that could have impacts at the national level, was also included in this summary.

Table 45: Summary of environmental impacts (construction phase)

Descriptor	Impact	Phase	Activity/area affected	Impact characteristics
Climate	Change in evapotranspiration at ground level	Construction	Clearing and earthmoving (blasting), installation and use of the construction site, construction of the grain terminal.	Negative, direct, reduced magnitude, temporary and permanent operation), reversible and irreversible operation), unlikely, localized and insignificant.
Geology/ geomorphology	Changes to local geomorphology (caused by excavation and landfill works)	Construction	Clearing and earthmoving (blasting), installation and use of the construction site, construction of the grain terminal.	Negative, direct, low magnitude, temporary, irreversible, certain, localized, and insignificant.
Soils	Risk of soil contamination (concrete, oil, and fuel resulting from accidental spills) Soil compaction (due to the movement of machinery, equipment, and personnel)	Construction	Clearing of land, soil movement, and handling of hazardous products and effluents.	Negative, direct, low magnitude, temporary, reversible, probable, localized, and insignificant.
Land use	Change in land use	Construction	Project area	Negative, direct, reduced magnitude, temporary, reversible, certain, local, and insignificant.
Groundwater resources	-Contamination of the aquifer by accidental spills and/or runoff of waste -Decreased recharge of surface aquifers	Construction	Clearing and earthmoving (blasting), installation and use of the construction site	Negative, direct and indirect, low magnitude, temporary, reversible, unlikely, localized, and insignificant.
Surface water resources	-Impact on surface water drainage patterns (resulting from soil compaction and sealing); -Contamination of watercourses by accidental spills and/or runoff of waste.	Construction	Construction of buildings and infrastructure, transportation of people and materials	Negative, direct, low magnitude, temporary (contamination) and permanent, reversible, probable (contamination) and uncertain (alteration of runoff), local and insignificant.
Flora and Fauna	-Disturbance and dusting of surrounding flora; -Running over and killing of species; -Disturbance of local fauna	Construction	Cleaning, excavation, and earthworks; installation and use of construction sites; construction of buildings and infrastructure; transportation of people and materials	Negative, direct and indirect, low magnitude, temporary (construction), reversible and irreversible (in the case of wildlife death), certain, localized, and insignificant.
Landscape	Change in the character of the landscape with the introduction of buildings (spatial and functional disorganization of the territory, introduction of "foreign" elements)	Construction	Project area and surroundings	Negative, direct, moderate magnitude, temporary, irreversible, certain, localized, and insignificant.

Descriptor	Impact	Phase	Activity/area affected	Impact characteristics
Air Quality	Emissions of gases and particulate matter (dust) from excavation and landfill activities	Construction	Cleaning and stripping of soil, earthworks; blasting; Installation and use of the construction site; construction of the building and infrastructure; transportation of people and materials	Negative, direct, low magnitude, temporary, reversible, certain, local, and insignificant.
	Increase in CO and NOx concentrations from road traffic	Construction	Area surrounding the project	Negative, indirect, low magnitude, temporary, reversible, uncertain, localized, and insignificant.
Noise environment	Increased noise levels (from traffic vehicles, mostly heavy vehicles assigned to the construction site, and from the operation of machinery and equipment)	Construction	Cleaning and stripping of the soil, earthworks, demolition, installation and use of the construction site, construction of the building and infrastructure, transport of people and materials, etc.	Negative, direct, moderate, temporary, reversible, certain, widespread, and significant.
Socioeconomic	Nuisance to the local population (caused by noise and dust emissions, disruption to traffic flow)	Construction	Cleaning and stripping of soil, earthworks, clearing, installation and use of the construction site, construction of the building and infrastructure, transportation of people and materials, etc.	Negative, indirect, small in scale, temporary, reversible, probable, widespread, and insignificant.
	Job creation	Construction	Project surrounding area and area of direct and indirect influence	Positive, direct, small in scale, temporary, reversible, certain, widespread, and insignificant.
	Boosting of associated sectors of activity	Construction	Project area and area of direct and indirect influence	Positive, direct and indirect, low magnitude, temporary, reversible, probable, widespread and insignificant.
	Risk of accidents (accidents involving workers and the population)	Construction	Project surroundings and area of direct and indirect influence	Negative, direct and indirect, low to moderate magnitude, temporary, reversible, uncertain, widespread and insignificant.
	Increased population retention, especially among the working-age population	Operation	Project surrounding area and area of direct influence	Negative, indirect, small in scale, temporary, reversible, probable, localized, and insignificant.
	Gender inequality in the workplace, sexual harassment, gender-based violence	Construction	Project surrounding area and area of direct influence	Negative, indirect, low magnitude, temporary, reversible, probable, localized, and insignificant.
Infrastructure	Pressure on the EN 250 road network	Construction	Project area	Negative, direct, low magnitude, temporary, reversible, unlikely, local and widespread, insignificant.
	Pressure on the energy, water, and sanitation supply network	Construction	Project area	Negative, direct, reduced magnitude, temporary, reversible, unlikely, localized, and insignificant.
Waste	Waste production	Construction	Project area	Negative impact, direct, low magnitude, temporary, reversible, certain, localized, and insignificant.
	Risks of environmental contamination	Construction	Project area and surroundings	Negative impact, direct, low magnitude, temporary, reversible, probable, localized, and insignificant.
Climate change	Temperature variations, heat islands, rise in average sea level, heavy rainfall, storms, floods, landslides, and extreme drought events (not caused by the project, but by potential climate change)	Construction	Project area and surroundings	Negative impact

Table 46: Summary of environmental impacts (operation phase)

Descriptor	Impact	Phase	Activity/area affected	Impact characteristics
Climate	Increased perception of heat discomfort	Operation	Grain terminal operation.	Negative, direct, reduced magnitude, permanent, irreversible operation, unlikely, localized, and insignificant.
Geology/ Geomorphology	Changes in local geomorphology	Operation	Grain terminal operation	Negative, direct, low magnitude, permanent, irreversible, certain, localized, and insignificant.
Soils	Risks of soil contamination (oils and fuels resulting from accidental spills) Soil compaction (due to the movement of trucks, equipment, and personnel)	Operation	Handling of hazardous products and effluents, transport of grain and personnel	Negative, direct, low magnitude, permanent, reversible, probable, localized, and insignificant.
Land use	Change in land use	Operation	Project area	Negative, direct, reduced magnitude, permanent, irreversible, certain, local, and insignificant.
Groundwater resources	-Contamination of the aquifer by accidental spills and/or runoff of waste -Decreased recharge of surface aquifers	Operation	Compaction due to light and heavy vehicle traffic, impermeable areas during construction	Negative, indirect, low magnitude, temporary, reversible, unlikely, localized, and insignificant.
Surface water resources	-Impact on surface water drainage patterns (resulting from soil compaction and sealing); -Contamination of watercourses by accidental spills and/or runoff of waste.	Operation	Circulation of light and heavy vehicles, poor management of chemicals	Negative, direct, reduced magnitude, temporary (contamination) and permanent, reversible, probable (contamination) and uncertain (alteration of runoff), local and insignificant.
Flora and Fauna	-Disturbance and dusting of surrounding flora; -Running over and killing of species; -Disturbance of local fauna	Operation	Cleaning and maintenance of facilities, circulation of light and heavy vehicles, operation of facilities	Negative, direct and indirect, reduced magnitude, permanent, reversible and irreversible (in the case of fauna death), certain, localized, and insignificant.
Landscape	Change in the character of the landscape	Operation	Project area and surroundings	Negative, direct, moderate magnitude, permanent, irreversible, certain, localized, and significant.
Air quality	Emissions of gases and particulate matter	Operation	Use of generators, cleaning of facilities, circulation of light and heavy vehicles.	Negative, direct, low magnitude, temporary and permanent, reversible, certain, local, and insignificant.
	Increased concentration of CO and NOx from road traffic	Operation	Area surrounding the project	Negative, indirect, low magnitude, permanent, reversible, uncertain, localized, and insignificant.

Descriptor	Impact	Phase	Activity/area affected	Impact Features
Noise Noise	Increased noise levels	Operation	Operation of silos, maintenance of facilities, movement of vehicles and employees	Negative, direct, moderate, temporary, reversible, certain, widespread, and significant.
Socioeconomic	Nuisance to the local population (caused by noise and dust emissions, traffic flow constraints)	Operation	Operation of silos, maintenance of facilities, movement of vehicles and employees	Negative, indirect, reduced magnitude, temporary, reversible, probable, widespread, and insignificant.
	Job creation	Operation	Project surrounding area and area of direct and indirect influence	Positive, direct, low magnitude, temporary, reversible, certain, widespread, and insignificant.
	Boosting of associated sectors of activity	Operation	Project area and area of direct and indirect influence	Positive, direct and indirect, low magnitude, temporary, reversible, probable, widespread and insignificant.
	Risk of accidents (accidents involving workers and the general public)	Operation	Project surrounding area and area of direct and indirect influence	Negative, direct and indirect, moderate magnitude, temporary, reversible and irreversible (in case of death), uncertain, widespread and insignificant.
	Increased population retention, especially among the working-age population	Operation	Project surrounding area and area of direct influence	Negative, indirect, low magnitude, temporary and permanent, reversible, probable, localized, and insignificant.
	Gender inequality in the workplace, sexual harassment, gender-based violence	Operation	Project surrounding area and area of direct influence	Negative, indirect, low magnitude, permanent, reversible, probable, localized, and insignificant.
Infrastructure	Pressure on the road network	Operation	Project area	Negative, direct, low magnitude, permanent, reversible, unlikely, local and widespread, insignificant.
	Pressure on the energy, water, and sanitation supply network	Operation	Project area	Negative, direct, low magnitude, permanent, reversible, unlikely, localized and widespread, and insignificant.
	Reduction in grain transport time due to proximity to the EN-250	Operation	Project area	Positive, direct, moderate magnitude, permanent, irreversible, probable, regional, and very significant.
Waste	Waste production	Operation	Project Area	Negative impact, direct, low magnitude, permanent, irreversible, certain, localized, and insignificant.
	Risks of environmental contamination	Operation	Project area and surroundings	Negative impact, direct, low magnitude, temporary, reversible, probable, localized, and insignificant.
Climate change	Temperature variations, heat islands, rising sea levels, heavy rainfall, storms, floods, landslides, and extreme drought events (not caused by the project, but by potential climate change)	Construction and operation	Project area and surroundings	Negative impact

Table 47: Summary of environmental impacts (decommissioning phase)

Descriptor	Impact	Phase	Activity/area affected	Impact characteristics
Climate	Change in evapotranspiration at ground level	Decommissioning	Restoration of degraded areas after decommissioning	Positive, reduced magnitude, direct, probable, localized, permanent or temporary, reversible, and insignificant.
Geology/geomorphology	Changes in local geomorphology (caused by excavation and landfill works)	Decommissioning	Cleaning and earthmoving, excavations for the removal of structural foundations	Negative, direct, temporary, localized, probable, immediate, irreversible, and insignificant.
Soils	Risks of soil contamination (oils, fuels, and effluents) resulting from accidental spills	Decommissioning	Cleaning and earthmoving, excavations for the removal of structural foundations, movement and handling of hazardous products and effluents.	Negative, magnitude reduced, direct, probable, local, temporary, reversible, immediate, and insignificant.
	Soil compaction (due to the movement of machinery, equipment, and personnel)			
	Return of the soil to its undisturbed state			Positive, magnitude reduced, direct, probable, localized, permanent, reversible, medium and long term, and insignificant.
Land use	Change in land use (return to its natural state prior to the terminal's implementation)	Decommissioning	Project area	Positive, magnitude reduced, direct, probable, localized, permanent, reversible, medium and long term, and insignificant.
Groundwater resources	-Contamination of the aquifer by accidental spills and/or runoff of waste	Decommissioning	Cleaning and earthmoving, excavations for the removal of structural foundations, movement and handling of hazardous products and effluents.	Negative, reduced magnitude, direct, probable, local, temporary, reversible, and insignificant
	-Decreased recharge of surface aquifers			
	Gradual return to undisturbed surface water drainage patterns.		Recovery of degraded areas	Positive, reduced magnitude, direct, probable, local, temporary, reversible, and insignificant
Surface water resources	-Impact on surface water drainage patterns	Decommissioning	Cleaning and earthmoving, excavations for the removal of structural foundations, movement and handling of hazardous products and effluents.	Negative, reduced magnitude, direct, probable, local, temporary, reversible, and insignificant
	-Contamination of watercourses by accidental spills and/or runoff of waste.			
	Gradual return to undisturbed surface water drainage patterns.		Recovery of degraded areas	Positive, reduced magnitude, direct, probable, local, temporary, reversible, and insignificant
Flora and Fauna	-Disturbance and dusting of surrounding flora;	Decommissioning	Cleaning and earthmoving, demolition, and excavation for the removal of structural foundations	Negative, direct and indirect, reduced magnitude, temporary, reversible and irreversible (in the case of fauna death), certain and probable, localized and insignificant.
	-Running over and killing of species;			
	-Disturbance of local fauna			
	Gradual return to undisturbed patterns of fauna and flora		Recovery of degraded areas and reforestation	Positive, reduced magnitude, direct, certain and probable, localized, temporary, reversible, and insignificant

Descriptor	Impact	Phase	Activity/area affected	Impact characteristics
Landscape	Change in the character of the landscape (spatial and functional disorganization)	Deactivation	Project area and surroundings	Negative, low and high magnitude (in the case of abandonment), direct, certain, local, temporary and permanent (in the case of abandonment), reversible, immediate, and insignificant
	Gradual return of the landscape to its undisturbed state			Positive, low magnitude, direct, probable, localized, temporary, reversible, insignificant
Air quality	Emissions of gases and particulate matter (dust) from excavation and landfill activities	Decommissioning	Cleaning and earthmoving, demolition, and excavation for the removal of structural foundations	Negative, low magnitude, direct, probable, local, temporary, reversible, and insignificant.
	Increased concentration of CO and NOx from road traffic		Project area and surroundings	
	Elimination of sources of air pollution			Positive, magnitude reduced, direct, certain, localized, temporary, reversible, and insignificant
Noise environment	Increased noise levels (from vehicle traffic, mostly heavy vehicles involved in the construction work)	Deactivation	Cleaning and earthmoving, demolition, and excavation for the removal of structural foundations	Negative, moderate magnitude, direct, certain, local, temporary, reversible, insignificant.
	Elimination of noise sources		Project area and surroundings	Positive, moderate magnitude, direct, certain, local, temporary, reversible, and insignificant.
Socioeconomic	Nuisance to the local population (caused by noise and dust emissions, traffic flow constraints)	Decommissioning	Cleaning and earthworks, demolition and excavation for the removal of structural foundations	Negative, reduced magnitude, direct, probable, local and widespread, temporary, reversible, and insignificant.
	Job creation	Decommissioning	Project surrounding area and area of direct and indirect influence	Positive, direct, small in scale, temporary, reversible, certain, widespread, and insignificant.
	Boosting of associated sectors of activity	Decommissioning	Project surrounding area and area of direct and indirect influence	Negative, moderate magnitude, direct and indirect, certain, local and regional, permanent, reversible, and significant.
	Risk of accidents (accidents involving workers and the population)	Decommissioning	Project surrounding area and area of direct and indirect influence	Negative, moderate, direct, probable, local and regional, temporary, reversible and irreversible (in case of death), insignificant to significant.
	Increase in the number of unemployed people	Decommissioning	Project surrounding area and area of direct and indirect influence	Negative, direct, low magnitude, permanent, reversible, certain, widespread, and insignificant.
	Return gradual to unaffected of of populations			Positive, direct, small in magnitude, temporary, reversible, probable, widespread, and insignificant.
Infrastructure	Pressure on the EN 250 road network	Deactivation	Project area and surroundings	Negative, reduced magnitude, direct, uncertain, extended, temporary, reversible, and insignificant.
	Reduced pressure on the road network, energy supply, water, and sanitation	Deactivation	Project area and surroundings	Positive, reduced magnitude, direct, certain, extended, permanent, reversible, and insignificant

Descriptor	Impact	Phase	Activity/area affected	Impact characteristics
Waste	Waste production	Decommissioning	Cleaning and earthmoving, demolition, and excavation for the removal of structural foundations	Negative, moderate magnitude, direct, certain, localized, temporary, reversible, immediate, and significant.
	Risks of environmental contamination	Decommissioning	Cleaning and improper storage of waste, movement and handling of hazardous products and effluents.	Negative, moderate magnitude, direct, certain, localized, temporary, reversible, immediate, and significant.
	Elimination of impacts caused by the terminal in terms of waste production	Decommissioning	Project area and surroundings	Positive, low magnitude, direct, certain, localized, permanent, reversible, and insignificant
Climate change	Temperature variations, heat islands, rise in average sea level, heavy rainfall, storms, floods, landslides, and extreme drought events (not caused by the project, but by potential climate change)	Decommissioning	Project area and surroundings	Negative impact

7.19 CLASSIFICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACTS IN TERMS OF THEIR SIGNIFICANCE

The classification regarding the significance of environmental and social impacts is obtained by multiplying the criteria Probability (P), Incidence (I), Magnitude (M), and Duration (T) established in section 7.1.1, taking into account the values assigned to them in Table 39.

The following section presents summary tables of the classification of environmental and social impacts for each impact described, its assessment, and mitigating or enhancing measures. The indication of general and specific measures is in accordance with the code indicated in Chapter 8.

The tables do not exhaust the assessment of impacts, but are intended only to present, in a systematic and expeditious manner, the impacts that were considered, the significance values assigned, and the measures proposed, considering the construction and operation phases.

It should be noted that the impacts caused by the location of the construction site were not taken into account, as its location is unknown, nor were the impacts generated during the decommissioning phase, as they will be similar to those expected to occur during the construction phase.

Table 48: Classification of the environmental and social impacts of the project (construction phase)

DESCRIPTION	IMPACT	NATURE	OCCURRENCE	MAGNITUDE	DURATION	REVERSIBILITY	PROBABILITY	INCIDENCE	MITIGATION MEASURES	SIGNIFICANCE
Climate	Change in evapotranspiration and temperature at ground level	-	D	R	T	RV	PR	L	MGC 1/ MMC 1	-3
Geology and Geomorphology	Changes in local geomorphology	-	D	R	T	IR	C	L	MGC 1/MMC 2	-8
Soil	Soil compaction, contamination, and erosion	-	D	R	T	RV	PR	L	MGC 1/MMC 3,4,5	-3
Land use	Land use change	-	D	R	T	RV	PR	L	MGC 1	-3
Surface water resources Surface water	Contamination of waterways by accidental spills and/or waste runoff	-	D	R	T	RV	PR	L	MGC1/MMC 6,7,8	-3
Underground Ground water	Contamination of the aquifer by accidental spills and/or runoff of waste	-	IND	R	T	RV	IMP	L	MGC 1/MMC 9,10,11	-1
Flora	Disturbance and destruction of flora	-	D	R	R	RV	PR	L	MGC 1/MMC 12,13,14	-3
Wildlife	Risks of species being run over and killed	-	D	R	T	IR	IC	A	MMC 16	-8
	Disturbance of local fauna	-	D	R	T	RV	PR	L	MMC 15	-3
	Barrier effect on the circulation of terrestrial fauna	-	D	R	P	IR	IMP	L	SM	-2

DESCRIPTION	IMPACT	NATURE	OCCURRENCE	MAGNITUDE	DURATION	REVERSIBILITY	PROBABILITY	INCIDENCE	MITIGATION MEASURES	SIGNIFICANCE
Landscape	Landscape alteration	-	D	M	T	RV	C	L	MGC 1/MMC 17,18,21	-8
Air quality	Emissions of gases and particulate matter	-	D	R	T	RV	C	L	MGC 14:11 MMC 20:21,22,23	-4
Noise environment	Increased noise levels	-	M	R	T	RV	C	A	MGC 11.14 MMC 24:25,26	-16
Socioeconomics	Job creation	+	D	R	T	RV	C	A	MGC 6.8/MMC 27	8
	Dynamization of sectors of activity	+	IND	R	T	RV	PR	A	MGC 2,6,8/MMC 28	6
	Nuisance to local residents (vehicle traffic, noise, dust)	-	D	R	T	RV	PR	A	MGC 2,6,8/MMC 29	-6
	Accident risks	-	D	M	T	RV	IC	A	MGC 4,6,8,12,14 MMC 30,31	-8

DESCRIPTION	IMPACT	NATURE	OCCURRENCE	MAGNITUDE	DURATION	REVERSIBILITY	PROBABILITY	INCIDENCE	MITIGATION MEASURES	SIGNIFICANCE
Infrastructure	Pressure on the road network	-	D	R	T	RV	IC	A	MMC 32, 33, 34, 35	-4
Waste	Waste production	-	D	R	P	RV	C	L	MGC 3.10/MMC 39	-8
	Risks of environmental contamination	-	IND	R	T	RV	PR	L	MGC 3 MMC 36, 37, 38	-3

Nature: Positive (+), Negative (-)

Occurrence: Direct (D), Indirect (Ind)

Magnitude: Low (L), Moderate (M), High (H) **Incidence:** Local

(L), Widespread (W), Regional (R) **Duration:** Temporary (T),

Permanent (P) **Reversibility:** Reversible (Rv.), Irreversible (Ir)

Probability of occurrence: Unlikely (IMP), Uncertain (INC), Likely (PR), Certain (C)

Significance: Very Significant (VS), Significant (S), Not Significant (NS) GCM-general measures

for the construction phase

MMC-specific mitigation measure for the construction phase

SM-No measure

Table 49: Identification and assessment of the project's environmental impacts (operation phase)

DESCRIPTION	IMPACT	NATURE	OCCURRENCE	MAGNITUDE	DURATION	REVERSIBILITY	PROBABILITY	INCIDENCE	MITIGATION MEASURES	SIGNIFICANCE
Climate	Increased perception of heat discomfort	-	D	R	P	R	IMP	L	MMO 1	-2
Geology and Geomorphology	Changes in local geomorphology	-	D	R	P	IR	C	L	MMO 2.3	-16
Soil	Risk of soil contamination from accidental spills	-	D	R	T	RV	PR	L	MGO 2/MMO 5.6	-3
	Compaction due to the movement of people and vehicles	-	D	R	P	RV	PR	L	MMO 3	-6
Land use	Land use change	-	D	R	P	IR	C	L	SM	-16
Resources Surface water	Contamination of waterways by accidental spills and/or waste runoff	-	D	R	T	RV	PR	L	MGO 2/MMO 7.8	-3
	Impact on surface water drainage patterns and increased runoff	-	D	R	P	RV	PR	L	MMO 9	-6

DESCRIPTION	IMPACT	NATURE	OCCURRENCE	MAGNITUDE	DURATION	REVERSIBILITY	PROBABILITY	INCIDENCE	MITIGATION MEASURES	SIGNIFICANCE
Water resources Ground water	Contamination of aquifer by accidental spills and/or runoff of waste	-	IND	R	T	RV	IC	L	MGO 2/MMO 11	-2
	Possible decrease in local water table	-	IND	R	P	IR	IMP	L	SM	-8
Flora	Disturbance and dusting of surrounding flora	-	D	R	P	RV	PR	L	MGO 1/ MMO 12, 13, 14, 15, 16	-6
Wildlife	Roadkill and death of species	-	IND	R	P	IR	IC	L	MGO 1/ MMO 6, 20, 21, 22	-8
	Disturbance of local fauna	-	IND	R	P	IR	IC	L	MGO 1.10/MMO 17,18,21,22	-8
Landscape	Change in the character of the landscape with the introduction of buildings and landscaping	-	D	M	P	IR	C	L	MMO 23, 24, 25, 26	-32
Air quality	Emissions of gases and particulate matter	-	D	M	P	RV	C	L	MGO 7.9/MMO 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32	-16
Noise environment	Increased noise levels	-	D	M	P	RV	PR	L	MGO 7.9/MMO 33, 34, 35, 36	-12

DESCRIPTION	IMPACT	NATURE	OCCURRENCE	MAGNITUDE	DURATION	REVERSIBILITY	PROBABILITY	INCIDENCE	MITIGATION MEASURES	SIGNIFICANCE
Socioeconomics	Job creation	+	D	M	P	---	C	A	MGO 8/MMO 39	32
	Revitalization of sectors of activity	+	IND	M	P	RV	PR	R	MMO 38, 37, 40	36
	Nuisance to the population (vehicle traffic, noise, dust)	-	D	M	P	RV	PR	L	MGO 8/ MMO 41	-12
	Risks of accidents involving the population	-	D	M	P	RV	IC	A	MGO 2/MMO 43,44,45	-16
Infrastructure	Pressure on the road network	-	D	R	P	RV	IC	A	MMO 49	-8
	Pressure on the energy, water, and sanitation supply network	-	D	R	P	RV	IC	A	MMO 50,51,52	-8
	Reduction in grain flow time due to proximity to EN-250	+	D	M	P	IR	PR	R	SM	72

DESCRIPTION	IMPACT	NATURE	OCCURRENCE	MAGNITUDE	DURATION	REVERSIBILITY	PROBABILITY	INCIDENCE	MITIGATION MEASURES	SIGNIFICANCE
Waste	Waste production	-	D	R	P	IR	C	L	MGO 3.7.9/MMO 53.55	-16
	Risks of environmental contamination	-	D	R	P	RV	PR	L	MGO 2,3,7,9/MMO 54,55,56	-6

Nature: Positive (+), Negative (-)

Occurrence: Direct (D), Indirect (Ind)

Magnitude: Low (L), Moderate (M), High (H) **Incidence:** Local

(L), Widespread (W), Regional (R) **Duration:** Temporary (T),

Permanent (P) **Reversibility:** Reversible (Rv.), Irreversible (Ir)

Probability of occurrence: Improbable (IMP), Uncertain (INC), Probable (PR), Certain (C)

Significance: Very Significant (VS), Significant (S), Not Significant (NS) MGO-general

measures for the operational phase

MMO-specific mitigation measure for the operation phase

SM-No measure

8 MITIGATION MEASURES

8.1 GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

Mitigation, in the environment, consists of human intervention with the aim of reducing or remedying a specific harmful environmental and social impact. It also means reference to a specific act.

According to the *National Environmental Policy Act*, mitigation measures include:

- Preventive measures (aimed at avoiding an impact);
- Minimizing measures (which aim to reduce an impact);
- Compensatory measures (which aim to compensate for an unavoidable impact) (CEQ, 1987).

Mitigation measures may consist of specific actions to be implemented during the preparation/construction and operation phases of the Project. This EIA suggests several generic mitigation measures to be implemented by the end of the preparation/construction phase and some specific mitigation measures for the negative impacts identified at the level of the different descriptors in both phases, thus aiming to reduce the impacts in a comprehensive manner and covering all descriptors.

The changes caused by the activities planned in the project can be minimized, prevented, compensated for, monitored, or improved through the adoption of measures and programs aimed at improving the environmental and social quality of the project and adapting its integration into the environment.

The first level of mitigation measures applies to the Implementation Project, which will be developed by the winner of the tender for the construction of the Grain Terminal. This project will be prepared based on the Base Project analyzed in this EIAS report. The measures to be implemented in the Implementation Project focus on the technical specifications of the project elements and the construction methodologies to be adopted by the Contractor.

The second level of mitigation measures refers to preventive actions, whose main objective is to avoid the emergence of negative impacts and reduce the environmental risks of certain activities of the construction or operation phase of the project.

In addition to the hierarchical approach, the presentation of mitigation measures is also structured according to the project phases (execution, construction, and operation) and organized by thematic areas.

The proposed measures focus on impact prevention and mitigation. However, as the project is located in an area of critical habitats, it will be necessary, in accordance with Operational Safeguard 3 of the AfDB, to adopt compensatory measures. This issue is detailed in the Biodiversity Action Plan, a document complementary to this EIA, which will describe the proposed compensatory measures, with an emphasis on the conservation of the region's fauna and flora.

The mitigation measures presented follow the guidelines of the African Development Bank's Integrated Safeguards System, particularly Operational Safeguards (OS) 1, 3, 4, and 5, as well as the regulations and standards established by international conventions.

Six complementary initiatives are presented aimed at supporting local organizations, as well as capacity building and awareness raising actions for the community in the region.

These measures are directly related to the effects that will be caused by the construction and operation of the grain terminal owned by the Carrinho Group, SA.

8.2 GENERAL AND SPECIFIC MEASURES

The proposed general and specific measures will be implemented during the construction and operation phases.

As presented in Tables 50, 51, 52, and 53.

Table 50: General mitigation and enhancement measures for environmental and social impacts (construction phase)

ID	ACTION/ACTIVITY	MITIGATION MEASURES	RESPONSIBILITY	COSTS (USD)
MGC 1	Construction	Develop and implement a construction site management program	Contractor	(included in the installation cost of the shipyard)
MGC 2	Construction	Development and Implementation of a Complaint Resolution Mechanism.	Contractor	USD 2,000/month
MGC 3	Construction	Monitoring Plan for Stored Effluents	Contractor	3,500 USD
MGC 4	Construction	Development and implementation of the Worker Health and Safety Plan	Contractor	8,000 USD
MGC 5	Construction	Preparation and implementation of an Emergency Plan	Contractor	8,000 USD
MGC 6	Construction	Preparation and implementation of the Environmental and Social Management Plan	Contractor	5,500 USD/month
MGC 7	Construction	Develop and implement an Environmental Education Program	Contractor	1,000 USD/month
MGC 8	Construction	Develop and implement a Communication and Stakeholder Relations Plan	Contractor	3,000 USD/month
MGC 9	Construction	Preparation and implementation of an environmental and social monitoring plan on the progress of the works, including the impacts caused and the measures taken to mitigate and/or compensate for them, which must be submitted to MINAMB.	Contractor	3,500 USD/per report
MGC 10	Construction	Preparation and implementation of a Waste Management Plan	Contractor	4,500 USD
MGC 11	Fencing installation	In order to reduce noise, dust, and exhaust emissions to the outside, the construction site will be fenced around its entire perimeter with opaque hoardings at least 2 m high.	Contractor	(included in the cost of setting up the construction site)
MGC 12	Safety signage	The terminal construction area and access roads must be properly signposted and marked to avoid and prevent any type of incident and/or accident involving workers and/or the public.	Contractor	(included in the cost of setting up the construction site)
MGC 13	Construction	Install adequate sanitary facilities for workers	Contractor	(included in the cost of setting up the site)
MGC 14	PPE	Provide personal and collective protective equipment appropriate to the type of activities to be carried out	Contractor	(included in the cost of setting up the site)
MGC 15	Appointment of a person responsible for implementing mitigation measures	The contractor shall appoint a qualified environmental technician who shall be solely responsible for coordinating the implementation of environmental impact mitigation measures and monitoring programs. This professional shall act as an intermediary between the person responsible for executing the work and the teams in charge of implementing the established monitoring programs.	Contractor	(included in the cost of the contract)

ID	ACTION/ACTIVITY	MITIGATION MEASURES	RESPONSIBILITIES	COSTS (USD)
MGC 16	Supply of aggregates to the construction site	Whenever feasible, materials from the quarry should be supplied directly from the quarry to the work areas in order to minimize the space occupied by construction materials at the construction site and reduce the frequency of loading and unloading operations.	Contractor	(included in the cost of setting up the site)
MGC 17	Origin of aggregates	All aggregates used on site must be of legal origin, i.e., they must be purchased from quarries authorized by the competent authority and duly licensed by the Ministry of the Environment.	Contractor	(included in the cost of the contract)
MGC 14	Transport of aggregates	Ensure the proper storage of construction materials and waste from the work, especially those of a powdery or particulate nature, in order to prevent their dispersion and fall on public roads during transport to the work area or final disposal site.	Contractor	(included in the cost of the contract)

Table 51: Specific mitigation and enhancement measures for environmental and social impacts (construction phase)

ID	DESCRIPTION	ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT	MITIGATION MEASURES	RESPONSIBILITIES	COSTS (USD)
MMC 1	Climate	Change in evapotranspiration and ground-level temperature	Limit excavation and waterproofing to areas where strictly necessary.	Contractor	(Included in the work to be carried out by the Contractor)
MMC 2	Geology and geomorphology	Change in local geomorphology	Limit excavations to areas where strictly necessary.	Contractor	(Included in the work to be carried out by the Contractor)
MMC 3	Soils	Reduction in water infiltration capacity	The movement of machinery and other equipment involved in the work must be strictly confined to the designated areas;	Contractor	(Included in the work to be performed by the Contractor)
MMC 4	Soils	Soil erosion	Avoid prolonged exposure of soils	Contractor	(Included in the work to be carried out by the Contractor)
MMC 5	Soils	Contamination by spillage	Keep equipment and machinery in good working order; maintenance must be carried out in a safe, waterproof location.	Contractor	(included in the cost of setting up the construction site)
MMC 6	Surface water resources	Contamination of waterways by accidental spills and/or runoff of waste and solid sediments	Keep machinery and vehicles in good working order, do not perform maintenance in unsealed areas that are unsafe;	Contractor	(included in the cost of setting up the construction site)
MMC 7	Surface water resources	Contamination of waterways by accidental spills and/or runoff of waste and solid sediments	Properly store waste resulting from construction work;	Contractor	(included in the cost of setting up the construction site)

ID	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT	MITIGATION MEASURES	RESPONSIBILITY	COSTS (USD)
MMC 8	Surface water resources	Contamination of waterways by accidental spills and/or runoff of waste and solid sediments	Identify probable temporary watercourses or streams that may influence the dynamics of surface water flow;	Contractor	(included in the cost of setting up the construction site)
MMC 9	Groundwater resources	Contamination of the aquifer by accidental spills and/or runoff of waste	Keep machinery and vehicles in good working order, do not perform maintenance in inappropriate locations;	Contractor	(included in the cost of setting up the construction site)
MMC 10	Groundwater resources	Contamination of the aquifer by accidental spills and/or runoff of waste	Restriction to the strictly necessary number of temporary accesses and movement of vehicles assigned to the work;	Contractor	(Included in the work to be carried out by the Contractor)
MMC 11	Groundwater resources	Contamination of the aquifer by accidental spills and/or runoff of waste	Restrict the waterproofing of areas, thereby facilitating greater infiltration of rainwater into the soil and reducing runoff	Contractor	(Included in the work to be performed by the Contractor)
MMC 12	Flora	Disturbance and destruction of native flora	Avoid degradation of existing vegetation cover by restricting vehicle traffic areas;	Contractor	(Included in the work to be carried out by the Contractor)
MMC 13	Flora	Disturbance and destruction of native flora	No burning of surrounding vegetation and implementation of fencing around natural areas where endemic and endangered species occur.	Contractor	(Included in the work to be performed by the Contractor)
MMC 14	Flora	Disturbance and destruction of native flora	Raise awareness among workers and communities about the importance of the areas created and the species that inhabit them, especially endemic and endangered species.	Contractor and NGOs	(included in the cost of the contract)
MMC 15	Fauna	Disturbance of local fauna	Raise awareness among workers and communities about the importance of preserving endemic or endangered species;	Contractor and NGOs	(included in the cost of the contract)
MMC 16	Fauna	Risks of species being run over and killed	Reduce the speed of machinery and vehicles to prevent species being run over and killed. Monitoring and relocation of wild species, especially endangered or endemic species.	Contractor	(Included in the work to be carried out by the Contractor)

ID	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT	MITIGATION MEASURES	LIABILITY	COSTS (USD)
MMC 17	Landscape	Landscape alteration	Support infrastructure, materials, and equipment should be established in appropriately selected areas to avoid dispersion.	Contractor	(included in the cost of the contract)
MMC 18	Landscape	Landscape alteration	Respect for the construction typology of the work;	Contractor	(included in the cost of the contract)
MMC 19	Air quality	Degradation of air quality (particulate and gas emissions)	Avoid high-speed traffic and machinery, complying with the established speed limits (60 km/h and 30 km/h) near and within towns;	Contractor	(Included in the work to be carried out by the Contractor)
MMC 20	Air quality	Air quality degradation (particulate and gas emissions)	Moisten areas where dust may be generated;	Contractor	(included in the cost of the contract)
MMC 21	Air quality	Degradation of air quality (particulate and gas emissions)	Keep machinery and vehicles in good technical condition and use them strictly when necessary;	Contractor	(included in the cost of the contract)
MMC 22	Air quality	Degradation of air quality (particulate and gas emissions)	Avoid burning waste and vegetation;	Contractor	(Included in the work to be performed by the Contractor)
MMC 23	Air quality	Degradation of air quality (particulate and gas emissions)	In order to reduce the emission of dust and exhaust gases to the outside, the construction site will be fenced off around its entire perimeter with opaque hoardings at least 2 m high.	Contractor	(included in the cost of setting up the construction site)

ID	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT	MITIGATION MEASURES	RESPONSIBILITY	COSTS (USD)
MMC 24	Noise environment	Increased noise levels	Prevent vehicles from traveling at high speeds, complying with the established limits (60 km/h and 30 km/h) near and within localities;	Contractor	(Included in the work to be carried out by the Contractor)
MMC 25	Noise environment	Increased noise levels	In order to reduce noise emissions to the outside, the construction site will be fenced off around its entire perimeter with opaque hoardings at least 2 m high.	Contractor	(included in the cost of setting up the construction site)
MMC 26	Noise environment	Increased noise levels	Perform regular maintenance on equipment and machinery, and use them only when strictly necessary.	Contractor	(included in the cost of the contract)
MMC 27	Socioeconomics	Job creation	The creation of new unskilled jobs should primarily benefit the populations living in the immediate vicinity of the infrastructure; All labor employed by the terminal will comply with the provisions of international conventions on the protection of the rights of children and workers to which Angola is a signatory through the International Labor Organization (ILO), as well as the provisions of the AfDB's Integrated Safeguards System, namely Operational Safeguard 5.	Contractor	(included in the cost of the contract)
MMC 28	Socioeconomics	Revitalization of economy and associated sectors	Materials to support this phase should preferably be purchased on the local market;	Contractor	(included in the cost of the contract)
MMC 29	Socioeconomics	Increased inconvenience for the local population	Vehicles must comply with the speed limits (60 km/h and 30 km/h) in and around built-up areas, avoiding the use of audible signals that disturb the population;	Contractor	(Included in the work to be carried out by the Contractor)

ID	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT	MITIGATION MEASURES	RESPONSIBILITY	COSTS (USD)
MMC 30	Socioeconomics	Accident risks	Vehicles must comply with the speed limits (60 km/h and 30 km/h) near and within towns;	Contractor	(Included in the work to be carried out by the Contractor)
MMC 31	Socioeconomics	Accident risks	Training and awareness campaigns on defensive driving	Contractor	USD 2,000/month
MMC 32	Infrastructure	Pressure on the road network and urban infrastructure (water, energy, and sanitation)	Comply with the established speed limits (60 km/h and 30 km/h) near and within towns, and reduce speed on unpaved roads;	Contractor	(Included in the work to be carried out by the Contractor)
MMC 33	Infrastructure	Pressure on the road network and urban infrastructure (water, energy, and sanitation)	Training and awareness campaigns on defensive driving	Contractor	(included in the cost of the contract)
MMC 34	Infrastructure	Pressure on the road network and urban infrastructure (water, energy, and sanitation)	Water abstraction must be preceded by authorization from the competent authority, and specific measures must be adopted for its management;		(included in the cost of the contract)
MMC 35	Infrastructure	Pressure on the road network and urban infrastructure (water, energy, and sanitation)	Wastewater must be properly stored in appropriate containers in a safe area, and its collection, treatment, and disposal must be carried out by a company duly licensed for this purpose.	Contractor	(included in the cost of the contract)
MMC 36	Waste	Risks of environmental contamination	<p>Non-hazardous waste must be disposed of by a company duly licensed for this purpose;</p> <p>All polluting substances used must be stored in appropriate locations with restricted access and properly waterproofed to reduce the risk of accidental spills. In the event of an accidental spill of any polluting substance, measures to contain the contamination must be implemented immediately, including immediate cleaning of the site, stripping and removal of the affected soil layer, where applicable, and transport of the resulting waste to an appropriate final destination.</p>	Contractor	(included in the cost of the contract)

ID	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT	MITIGATION MEASURES	RESPONSIBILITY	COSTS (USD)
MMC 37	Waste	Risks of environmental contamination	All hazardous waste resulting from machine maintenance and other activities must be stored in a suitable location and sent to a licensed company for final disposal.	Contractor	(included in the cost of the contract)
MMC 38	Waste	Risks of environmental contamination	Prohibit the burning of any type of waste in the open air and/or its disposal in landfills.	Contractor	(Included in the work to be performed by the Contractor)
MMC 39	Waste	Waste production	<p>The contractor shall adopt a Waste Management Plan based on the following guidelines. To ensure efficient management of waste generated on site and its temporary storage, a specific area for selective waste disposal will be created on the site, which will be covered and equipped with big bags and metal or plastic containers properly identified according to the type of waste to be disposed of.</p> <p>Metal containers/drums shall be available for at least the following types of waste: wood, iron and steel, concrete, plastics/PVC, paper/cardboard, and packaging, among others.</p> <p>Hazardous waste, such as that containing hydrocarbons, solvents, batteries, and contaminated fabrics, must be stored in specific containers, properly identified and protected by a cover.</p> <p>This approach will promote the separation of all waste at source, preventing mixing and contamination, as well as facilitating its recovery when transferred to waste management operators duly licensed by the competent authorities. This measure follows the guidelines established in Presidential Decree No. 190/12, of August 24, which defines the general regime applicable to waste prevention, generation, and management, in addition to regulating the licensing and concession of waste management activities.</p> <p>The disposal of construction waste must comply with the provisions of Executive Decree No. 17/13 (Management of Construction and Demolition Waste).</p> <p>This action complies with the requirements of Operational Safeguard 4, which the contractor is required to comply with.</p>	Contractor	(included in the contract cost)

Table 52: General mitigation and enhancement measures for environmental and social impacts (operation phase)

ID	ACTION/ACTIVITY	MITIGATION MEASURES	RESPONSIBILITY	COSTS (USD)
MGO 1	Preparation of a Manual of Good Environmental Practices	To ensure that the grain terminal's activities do not pose unnecessary pollution risks, the facilities must have a Manual of Good Environmental Practices, which establishes the environmental management procedures to be followed by both employees and service providers when accessing the facilities. This manual must ensure that waste generated is properly disposed of, stored, and transported to authorized and regulated locations, in accordance with the provisions of Presidential Decree No. 190/12 of August 24, which defines the general regime applicable to waste prevention, generation, and management, in addition to regulating the licensing and concession of waste management activities.	Proponent	USD 3,500
MGO 2	Preparation of an Emergency Plan	The grain terminal must have a pollution control system that is compatible with the scale of the activities carried out there, allowing for the rapid and safe removal of potentially polluting substances, such as hydrocarbons and others, that may be accidentally spilled and could affect the soil or air. This measure complies with the provisions of the AfDB's Integrated Safeguard System, namely Operational Safeguard 4.	Proponent	USD 16,000/year
MGO 3	Preparation of a Waste Management Plan	Carrinho, Sa, will adopt a Waste Management Plan based on the following guidelines. To ensure the selective collection of waste generated during terminal operations, appropriate containers will be installed for the temporary storage of the different types of waste expected, including those produced by terminal users (municipal solid waste), those resulting from the loading and unloading of goods, and a specific area for the disposal of hazardous waste. All containers will be properly identified with an indication of the type of waste that can be disposed of in each one. The storage, transport, and final disposal of waste will be carried out in accordance with Presidential Decree No. 190/12 of August 24, which defines the general regime applicable to waste prevention, generation, and management, as well as the rules for licensing and concession of waste management activities. This measure complies with Operational Safeguard 4, which the contractor is required to comply with.	Proponent	(included in facility operating costs)
MGO 4	Conducting Drills	The grain terminal must have a plan for conducting accident drills involving spills of hydrocarbons and other polluting substances. This plan should enable the assessment and supervision of the technical resources available at the terminal, ensuring that they are in good operating condition. Evidence of the implementation and compliance with the plan must be accessible to the authorities during inspection and enforcement actions.	Proponent	(included in facility operating costs)
MGO 5	Workplace Accidents	Development and implementation of the Worker Health and Safety Plan	Proponent	(included in facility operating costs)

ID	ACTION/ACTIVITY	MITIGATION MEASURES	RESPONSIBILITY	COSTS (USD)
MGO 6	Infrastructure operation	Implementation of the Environmental and Social Management Plan	Proponent	(included in facility operating costs)
MGO 7	Legal compliance	Preparation of monitoring reports to be submitted to MINAMB	Proponent	(included in facility operating costs)
MGO 8	Conflicts with the community	Implementation of a Complaints Resolution Mechanism.	Proponent	(included in facility operating costs)
MGO 9	Legal compliance and continuous improvement	Implementation of external audits	Proponent/Minamb/ Local administration	22,000 USD/year
MGO 10	Pest proliferation	Pest control and eradication plan	Proponent	12,000 USD/year

Table 53: Specific mitigation and enhancement measures for environmental and social impacts (operation phase)

ID	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT	MITIGATION MEASURES	RESPONSIBILITY	COSTS (USD)
MMO 1	Climate	Increased perception of heat discomfort	Promote the restoration of intervened areas by planting gardens and trees that are suited to the area;	Proponent	(included in facility operating costs)
MMO 2	Geology and geomorphology	Change in local geomorphology	Take into account the micro-basin of the region in order to effectively direct rainwater;	Contractor/proponent/supervision	(included in facility operating costs)
MMO 3	Geology and geomorphology	Change in local geomorphology	Circulation of machinery and vehicles only in designated areas;	Proponent	(included in facility operating costs)
MMO 4	Geology and geomorphology	Change in local geomorphology	Avoid exposing areas that will not be used in the short term;	Contractor/Proponent	(included in facility operating costs)
MMO 5	Soils	Soil contamination due to accidental spills	Keep equipment and machinery in good working order; maintenance should be carried out in a safe, waterproof location.	Proponent	(included in facility operating costs)
MMO 6	Soil	Soil contamination due to accidental spills	Develop an internal spill management and response plan.	Proponent	(included in facility operating costs)
MMO 7	Surface water resources	Contamination of waterways by accidental spills and/or runoff of waste and solid sediments	Maintenance of generators and other equipment must be carried out in a specific, waterproofed area with the necessary safety conditions (spill emergency kit);	Proponent	(included in facility operating costs)
MMO 8	Surface water resources	Contamination of waterways by accidental spills and/or runoff of solid waste and sediments	When installing urban and industrial wastewater treatment systems, they must comply with current legislation regarding discharge standards;	Proponent	(included in facility operating costs)

ID	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT	MITIGATION MEASURES	RESPONSIBILITY	COSTS (USD)
MMO 9	Surface water resources	Impact on surface water drainage patterns and increased runoff	Installation of appropriately sized storm drainage networks.	Contractor/Supervision/Proponent	(included in facility operating costs)
MMO 10	Groundwater resources	Contamination of the aquifer by accidental spills and/or runoff of waste	Maintenance of generators and other equipment must be carried out in a specific, waterproofed area with the necessary safety conditions (spill emergency kit);	Proponent	(included in facility operating costs)
MMO 11	Groundwater resources	Contamination of the aquifer by accidental spills and/or runoff of waste	Store waste and other products in suitable containers and store them on spill containment basins;	Proponent	(included in facility operating costs)
MMO 12	Flora	Disturbance and destruction of native flora	Avoid degradation of existing vegetation cover by restricting vehicle traffic areas;	Proponent	(included in facility operating costs)
MMO 13	Flora	Disturbance and destruction of native flora	Prohibit the burning of any type of waste, as well as surrounding vegetation, and implement fencing around natural areas where endemic and endangered species occur.	Proponent	(included in facility operating costs)
MMO 14	Flora	Disturbance and destruction of native flora	Raise awareness among workers and communities about the importance of preserving endemic and endangered species.	Proponent/NGOs/Administration	USD 10,000/year
MMO 15	Flora	Disturbance and destruction of native flora	Vehicles and machinery must be driven at moderate speeds, especially on unpaved areas.	Proponent	(included in facility operating costs)
MMO 16	Flora	Disturbance and destruction of native flora	Support local associations focused on research and preservation of flora.	Proponent	(included in facility operating costs)
MMO 17	Fauna	Disturbance of local fauna	Raise awareness among workers and communities about the importance of preserving endemic or endangered species;	Proponent/NGOs/Administration	(included in facility operating costs)

ID	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT	MITIGATION MEASURES	RESPONSIBILITY	COSTS (USD)
MMO 18	Fauna	Disturbance of local fauna	Avoid noisy activities at night;	Proponent	(Included in the work to be carried out by the operator)
MMO 19	Fauna	Disturbance of local fauna	Direct lighting in the facilities downward, thus preventing the disturbance and/or accidental death of birds against fixed objects;	Contractor/Proponent	(included in facility operating costs)
MMO 20	Fauna	Risks of species being run over and killed	Reduce the speed of machinery and vehicles to prevent species being run over and killed. Monitoring and relocation of wild species, especially endangered or endemic species.	Proponent/Service providers	(Included in the work to be carried out by the operator)
MMO 21	Fauna	Species preservation	Raising awareness among workers not to kill animals that invade the premises; to this end, they should always be captured and returned to their natural habitat.	Proponent	(Included in the work to be carried out by the operator)
MMO 22	Fauna	Species preservation	Support local associations focused on wildlife research and preservation.	Proponent	10,000 USD
MMO 23	Landscape	Landscape change	Maintain facilities in good condition;	Proponent	(included in facility operating costs)
MMO 24	Landscape	Landscape alteration	Create a specific area for parking machinery and vehicles;	Contractor/Proponent	(included in facility operating costs)
MMO 25	Landscape	Landscape alteration	Night lighting should be directed downward;	Contractor/Proponent	(included in facility operating costs)
MMO 26	Landscape	Landscape alteration	Do not use colors that contrast significantly with the surroundings.	(included in facility operating costs)	(included in facility operating costs)

ID	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT	MITIGATION MEASURES	RESPONSIBILITY	COSTS (USD)
MMO 27	Air quality	Degradation of air quality (particulate and gas emissions)	Avoid high-speed traffic and machinery, obeying the speed limits (60 km/h and 30 km/h) near and within towns;	Operator/Grain transporters	(Included in the work to be performed by the operator)
MMO 28	Air quality	Degradation of air quality (particulate and gas emissions)	Moisten areas where dust may be generated;	Operator	(included in facility operating costs)
MMO 29	Air quality	Degradation of air quality (particulate and gas emissions)	Keep machinery and vehicles in good technical condition and use them strictly when necessary;	Operator	(included in facility operating costs)
MMO 30	Air quality	Degradation of air quality (particulate and gas emissions)	Avoid burning any type of waste and surrounding vegetation;	Operator	(Included in the work to be performed by the operator)
MMO 31	Air quality	Degradation of air quality (odor emissions)	All waste must be properly stored in suitable containers to mitigate odor emissions.	Operator	(included in facility operating costs)
MMO 32	Air quality	Degradation of air quality (particulate and gas emissions)	When disinfecting the facilities, avoid spraying insecticides during very dry and windy periods.	Operator	(Included in the work to be performed by the operator)
MMO 33	Noise environment	Increased noise levels	Avoid high-speed vehicle traffic, complying with the established limits (60 km/h and 30 km/h) near and within localities;	Operator/Grain transporters	(Included in the work to be performed by the operator)
MMO 34	Noise environment	Increased noise levels	Implement a noise monitoring program.	Operator	(included in facility operating costs)
MMO 35	Noise environment	Increased noise levels	Perform regular maintenance on equipment and machinery, and use them only when strictly necessary.	Operator	(included in facility operating costs)

ID	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT	MITIGATION MEASURES	RESPONSIBILITY	COSTS (USD)
MMO 36	Noise environment	Increased noise levels	Whenever possible, noisy equipment should be enclosed or installed in closed areas to mitigate the noise levels generated.	Operator	(included in facility operating costs)
MMO 37	Socioeconomics	Revitalization of economy and associated sectors	Materials to support the facilities at this stage should preferably be purchased on the local market;	Operator	(included in facility operating costs)
MMO 38	Socioeconomics	Revitalization of economy and associated sectors	Set fair and competitive prices for grain purchases, which encourage increased production by individual farmers and existing cooperatives	Operator/Local administration	(included in facility operating costs)
MMO 39	Socioeconomics	Job creation	The creation of new unskilled jobs should primarily benefit the populations living in the immediate vicinity of the infrastructure; All labor employed by the terminal will comply with the provisions of international conventions on the protection of the rights of children and workers to which Angola is a signatory through the International Labor Organization (ILO), as well as the provisions of the AfDB's Integrated Safeguards System, namely Operational Safeguard 5.	Operator	(included in facility operating costs)
MMO 40	Socioeconomics	Revitalization of economy and associated sectors	Provide technical support and knowledge of good agricultural practices to the most disadvantaged populations, in order to obtain higher yields and strengthen crops, thus contributing to the fight against poverty.	Operator/NGOs/Local administration	USD 20,000/month
MMO 41	Socioeconomics	Increased inconvenience for the local population	Vehicles must comply with the speed limits (60 km/h and 30 km/h) near and within towns, avoiding the use of audible signals that disturb residential areas;	Grain operator/transporters	(Included in the work to be carried out by the operator)
MMO 42	Socioeconomics	Increased food availability	Food must be made available in accordance with quality standards to promote the health and well-being of consumers;	Operator/Grain transporters	(included in facility operating costs)

ID	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT	MITIGATION MEASURES	RESPONSIBILITY	COSTS (USD)
MMO 43	Socioeconomics	Accident risks	Vehicles must comply with the speed limits (60 km/h and 30 km/h) near and within towns;	Grain operators/transporters	(Included in the work to be performed by the operator)
MMO 44	Socioeconomics	Accident risks	Training and qualification in occupational health and safety, and availability of PPE and CPE.	Operator	(included in facility operating costs)
MMO 45	Socioeconomics	Accident risks	Training and awareness campaigns on defensive driving	Grain operators/transporters	(included in facility operating costs)
MMO 46	Socioeconomics	Increased value of agricultural land in the region	Local authorities should guard against land price speculation;	Operator/Local administration	(Included in the work to be carried out by the operator)
MMO 47	Infrastructure	Pressure on the road network	Comply with the established speed limits (60 km/h and 30 km/h) near and within towns, and reduce speed on unpaved roads;	Operator/Grain transporters	(Included in the work to be carried out by the operator)
MMO 48	Infrastructure	Pressure on the road network	Training and awareness campaigns on defensive driving	Operator/Grain transporters	(included in facility operating costs)
MMO 49	Infrastructure	Pressure on the road network	Transport goods at pre-established times, avoiding congested routes whenever possible;	Grain operator/transporters	(Included in the work to be performed by the operator)
MMO 50	Infrastructure	Pressure on urban infrastructure (water, energy, and sanitation)	Water abstraction must be preceded by authorization from the competent local authority, and specific measures must be adopted for its management;	Proponent	(included in facility operating costs)
MMO 51	Infrastructure	Pressure on urban infrastructure (water, energy, and sanitation)	Wastewater must be properly stored in appropriate containers in a secure area, and its collection, treatment, and disposal must be carried out by a company duly licensed for this purpose.	Proponent	(included in facility operating costs)

ID	DESCRIPTION	IMPACT	MITIGATION MEASURES	LIABILITY	COSTS (USD)
MMO 52	Infrastructure	Pressure on urban infrastructure (water, energy, and sanitation)	Monitor water and energy consumption and waste production, drawing up a plan to reduce them;	Proponent	(included in facility operating costs)
MMO 53	Waste	Risks of environmental contamination	Develop and implement a waste management plan	Proponent	(included in facility operating costs)
MMO 54	Waste	Risks of environmental contamination	All hazardous waste resulting from machine maintenance must be stored in a suitable location and sent to a licensed company for final disposal.	Proponent	(included in facility operating costs)
MMO 55	Waste	Risks of environmental contamination	Install equipment (recycling bins) that facilitates waste segregation and reuse in accordance with the waste management plan (WMP), and encourage practices aimed at reducing waste production;	Proponent	(included in facility operating costs)
MMO 56	Waste	Risks of environmental contamination	Prohibit the burning of any type of waste in the open air and/or its disposal in landfills.	Proponent	(Included in the work to be carried out by the operator)

9 CUMULATIVE IMPACTS

The cumulative effects of the project refer to the combined impact of the Catabola Grain Terminal's activities over time, adding to the impacts of other developments and activities in the region. These effects can be synergistic, when they interact and amplify each other, or additive, when they simply add to existing impacts.

This section summarizes the significant residual impacts that were identified for the construction and operation phases of the infrastructure in Chapter 7. Thus, residual impacts are those that remain significant after the application of the mitigation and enhancement measures proposed in Chapter 8.

Given the nature of the terminal, the main cumulative effects include changes in air quality due to atmospheric emissions and particle dispersion, impacts on water resources resulting from consumption and effluent disposal, and possible consequences for local biodiversity. In addition, the intensification of heavy vehicle traffic and increased economic activity may generate additional challenges related to noise, road safety, and urban infrastructure.

The assessment of cumulative effects is essential to ensure that the implementation and operation of the project occur in a sustainable manner, preventing irreversible impacts and promoting effective mitigation measures. To this end, an integrated approach to environmental monitoring, emissions control, waste management, and dialogue with local communities will be adopted, ensuring a balance between economic development and environmental conservation.

Table 54: Summary of cumulative impacts

Project phase	Type of cumulative impact	Description	Accumulation factors	Mitigation measures
Construction	Increase of traffic and road congestion	Construction work causes an increase in truck and heavy machinery traffic in already congested areas	Proximity to urban roads, other projects under construction.	Define specific transport routes; adequate signage; coordination of schedules to avoid peak hours.
	Noise generation	Machinery and demolition work increase noise levels in an already noisy environment.	Urban traffic, other civil works.	Limit noisy activities to daytime hours; use machines with silencers; install temporary acoustic barriers.
	Air pollution (dust and emissions)	Dust and gas emissions from excavations and vehicles.	Urban traffic , nearby industrial activities	Daily watering of roads and exposed areas; covering trucks; restrict movement on windy days.
	Pressure on urban infrastructure	Additional consumption of water, energy, and road use.	Interconnection with the existing urban network	Use of efficient systems; water reuse; renewable energies whenever possible.
	Construction waste	Accumulation of solid waste, rubble, and packaging.	Other construction sites and nearby developments.	Segregation and proper packaging; shipment to final destination licensed; maximize the reuse of materials.
Operation	Continuous heavy traffic	Frequent entry and exit of trucks for loading/unloading grain.	Proximity to other warehouses/logistics facilities.	Plan of Management traffic traffic; maintenance of roads; schedules scheduled for loading/unloading outside peak hours.
	Visual impact and urban land use	Large structures alter the landscape and land use in urbanized areas.	Verticalization and construction density.	Landscaping and tree planting; painting and aesthetic maintenance of structures.
	Risks of infestation (pests, rodents)	Poor grain management can attract vectors, affecting nearby residential areas.	Proximity to dwellings, lack of integrated pest control	Implement integrated pest control program; regular inspections; sealing of cracks.
	Generation of continuous operational noise	Engines, fans, forklifts operating in shifts.	Residential residential in the vicinity	Install soundproofing; limit nighttime operation nighttime operation; periodic maintenance to reduce vibration.
	Odor (in case of grain deterioration)	Poor storage can cause noticeable odors in urban areas	Accumulation of organic waste and lack of adequate ventilation	Selective collection system; licensed disposal destination final destination; composting of organic waste.

10 PROGRAM FOR MONITORING AND TRACKING ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACTS

Monitoring consists of establishing discrete or continuous measurements of the numerical attributes of each impact. Follow-up consists of observing environmental quality after a given action. The frequency of actions varies for each impact and for each phase of the project. The objectives of these actions are to verify the efficiency of each mitigation measure established for each impact, and the maintenance and/or restoration of environmental balance.

This EIA encourages the business group to adopt and develop measures aimed at improving environmental and social performance in the execution of its activities, in order to achieve excellence in its environmental policy, following the exemplary model that has been implemented in the other units of this business group.

Thus, the following monitoring and follow-up programs were proposed:

- 1) Program for monitoring effluents stored in septic tanks
- 2) Worker health and safety program
- 3) Atmospheric emission and air quality monitoring program
- 4) Noise level monitoring program
- 5) Environmental education program
- 6) Waste monitoring and management program.
- 7) Biodiversity monitoring program
- 8) Emergency plan
- 9) Pest Control and Management Plan
- 10) Communication and stakeholder relations program.
- 11) EIA monitoring report submission mechanism
- 12) Environmental and social performance audits

11 ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

11.1.1 General considerations

The Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) for the Catabola Grain Terminal establishes guidelines, preventive measures, and corrective actions to ensure that the construction and operation of the project are conducted in an environmentally sustainable and socially responsible manner.

The main objective of this plan is to mitigate the potential environmental and social impacts resulting from the installation and operation of the terminal, ensuring compliance with current legislation and international best practices in environmental management. In addition, it seeks to promote worker safety, the quality of life of local communities, and the conservation of natural resources in the region.

The implementation of the PGAS involves a set of programs and measures aimed at monitoring environmental quality, controlling atmospheric emissions, proper waste management, protecting biodiversity, occupational safety and health, and strengthening dialogue with stakeholders. The integrated approach of this plan will minimize environmental and social risks, contributing to the sustainability of the project and the socioeconomic development of the region.

This chapter details the main components of the PGAS, including institutional responsibilities, monitoring and reporting mechanisms, and environmental mitigation and compensation strategies. Strict adherence to these guidelines will ensure that the Catabola Grain Terminal operates in accordance with the principles of sustainability, promoting a balance between economic growth, environmental preservation, and social well-being.

11.2 MONITORING PROGRAM FOR EFFLUENTS STORED IN SEPTIC TANKS

11.2.1 Objective

- Ensure that effluents stored in septic tanks comply with environmental standards;
- Reduce environmental impacts and protect water resources and public health;
- To evaluate the efficiency of the facility's sanitary sewage treatment system;
- Identify possible contamination and propose corrective measures.

11.2.2 Justification

- Improper storage of effluents can result in soil infiltration and groundwater contamination.
- Inadequate decomposition of organic matter can generate odors and proliferation of disease vectors;
- Compliance with environmental and health regulations avoids penalties and protects the local community.

11.2.3 Parameters to be analyzed and monitoring frequency

The following parameters should be analyzed regularly:

Table 55: Parameters to be analyzed and monitoring frequency

Parameter	Unit	Frequency	
		Construction phase	Operation phase
PH	-	Monthly	Quarterly
BOD (Biochemical Oxygen Demand)	mg/L	Monthly	Quarterly
COD (Chemical Oxygen Demand)	mg/L	Monthly	Quarterly
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	mg/L	Bimonthly	Quarterly
Nitrates and Nitrites	mg/L	Bimonthly	Semiannual
Thermotolerant Coliforms	NMP/100mL	Monthly	Quarterly
Oils and Greases	mg/L	Quarterly	Semiannual

11.2.4 Monitoring methods

- Sample collection: Use of sterilized bottles in accordance with environmental standards;
- Laboratory analysis: Samples must be analyzed by a certified laboratory, applying standardized methodologies, such as:
 - Potentiometric method for pH;
 - Winkler method for BOD;
 - Spectrophotometry for COD and nitrates/nitrites;
 - Filtration and incubation technique for coliforms.
- On-site measurements: Checking effluent levels and observing odors and signs of leakage. Installing high-level alarms can also alert you when the septic tank is about to reach its maximum capacity.
- Periodic cleaning of the septic tank, usually every 1-3 years, is essential to remove accumulated sludge.

11.2.5 Responsibilities

Contractor: Responsible for monitoring during the construction phase. **Carrinho, SA:**

Responsible for implementing the program during the operational phase. **Local environmental**

agency: Conduct periodic inspections and audits.

Accredited laboratory: Analysis of samples and issuance of technical reports.

11.3 WORKER SAFETY AND HEALTH PLAN

11.3.1 Objective

- Ensure the physical and mental integrity of workers during the construction and operation phases of the silos;
- Prevent workplace accidents and minimize occupational risks;
- Ensure compliance with current occupational health and safety standards;
- Promote a safe and healthy work environment.

11.3.2 Justification

The construction and operation of silos involve risks such as falls, exposure to dust, high noise levels, inhalation of toxic gases, and handling of heavy machinery.

- The adoption of preventive measures reduces accidents and absences due to occupational illnesses;
- Compliance with labor and environmental legislation to avoid penalties and ensure the well-being of workers.

11.3.3 Parameter to be analyzed and frequency of monitoring

Table 56: Parameters to be analyzed and monitoring frequency

Parameters	Unit/indicator	Frequency	
		Construction phase	Operation phase
Work accidents	Number of occurrences	Monthly	Quarterly
Absenteeism rate	%	Monthly	Semiannual
Ergonomic conditions	Qualitative assessment	Quarterly	Semiannual
Noise level	dB(A)	Monthly	Quarterly
Air quality (dust, gases)	mg/m ³	Monthly	Half-yearly
Use of personal protective equipment (PPE)	% compliance	Monthly	Monthly
Safety training	Number of training sessions held	Bimonthly	Semester

11.3.4 Monitoring method

- Periodic inspections at workplaces to identify risks;
- Laboratory analyses of air and noise to assess environmental quality;
- Reports on accidents and occupational diseases for control and continuous improvement;
- Training and awareness-raising for workers on safe practices;
- Use of PPE such as masks, gloves, ear protectors, and safety belts;
- Implementation of safety signage in hazardous areas;
- Regular occupational medical examinations to monitor workers' health.

11.3.5 Responsibilities

Contractor: Responsible for worker safety during the construction phase.

Cart, SA: Responsible for implementing the plan during the operational phase.

Occupational Safety Technician: Monitoring, training, and enforcement of safety standards.

Supervisors and managers: Ensuring compliance with preventive and corrective measures.

Workers: Follow safety guidelines, use PPE, and report risks.

Regulatory Authorities: Conduct inspections and audits in accordance with current legislation.

11.4 ATMOSPHERIC EMISSIONS AND AIR QUALITY MONITORING PROGRAM

11.4.1 Objective

- To assess and control atmospheric emissions from silo construction and operation activities.
- Ensure that air quality is within legal and recommended limits for public health and the environment;
- Identify sources of pollution and implement mitigation measures to minimize negative impacts;
- Prevent respiratory risks to workers and nearby communities.

11.4.2 Justification

During the construction phase, activities such as soil movement, material transport, and machinery use generate airborne particles (dust) and polluting gases (CO₂, NO_x, SO₂).

During the operational phase, grain handling, exhaust from transport engines, and silo ventilation processes can release particulate matter and gases that affect air quality.

Regular monitoring allows pollution patterns to be detected and operational practices to be adjusted to reduce impacts.

11.4.3 Parameter to be analyzed and monitoring frequency

Table 57: Parameters to be analyzed and monitoring frequency

Parameters	Unit/indicator	Frequency	
		Construction phase	Operation phase
Particulate matter (PM ₁₀ , PM _{2.5})	µg/m ³	Monthly	Quarterly
Sulfur dioxide (SO ₂)	ppm	Monthly	Semiannual
Nitrogen oxides (NO _x)	ppm	Monthly	Semiannual
Carbon monoxide (CO)	ppm	Monthly	Semiannual
Carbon dioxide (CO ₂)	ppm	Monthly Quarterly	Semiannual
Volatile organic compounds (VOCs)	ppm	Monthly Quarterly	Semiannual
Odors (grain decomposition)	Qualitative assessment	Whenever necessary	Quarterly

11.4.4 Monitoring method

- Direct measurements with portable equipment for CO, NO₂, SO₂, and VOCs;
- Sampling with air filters for laboratory analysis of particulate matter;
- Continuous monitoring at strategic points in and around the facility to assess pollutant dispersion;
- Use of fixed sensors for automatic real-time measurements (if applicable);
- Periodic reports for trend analysis and operational adjustments.

11.4.5 Responsibility

Contractor: Responsible for implementing control measures during the construction phase.

Cart, SA: Responsible for continuous monitoring and application of mitigation measures during the operational phase.

Environmental Technician: Sample collection, data analysis, and report preparation.

Environmental and Regulatory Agencies: Conducting audits and enforcing compliance with environmental standards.

11.5 NOISE LEVEL MONITORING PROGRAM

11.5.1 Objective

- To assess and control the noise levels generated by the construction and operation of the silos;
- Ensure that noise levels are within legal and recommended standards for public health and community well-being;
- Identify sources of excessive noise and adopt mitigation measures to reduce negative impacts;
- Prevent occupational risks for workers exposed to high noise levels.

11.5.2 Justification

During the construction phase, activities such as soil movement, use of heavy equipment, transportation of materials, and assembly of structures can generate high noise levels, affecting workers and nearby residents.

During the operational phase, the operation of fans, exhaust fans, engines, and truck traffic can result in noise levels above acceptable limits. The project intervention area, which is characterized as a residential area, is 55 dB(A) during the daytime (7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.) and 45 dB(A) at night.

Continuous monitoring will allow trends to be assessed and corrective actions to be implemented to reduce noise impacts.

11.5.3 Parameter to be analyzed and monitoring frequency

Table 58: Parameters to be analyzed and monitoring frequency

Parameters	Unit/Indicator	Frequency	
		Construction phase	Operating phase
Sound pressure level (Leq)	dB(A)	Weekly	Quarterly
Maximum Noise Peak (Lmax)	dB(A)	Weekly	Quarterly
Background Noise (L90)	dB(A)	Monthly	Semiannual
Noise Perceived by Workers	Qualitative assessment	Whenever necessary	Whenever necessary

11.5.4 Monitoring method

- Measurements with sound level meters at strategic points inside and around the facility;
- Continuous monitoring in sensitive areas (nearby residential areas, administrative offices);
- Use of portable equipment for spot measurements at different times of the day (daytime and nighttime);
- Comparison with legal limits established by environmental and occupational safety standards;
- Periodic reports for trend analysis and operational adjustments.

11.5.5 Responsibility

Contractor: Responsible for monitoring and controlling noise during the construction phase.

Carrinho, SA: Responsible for monitoring and mitigating noise levels during the operational phase.

Environmental and Occupational Safety Technician: Collection of samples, data analysis, and preparation of reports.

Environmental and Regulatory Agencies: Conducting audits and enforcing compliance with noise standards.

11.6 ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

11.6.1 Objective

- Raise awareness among workers and local communities about good environmental practices;
- Reduce environmental impacts associated with the construction and operation of silos;
- Promote the sustainable use of natural resources;
- Strengthen the culture of environmental safety and sustainability;
- Ensure compliance with environmental legislation and best practices.

11.6.2 Justification

During the construction phase, it is essential to train workers on waste management, emissions control, and environmental safety.

During the operational phase, environmental education will help maintain sustainable practices, prevent pollution, and involve the community in environmental actions.

11.6.3 Parameter to be analyzed and monitoring frequency

Table 59: Parameters to be analyzed and frequency of monitoring

Parameters	Indicator	Frequency	
		Construction phase	Operational phase
Number of training sessions conducted	Number of sessions/month	Monthly	Quarterly
Worker participation	% of participation	Monthly	Quarterly
Topics covered	Content checklist	Semester	Annual
Community awareness actions	Number of events	Quarterly	Semiannual
Adoption of good environmental practices	Qualitative assessment	Quarterly	Semi-annual

11.6.4 Monitoring method

- Training and lectures on waste, water use, pollution, and environmental conservation;
- Distribution of educational materials (booklets, videos, banners);
- Practical training on waste segregation, prevention of environmental accidents, and workplace safety;
- Community actions such as tree planting and cleaning of public areas;
- Periodic evaluation through forms and interviews.

11.6.5 Responsibility

Contractor: Implementation of the program during construction.

Carrinho, SA: Continuation of the program during the operational phase.

Environment and Safety Technician: Coordination of activities and evaluation of results.

Local Environmental Agencies: Monitoring of compliance with environmental standards.

11.7 COMMUNICATION AND STAKEHOLDER RELATIONSHIP PROGRAM

11.7.1 Objectives

- Establish effective channels of communication between Carrinho, SA and stakeholders;
- Ensure transparency in the construction and operation of silos;
- Prevent and mitigate conflicts with local communities and regulatory bodies;
- Promote community involvement in the environmental and social management of the project;
- Respond quickly and efficiently to stakeholder concerns.

11.7.2 Justification

During the construction phase, it is necessary to provide information on temporary impacts such as noise, vehicle traffic, and waste management.

During the operational phase, ongoing dialogue will help manage expectations, prevent conflicts, and keep the community informed about environmental measures and socioeconomic opportunities.

11.7.3 Parameter to be analyzed and monitoring frequency

Table 60: Parameter to be analyzed and frequency of monitoring

Parameters	Indicator	Frequency	
		Construction phase	Operational phase
Meetings with stakeholders	Number of meetings held	Quarterly	Semiannual
Active communication channels	Number of channels implemented (telephone, email, meetings)	Continuous	Continuous
Complaints received and resolved	Number of records and resolution rate (%)	Monthly	Quarterly
Community involvement actions	Number of events or social projects developed	Quarterly	Semiannual
Dissemination of project information	Number of press releases or newsletters published	Semiannually	Semiannual

11.7.4 Methods

- Creation of communication channels (telephone, email, public meetings, information panels);
- Regular meetings with local authorities, communities, and other stakeholders;
- Disclosure of reports and bulletins on impacts and mitigation measures;
- Recording and analysis of complaints with structured responses and proposed solutions;
- Service platform for community questions and suggestions.

11.7.5 Responsibility

Carrinho, SA: Implementation and supervision of the program.

Community Relations Manager: Mediation between the company and stakeholders.

Environmental and Municipal Agencies: Monitoring and oversight of communication actions.

Community and Workers: Active participation in communication channels.

11.8 WASTE MONITORING AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.

11.8.1 Objective

- Ensure that solid and liquid waste is managed in an environmentally sound manner and in accordance with applicable legislation;
- Minimize environmental and health impacts resulting from the generation, storage, transportation, and final disposal of waste;
- Promote recycling, reuse, and proper disposal of waste, reducing the amount sent to landfills;
- Prevent soil, water, and air contamination associated with poor waste management;
- Monitor the effectiveness of waste segregation and disposal practices throughout the project's life cycle.

11.8.2 Justification

During the construction phase, debris, construction waste, packaging, hazardous waste (paints, solvents, oils), and organic waste from the work team will be generated. Proper segregation and disposal are essential to avoid environmental and social impacts.

During the operational phase, the silos will produce organic waste (spoiled grain), packaging from inputs, hazardous waste (lubricants, oils), and municipal solid waste from employees. Monitoring the management of this waste will prevent contamination and ensure environmental compliance.

11.8.3 Parameter to be analyzed and monitoring frequency

Table 61: Parameter to be analyzed and monitoring frequency

Parameters	Unit/indicator	Frequency	
		Construction phase	Operation phase
Volume of waste generated	kg/month	Monthly	Quarterly
Percentage of recyclable waste	%	Monthly	Quarterly
Amount of hazardous waste	kg/month	Monthly	Quarterly
Final disposal of waste	Documentary verification	Monthly	Quarterly
Storage conditions	Visual inspection	Biweekly	Monthly

11.8.4 Monitoring method

- Segregation at source: Implementation of identified containers for different types of waste;
- Record of waste generated: Documentary analysis of the quantities and types of waste collected;
- Regular inspections: Verification of correct storage and transport of waste;
- Final destination analysis: Checking manifests and licenses of treatment and disposal operators;
- Periodic reports: Preparation of documents with monitoring data for internal control and environmental audits.

11.8.5 Responsibility

Contractor: Responsible for waste management during the construction phase, including segregation and disposal.

Carrinho, SA: Responsible for waste management during the operational phase, ensuring environmental compliance.

Environmental and Occupational Safety Technician: Responsible for monitoring and reporting.

Regulatory Agencies: Monitoring compliance with applicable environmental legislation.

11.9 BIODIVERSITY MONITORING PROGRAM

11.9.1 Objectives

- Assess the impacts of silo construction and operation on local fauna and flora;
- Monitor possible changes in the region's ecosystems due to the project's activities;
- Identify and mitigate impacts on protected or endemic species;
- Ensure compliance with national and international environmental regulations;
- Promote biodiversity conservation and the sustainability of the project.

11.9.2 Justification

The construction and operation of silos can cause environmental disturbances, such as habitat loss, soil changes, and impacts on local wildlife;

- Monitoring biodiversity allows for the mitigation of negative impacts and the adoption of corrective measures to prevent environmental degradation;
- Meets legal requirements and good environmental practices required by regulatory agencies;
- Enables early detection of adverse impacts and the adoption of adaptive measures.

11.9.3 Parameters to be analyzed and monitoring frequency

Table 62: Parameters to be analyzed and monitoring frequency

Parameters	Unit/indicator	Frequency	
		Construction phase	Operation phase
Vegetation cover	% of vegetation removed vs. compensated areas	Semiannual	Annual
Terrestrial fauna	Record of species sighted and number of roadkill	Semiannual	Annual
Habitat quality	Degree of degradation of areas adjacent to the development	Quarterly	Annual
Presence of protected species	Occurrence of endangered species in the area of influence	Semiannual	Annual
Land use and habitat fragmentation	Extent of the impacted area	Semester	Annual

11.9.4 Methods

- Inventory of fauna and flora, comparing with data prior to the project;
- Monitoring using camera traps to identify mammals and birds in the area of influence;
- Analysis of vegetation cover using satellite images and drones to detect changes in vegetation;
- Interviews with local with and experts to assess changes in biodiversity;
- Monitoring of ecological corridors to verify impacts on wildlife movement;
- Periodic reports with recommendations for corrective actions.

11.9.5 Responsibility

Carrinho, SA: Responsible for implementing and financing the program.

Environmental Management Team: Coordinates the execution of monitoring and the implementation of mitigation measures.

Specialized Environmental Consulting: Can be hired to conduct independent surveys and audits.

Local Environmental Agencies (Ministry of the Environment, Conservation Institutes, etc.):
They supervise and validate the monitoring results.

Local Community and Environmental NGOs: Can contribute observations and information about changes in biodiversity.

11.10 EMERGENCY PLAN

11.10.1 Objectives

- Ensure the safety of workers, neighboring communities, and the environment in the event of incidents or disasters.
- Minimize the impacts of emergencies such as fires, hazardous product spills, explosions, structural collapses, and extreme weather events.
- Define clear procedures for rapid and effective response in emergency situations.
- Ensure compliance with national and international safety and environmental regulations.
- Train workers and stakeholders to respond effectively in emergencies.

11.10.2 Justification

- Grain storage can pose risks such as dust explosions, fires, environmental contamination, and structural collapse.
- The presence of heavy machinery and vehicles during construction and operation increases the likelihood of accidents.

- Compliance with environmental and safety regulations requires the implementation of emergency response plans.
- Proper preparation reduces financial, operational, and social risks arising from serious incidents.

11.10.3 Parameters to analyze and monitoring frequency

Table 63: Parameters to be analyzed and monitoring frequency

Parameters	Unit/indicator	Frequency	
		Construction phase	Operational phase
Fire risk	Storage conditions for flammable materials	Monthly	Quarterly
Explosion risk	Levels of suspended dust in silos	Monthly	Quarterly
Emergency training	Number of training sessions conducted and worker participation	Semiannual	Annual
Alert and response system	Alarm and firefighting system tests fire	Quarterly	Quarterly
Evacuation plan	Evacuation drills conducted	Semiannual	Annual
First aid	Verification of emergency kit availability	Monthly	Quarterly

11.10.4 Methods

- Preparation of an emergency response plan, detailing actions for each type of incident;
- Periodic training and simulations for workers and emergency response teams;
- Regular safety inspections to ensure that firefighting equipment, emergency exits, and ventilation systems are operational;
- Monitoring of air quality and airborne dust to reduce explosion risks;
- Continuous review of the plan to incorporate improvements based on audits and simulations;

- Coordination with local authorities and emergency services, ensuring a prompt response in case of need.

11.10.5 Responsibility

Carrinho, SA: Responsible for implementing and financing the plan.

Safety and Environment Team: Coordinates training, simulations, and maintenance of emergency equipment.

Local Emergency Services (Fire Department, Police, Health): Support incident planning and response.

Environmental and Safety Regulatory Agencies: Oversee implementation of the plan and compliance with current legislation.

Workers and Community: Must be aware of the plan's guidelines and participate in training and simulations.

11.11 PEST CONTROL AND EXTERMINATION PLAN

11.11.1 Objectives

- Establish preventive and corrective measures to minimize pest infestation in grain storage silos.
- Ensure the quality and safety of stored products, preventing economic losses and risks to public health.
- Comply with health and environmental standards applicable to grain storage.

11.11.2 Justification

The presence of pests, such as insects, rodents, and fungi, can compromise grain quality, causing losses due to contamination, deterioration, and disease transmission. Continuous monitoring

allows for early detection and the adoption of effective measures to prevent the proliferation of these pests.

11.11.3 Parameters to be analyzed and monitoring frequency

Table 64: Parameter to be analyzed and monitoring frequency

Parameters	Unit/indicator	Frequency	
		Construction phase	Operational phase
Pest identification	Insects, rodents, and fungi	Biweekly inspections	Biweekly inspections
Storage conditions	Humidity, temperature, and ventilation	-----	Continuous monitoring
Effectiveness of control measures	Application of biocides and traps	-----	Monthly assessment
Incident log	Occurrence of infestations and corrective actions	-----	Quarterly reports

11.11.4 Methods

- Regular visual inspections of silos and adjacent areas.
- Use of traps and baits to capture and monitor pests.
- Laboratory analysis of samples to identify fungi and insects.
- Application of preventive measures, such as humidity control and sealing off access points.
- Use of pesticides and integrated pest management, prioritizing less toxic alternatives.

11.11.5 Responsibilities

Contractor: will be responsible for implementing pest prevention measures on organic materials and waste that may attract infestations.

Carrinho, SA: responsible for implementing the plan during the operational phase, including hiring specialized pest control services and training workers in identification and proper handling.

Health and Environmental Authorities: Periodic inspection of compliance with standards and good storage practices.

11.12 MECHANISM FOR SUBMITTING THE EIAS MONITORING REPORT

11.12.1 Objectives

- Ensure the environmental and social compliance of the project as defined in the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA);
- Ensure transparency and accountability to regulatory authorities and stakeholders;
- Monitor the effectiveness of mitigation measures implemented during the construction and operation phases;
- Identify possible deviations and propose corrective actions to minimize environmental and social impacts.

11.12.2 Justification

During the construction phase, it is essential to monitor the implementation of environmental and social measures to mitigate temporary impacts.

During the operation phase, reports will enable the continuous assessment of environmental and social impacts, ensuring the sustainability of the project.

Continuous monitoring and reporting are legal and regulatory requirements that must be complied with by Carrinho, SA.

11.12.3 Parameter to be analyzed and monitoring frequency

Table 65: Parameter to be analyzed and monitoring frequency

Parameters	Indicator	Frequency	
		Construction phase	Operation phase
Implementation of mitigation measures	% of measures implemented in accordance with the EIAS	Quarterly	Semiannual
Waste management	Volume and type of waste managed Correctly	Monthly	Quarterly
Water quality	Laboratory analysis results	Quarterly	Semiannual
Air quality	Atmospheric emission levels compared to legal standards	Quarterly	Semiannual
Noise levels	Comparison with limits established in legislation	Monthly	Quarterly
Stakeholder engagement	Number of meetings and consultations held	Quarterly	Semiannual
Worker safety and health	Number of incidents and accidents	Monthly	Quarterly

11.12.4 Method

- Field data collection, including environmental and social measurements;
- Laboratory analysis of effluents, atmospheric emissions, and air quality;
- Photographic and documentary records to demonstrate compliance;
- Documentary review of waste records, complaints, and community services;
- Preparation of periodic reports detailing monitoring results and recommendations;
- Presentation of reports to environmental authorities and regulatory agencies, as well as relevant stakeholders.

11.12.5 Responsibility

Carrinho, SA: Responsible for preparing and presenting reports.

Environmental and Social Management Team: Collects data, performs analyses, and structures reports.

Regulatory Bodies (Ministry of the Environment, Municipal Authority, Financiers, etc.):

Receive and analyze reports.

Third-party environmental monitoring companies: Support in performing laboratory analyses.

Community and Workers: Contribute relevant information through communication channels.

11.13 ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL PERFORMANCE AUDITS

11.13.1 Objectives

- Assess the project's compliance with the environmental and social requirements established in the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA);
- Identify non-compliance and propose corrective and preventive measures;
- Verify the effectiveness of the mitigation measures and monitoring programs implemented;
- Ensure compliance with current environmental and social legislation, as well as applicable international standards;
- Continuously improve the environmental and social management of the project.

11.13.2 Justification

During the construction phase, it is essential to ensure that activities are aligned with best environmental and social practices, minimizing negative impacts.

During the operational phase, audits enable the continuous assessment of environmental and social performance, ensuring the sustainability of the project.

Periodic audits are a legal requirement and a good practice to ensure transparency and credibility in project management.

11.13.3 Parameters to be Analyzed and Monitoring Frequency

Table 66: Parameter to be analyzed and monitoring frequency

Parameters	Indicator	Frequency	
		Construction phase	Operational phase
Legal and regulatory compliance	Percentage of compliance with environmental and social standards	Semiannual	Annual
Implementation of mitigation measures	Degree of execution of actions proposed in the EIAS	Quarterly	Semiannual
Waste management	Volume and type of waste managed correctly	Quarterly	Semi-annual
Water and effluent quality	Compliance of analyzed parameters with environmental standards environmental	Quarterly	Semiannual
Air quality and emissions	Atmospheric emission levels compared to legal standards	Quarterly	Semiannual
Noise levels	Comparison with limits established in legislation	Quarterly	Semiannual
Relationship with the community	Number of complaints and mitigation measures adopted	Half-yearly	Annual
Occupational health and safety	Number of accidents and compliance with safety standards	Quarterly	Semi-annual

11.13.4 Methods

- Field inspections to verify the implementation of environmental and social measures;
- Interviews with workers and stakeholders to assess perceptions and identify problems;
- Laboratory analyses of water quality, atmospheric emissions, and effluents;
- Document review of waste management, occupational safety, community outreach, and environmental monitoring records;
- Application of audit checklists based on legal and regulatory requirements;
- Preparation of audit reports containing conclusions, recommendations, and corrective action plans.

11.13.5 Responsibility

Carrinho, SA: Responsible for conducting audits and implementing corrective actions.

Environmental and Social Management Team: Coordinates audits and ensures that recommendations are implemented.

External Environmental Consultant: May be hired to conduct independent and impartial audits.

Regulatory Bodies (Ministry of the Environment, Municipal Authority, financiers, etc.):

Supervise and monitor reports and actions implemented.

Community and Workers: Can contribute information on observed environmental and social impacts.

11.14 COSTS OF IMPLEMENTING MONITORING PROGRAMS

The presentation of the costs associated with the implementation of the Monitoring Programs proposed in this environmental and social impact assessment (ESIA) is structured in two phases: Construction Phase and Operation Phase.

The financial costs related to the implementation of the monitoring programs during the construction phase will be borne by the contractor.

The costs of implementing the monitoring programs during the operational phase will be borne by Carrinho, SA.

Table 67: Program implementation costs

Programs	Estimated costs (annual)	
	Construction phase	Operational phase
Plan for monitoring effluents stored in septic tank	3,500 USD	8,200 USD
Worker health and safety plan	8,000 USD	10,000 USD
Program for monitoring emissions and air quality	12,000 USD	15,000 USD
Noise level monitoring program	4,500 USD	6,000 USD
Environmental education program	12,000 USD	18,000 USD
Biodiversity monitoring program	7,500 USD	9,000 USD
Emergency plan	8,000 USD	16,000 USD
Waste monitoring and management program	4,500 USD	\$8,000
Pest control and eradication plan		12,000 USD
Communication and stakeholder relations program	18,000 USD	22,000 USD
mechanism presentation of reports EIAS monitoring reports	10,000 USD	12,000 USD
Environmental and social performance audits		20,000 USD
Total	88,000 USD	156,200 USD

12 INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITIES AND STRENGTHENING PLAN FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PGAs

This chapter presents the Institutional Capacity Strengthening Plan, designed as a strategic tool to support the implementation of the Agricultural Infrastructure Construction Project for Grain Storage (Silos), to be executed in the municipality of Catabola, province of Bié, by the company Carrinho, S.A..

The relevance of this plan stems from the need to ensure that local, provincial, and national institutions, as well as the community actors directly involved, have the appropriate technical, administrative, and operational skills to guarantee the effectiveness, sustainability, and positive impact of the project. Institutional strengthening is therefore a cross-cutting theme of the Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP), contributing to good governance, compliance with environmental and agricultural legislation, and the creation of synergies between the different stakeholders.

In this context, the plan is geared towards:

- **Strengthen the technical and management capacities** of public and private entities linked to the agricultural and environmental sector;
- **Promoting institutional coordination** between the proposing company, supervisory bodies, local administrations, and beneficiary communities;
- **Ensuring knowledge transfer** through training, workshops, and continuous monitoring mechanisms;
- **Consolidating the operational sustainability of the silos**, ensuring that their use contributes to the socioeconomic development of the region and to national food security.

This chapter outlines the priority capacity-building actions, coordination mechanisms, and monitoring indicators that will enable not only the effective implementation of the

project, but also the creation of a lasting institutional legacy for the municipality of Catabola and the province of Bié.

12.1 Identification of institutions involved and responsibilities

The Angolan government, through its food security, economic diversification, and agricultural production promotion policies, has been encouraging investment in grain storage silo infrastructure as an essential measure to ensure strategic reserves, reduce post-harvest losses, and improve the competitiveness of the agricultural sector. Therefore, we can affirm that the investments to be made in this sector by the Carrinho, SA group are in line with the Angolan government's main objectives in this sector.

This framework is part of instruments such as the National Development Plan (PND), the National Food and Nutrition Security Plan, the Program to Support Production, Diversification of Exports, and Import Substitution (PRODESI), and provincial agriculture and logistics strategies.

Among the strategic operational objectives for grain storage, the following stand out:

1. **Ensuring food security and reducing post-harvest losses:**
 - Increase storage capacity in areas of high agricultural production.
 - Reduce crop losses caused by a lack of adequate infrastructure.
 - Ensuring the quality and preservation of grains over long periods.
2. **Strengthen the resilience of the agricultural sector to climate change and production crises:**
 - Build strategic reserves for periods of scarcity (drought, floods, pests).
 - Integrate silos into climate change adaptation and mitigation policies.
 - Ensure stability in domestic supply and support exports in times of surplus.
3. **Improve the efficiency of agricultural value chains:**
 - Coordinate grain production, transport, storage, and marketing.
 - Integrate silos into logistics platforms that support local, national, and international markets.

- Foster public-private partnerships public-private to the financing and management infrastructure.
4. **Promote the environmental sustainability of silo operations:**
 - Implement good pest control practices without negative environmental impact.
 - Use energy-efficient technologies and, where possible, renewable energy.
 - Ensure proper management of waste and effluents resulting from operations.
 5. **Encourage innovation, research, and agricultural information:**
 - Create digital systems for monitoring agricultural stocks.
 - Support research into grain drying, ventilation, and preservation technologies.
 - Maintain records and inventories up to date on the storage .
 6. **Strengthen governance and institutional effectiveness in the agricultural sector:**
 - Clarify the responsibilities of state entities, cooperatives, and private operators.
 - Define management models that ensure the financial sustainability of silos.
 - Promote mechanisms for price regulation and balance between supply and demand.
 7. **Ensure the participation of local producers and communities:**
 - Involve farmers' associations and cooperatives in the management and use of silos.
 - Promote technical training programs for post-harvest management.
 - Improve coordination between central, provincial, and municipal levels to ensure territorial effectiveness.

The institutional framework below shows the main entities involved in policy-making, regulation, monitoring, and execution of activities related to the construction and operation of grain storage silos in the province of Bié. The framework is organized by level: national, provincial, and local, highlighting roles and responsibilities.

Table 68: Main entities involved at the national level

Entity	Responsibilities
Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MINAGRIF)	National agricultural policy, post-harvest programs, and food security; oversees the extension system extension system and the IDA.
Institute for Agricultural Development (IDA)	Rural development and extension, technical support for storage, and training for producers.
Ministry of the Environment (MINAMB)	Environmental regulations and licensing (EIA/PGAS); coordination of INGA.
Ministry of Economy and Planning (PRODESI)	Programs and financing lines for agro-industry and storage.
INIQ – National Institute for Quality Infrastructure	Standardization, metrology, and conformity assessment of silos and equipment.
National logistics infrastructure (Port/CFB/Lobito Corridor)	Grain transport and reception; port-railway-road integration.

Table 69: Main institutions involved at the provincial level

Entity	Responsibilities
Bié Provincial Government	Policy coordination and intersectoral articulation.
Provincial Office of Agriculture, Livestock, and Fisheries	Sectoral planning and support for storage projects
Provincial Environment Office	Monitoring of environmental licenses and supervision of the PGAS.
Angolan National Roads Institute (INEA)	Management, maintenance, and conservation of national roads
Benguela Railway – E.P. (CFB)	Railway operation for grain flows and connection to the Lobito Corridor.

Table 70: Main institutions involved at the local level

Entity	Responsibilities
Municipal administrations	Land use planning, construction licensing, and public participation.
Local authorities and communities.	Oversee and collaborate in the implementation of silo projects, ensuring transparency, social inclusion, and the resolution of any conflicts of interest.
Civil society organizations.	Promote citizen participation, defend the interests of affected communities, and collaborate in the independent monitoring of silo project implementation.
Municipal commissions for monitoring and supervising projects	Monitor the local execution of silo projects, ensuring compliance with technical, environmental, and social standards, as well as coordination between the promoter, authorities, and communities.
EDAs / Agricultural Extension (IDA)	Direct technical assistance to producers (post-harvest, pests, loss management).
Private operators/Cooperatives	Investment, silo operation, and compliance with quality, safety, and environmental standards.

12.2 Assessment of the institutional capacity of the body responsible for implementing the project.

Technical training is a strategic element for the sustainability of the grain silo construction and operation project, ensuring that the human resources involved have the necessary skills to effectively manage agricultural infrastructure. Continuous training and strengthening local capacities are crucial to ensuring operational efficiency, the quality of stored products, and compliance with environmental, safety, and public health standards.

In this context, grain silo management requires a multidisciplinary team of specialized technicians, notably:

Table 71: Human resources assigned to the cart group

Training area	Total	Academic level	Experience
Civil engineers	2	Engineer	Yes
Mechanical	4	Engineer	Yes
Electricians	4	Engineer	Yes
Agricultural engineers	6	Technician	No
Environmental and Safety Technicians	3	Technical	Yes
Logistics and Operations Technicians	8	Technical	No
Food Quality Technicians	2	Technician	Yes
Financial and Administrative Managers	17	Higher	Yes
Operators	40	Technical	No
General Services	24	Basic	No

- **Civil and Mechanical Engineers** – responsible for the construction and maintenance of structures and ventilation, drying, and internal transportation systems;
- **Agricultural Engineers** – specialists in post-harvest, quality, and grain conservation;
- **Environmental and Safety Technicians** – focused on compliance with the Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP), occupational risk prevention, and emergency management;
- **Logistics and Operations Technicians** – dedicated to the efficient reception, dispatch, and handling of grains;
- **Food Quality Technicians** – responsible for product inspection, fumigation, and certification;
- **Financial and Administrative Managers** – responsible for economic viability, cost control, and contract management, etc.

Strengthening these technical skills, combined with training programs and knowledge transfer, is essential to ensure that the project achieves its objectives efficiently, safely, and sustainably.

12.3 Technical Capacity Building Plan

This technical capacity building plan aims to ensure that the promoter and partner institutions have the knowledge, tools, and skills necessary to ensure effective management, sustainability, and maximization of the socioeconomic and environmental benefits of the silo implementation project. Capacity building involves technical, operational, financial, and governance training, to be implemented at different stages of the project cycle.

Table 72: Training and capacity building plan

Training Area	Target Audience	Main Content	Frequency	Supporting Entity
Infrastructure Management and Maintenance	Civil and mechanical engineers, maintenance technicians	Operation of ventilation, drying, and transportation systems; preventive, and corrective maintenance corrective	Semiannual	Proponent + Professional Technical Institutes
Post-Harvest and Grain Quality	Agricultural engineers, technicians of quality food	Food quality of preservation, fumigation, classification and certification of grains	Quarterly	IDA / INAQ
Environmental Management and Safety	Environmental responsible for safety and health	Implementation of the PGAS, risk prevention, emergency response	Annual	MINAMB / Environment Office Environment
Logistics and Operations	Technical of logistics, warehouse operators	Management of incoming/outgoing of products, traceability, logistics contracts	Quarterly	Port of Lobito / CFB / Logistics Companies
Financial and Administrative Management	Financial and administrative managers	Economic Planning Economic financial planning, cost analysis, budget control	Annual	Commercial Banking / PRODESI
Governance and Community Participation Community	Local Authorities, community representatives, NGOs	Transparency in management, community dialogue, resolution of conflict	Annual	Municipal administrations / NGOs

12.3.1 Training plan within the scope of the PGAS

The training plan is an essential tool to ensure that everyone involved in the implementation and operation of the agricultural silo construction and management project is properly trained. The objective is to ensure compliance with the Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP), promote good environmental practices, strengthen occupational safety, and increase technical and operational efficiency. This training program will be targeted at different audiences, with appropriate frequency and support from competent institutions, in order to ensure the sustainability of the project.

Table 73: Training plan

Type of Training	Main Content	Target Audience	Frequency	Supporting Entities
Environmental and PGAS	Impact mitigation, waste management, monitoring, good practices	Environmental technicians, construction workers, silo operators	Initial + Annual recycling	MINAMB, Provincial Environment Office, Proponent
Occupational Health and Safety	PPE, firefighting, first aid, evacuation	All workers, HSE team	Initial + Annual refresher + Quarterly simulations quarterly	INSS, Fire Department, HSE
Silo Operation and Maintenance	Ventilation, drying, and transportation systems transport, preventive maintenance	Mechanical engineers, operators of silos, maintenance technicians	Initial + Refresher semester	Equipment manufacturers, IDA
Post-harvest management and quality	Grain classification, pest control, conservation and certification	Eng. agronomists, quality technicians, operators	Initial + Annual refresher training	INAQ, IDA
Community and social management	Communication, management of complaints, conflict resolution	Community community representatives, NGOs, social managers	Annual workshops	Municipal administrations, NGOs
Logistics and Warehouse Management	Traceability, entry/exit of products, logistics contracts	Logistics technicians, warehouse managers	Initial + Annual retraining	Port of Lobito, CFB, logistics operators
Governance and Ethics	Transparency, accountability, legal compliance	Managers of project, administrative managers	Initial + Annual refresher	MINFIN, PRODESI, NGOs

13 PUBLIC CONSULTATION AND PARTICIPATION

13.1 GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

Public consultation is a mandatory step in the Environmental Impact Assessment process, as established by the Basic Environment Law (Law No. 5/98, of June 19), Presidential Decree No. 117/20 of April 22, and Executive Decree No. 87/12 of February 24, which regulate public participation in environmental matters. This procedure aims to ensure transparency, inclusion, and participation of communities, local authorities, and other stakeholders in the analysis of projects with potential environmental and social impact.

13.2 PURPOSE OF PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

In the context of this project for the Construction of Agricultural Infrastructure "Silos," the public consultations have the following objectives:

- Inform local communities, administrative authorities, and other stakeholders about the objectives, nature, location, and potential impacts of the project;
- Gather opinions, concerns, suggestions, and local knowledge that can contribute to the improvement of mitigation measures and the design of the project itself;
- Promote dialogue and the inclusive involvement of all relevant actors in order to strengthen social acceptance of the project and prevent future conflicts.
- Compliance with operational safeguard 1 of the bank financing the projects, etc.

13.3 LEGAL FRAMEWORK

Public consultations in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process are legally supported by Angolan law and are a mandatory and essential step to ensure the democratic and informed participation of communities and other stakeholders in the assessment of projects with potential environmental impact.

The main legal instrument governing this matter is Presidential Decree No. 117/20 of April 22, Regulation on the Environmental Impact Assessment Procedure

This decree establishes the principles, phases, and requirements of the EIA procedure and clearly defines the role of public consultations as a mechanism for participation and social inclusion. The following relevant points are noteworthy in this regard:

- **Article 20 (Public Participation):**

Establishes that the EIA process must ensure the effective participation of the public, particularly communities directly affected by the project, through appropriate consultation and communication mechanisms.

- **Article 21 (Public Consultation):**

Defines that public consultation must be carried out during the preparation of the Environmental Impact Study and/or during the technical analysis by the licensing authority. Responsibility for its organization and implementation lies with the project proponent, in coordination with the competent environmental authority.

- **Article 22 (Documentation and Dissemination of Public Consultation):**

It requires the proponent to prepare a **Non-Technical Summary of the EIA**, in clear and accessible language, to be made available to the public. The consultation must be widely publicized **at least 15 days in advance**, using effective means such as local radio stations, public notices, community networks, among others.

- **Article 23 (Public Consultation Report):**

Requires the preparation of a report containing the main comments, questions, and suggestions collected during the process, as well as the responses given and any changes to the project or study based on the contributions received. This report must be integrated into the assessment process and submitted to the Ministry of the Environment.

In addition to Decree No. 117/20, the **Basic Environment Law** (Law No. 5/98, of June 19), in its Article 10, also enshrines the principle of **public participation** as a right of citizens and a duty of the State, guaranteeing access to information and the involvement of citizens in the protection and management of the environment.

13.4 METHODOLOGY

The methodology adopted for conducting public consultations within the scope of this Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) aims to ensure inclusion, transparency, access to information, and effective participation of stakeholders, as established in **Article 21** of Presidential Decree No. 117/20 of April 22.

1. Identification of Stakeholders

The process begins with the identification and mapping of stakeholders, including:

- Local communities potentially affected;
- Traditional and administrative authorities (communal and municipal administrations);
- Civil society organizations (agricultural, environmental associations, etc.);
- Representatives of vulnerable groups (women, youth, the elderly);
- Relevant technical entities and government institutions.

2. Preparation and Dissemination of Information

A non-technical summary of the EIA was prepared in clear and accessible language. It

was disseminated through:

- Announcements on community radio stations and social media accounts of the respective administrations;
- Communication with local authorities and community leaders;
- Delivery of physical copies of the summary to easily accessible locations (municipal administration)

3. Holding of Public Consultation Sessions

The sessions will be held in person in the communities covered by the project's area of influence, with the following structure:

- Presentation of the project and its objectives;
- Presentation of the main environmental and social impacts identified;
- Discussion of the proposed mitigation measures;
- Opportunity for questions, comments, and recommendations from participants.

During the sessions, representatives of the proponent, the EIA technical team, local authorities and, where applicable, representatives of the Ministry of the Environment or delegated body will be present.

4. Recording and processing of contributions

All contributions from participants will be recorded in writing or on audio/video, with the necessary consent. A Public Consultation Report will be prepared, containing:

- List of participants and entities represented;
- Summary of issues raised;
- Responses provided by technical experts;
- Analysis of the integration of suggestions into the final version of the EIA.

5. Submission of the Report to the Competent Authorities

The public consultation report will be submitted together with the complete Environmental Impact Assessment to **the Ministry of the Environment** as part of the licensing process, in compliance with national legislation.

13.5 SUMMARY OF EVENTS HELD

13.5.1 Presentation of the Project to the Administrative Entities

As part of the consultation process with the various stakeholders in the Agricultural Infrastructure Construction Project "Silos" in Bié province, on June 17, 2025, the various local government entities associated with the municipalities where the projects will be implemented (Cuito, Catabola, Andulo, and Camacupa) were consulted, each with specific interests, in accordance with the AfDB requirements set out in Operational Safeguard 1.

Among the local government institutions, the following were present:

- Deputy Governor for the Political, Social, and Economic Sector, representing Her Excellency the Governor of Bié Province;
- Deputy Governor of Bié Province for Technical Services and Infrastructure;
- Municipal Administrator of Cuito;
- Municipal Administrator of Andulo;
- Municipal Administrator of Camacupa;
- Deputy Municipal Administrator for Finance of the Municipality of Catabola, representing the Municipal Administrator;
- Director of the Institutional Communication and Press Office;
- Director of the Provincial Office of Agriculture, Livestock, and Fisheries;
- Head of the Environment Department, representing the Director of the Provincial Office for the Environment, Waste Management, and Community Services.

The provincial environment directorate is a stakeholder in the project, acting as a supervisory body that will monitor the project's development, especially during the construction and operation phases.

The administrators, as the entity responsible for municipal administration and therefore representing the population of Cuito, Catabola, Andulo, and Camacupa, will be interested in learning about and monitoring the development of the construction and operation of agricultural infrastructure.

However, to facilitate the discussions, the proposed topics were presented concisely, adding the importance of sharing environmental and social safeguard documents related to the potential risks and impacts of the project.

Considering the interest of the participants, some concerns and contributions arose, which are summarized below:

- In general terms, the importance of strengthening food security in this type of project was highlighted, noting that the Carrinho Group project is a strategic solution for preserving agricultural production and eradicating poverty, creating new employment opportunities and better living conditions for thousands of Angolan families, particularly in Bienas.
- It is worth highlighting the recognition that was made during the consultation regarding the importance of the project, which provides for the construction of silos with a storage capacity of 24,000 tons in each municipality, and which will enable the Carrinho Group to become the largest agricultural network, transforming Angola into one of Africa's leading agricultural countries.

On behalf of the Government of Bié Province, the Deputy Governor for Political, Social, and Economic Affairs praised the implementation of the project in Bié Province, which will facilitate the storage of agricultural products, particularly cereals, and the emergence of various industries. The Deputy Governor assured the Government's support for the success of the project led by the Carrinho Group.

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In addition, the following contributions to the project were provided by the *Consulted Administrative Bodies*, notably:

- 1) The importance of involving communities in the public consultation process, in order to conduct studies on the environmental impact during all phases of the project's implementation (Agostinho Bumba);
- 2) It is in the province's interest to have this agricultural infrastructure, given that production has been increasing, but there is a lack of grain distribution and/or storage.

Once the discussions were concluded and the issues raised clarified, the Carrinho, SA Group Team (i) reaffirmed its willingness to continue dialogue with the Provincial Government and the Municipal Administrations concerned; (ii) shared the presentation and other supporting documents; and (iii) noted the need to work with the Provincial Government of Bié in a timely manner on the action plan within the framework of its social responsibility;

Willingness to cooperate with technical and vocational education institutions and liaise with the Provincial Government in the study and development of good agricultural practices, leading to the transformation of the family agricultural base.

13.5.2 Record of Dialogue and Complaints (public consultation)

After the presentation of the project on June 17, 2025, to the municipal administration of Bié, each representative committed to sharing the information with the local community.

Therefore, at 9:35 a.m. on October 24, 2025, a hearing was held in the Municipal Administration Meeting Room with some representatives of the CAC, representing a wide range of social backgrounds, chaired by His Excellency Dr. Henriques Cassoma Elavoco, Deputy Administrator for Economic and Financial Affairs in Catabola.

Present at this meeting were Samuel Chapindula, Representative of Carrinho; Clemente Tchimwambo, Director of Works; Francisco Sopia Neto, Director of the Guild; Ermenegildo, Representative of Carrinho Agri; Frederico Muquinda, Secretary General of Administration; Guarte Chilulo, Municipal Director of Technical and Infrastructure; João Honório

Massoxi, Municipal Director of Agriculture, Silvestre Quintas, Municipal Director of Inspection, George Gunji, Director of the Office of the Municipal Administrator of Catabola, and members of the community consultation council, i.e., members of the municipal administration, law enforcement and public order agencies, political parties, traditional authorities, and religious entities.

At the beginning of the meeting, His Excellency the Deputy Municipal Administrator welcomed the leaders of the Carrinho Group to the municipality and expressed his satisfaction at receiving the delegation, as they had complied with the municipality's legal and administrative regulations, which had certainly impressed the highest authorities.

Next, the representative of Carrinho Agri Ermenegildo thanked the Deputy Municipal Administrator and the entire protocol for receiving the representatives of the Carrinho Group for the consultation session on the Agricultural Infrastructure Project.

He highlighted the importance of expanding the existing silos in the municipality, with a current capacity of 3,990 tons to a capacity of 20,000 tons, as a strategic solution for the storage and conservation of grains while maintaining their quality. The group's objectives are to help small and medium-sized producers to develop.

The members of the CAC took note of the objectives of the Carrinho Agri Group in relation to the Agricultural Infrastructure Project, expressing their satisfaction and, as part of the same meeting, intervened to express their doubts and opinions.

Mr. Eduardo Armando expressed his gratitude for the technical assistance he has received from Carrinho Agri and the help in supplying seeds, adding that the silo implementation project will be of great importance.

In the same context, Mr. Isac Chivala highlighted the importance of traditional authorities, as they know local producers and are available to maintain initial contact with producers before the company delivers the inputs.

A total of 22 (twenty-two) individuals were present, of whom 21 (twenty-one) were male and 1 (one) was female.

The meeting took place in an atmosphere of agreement and harmony, and at the end, His Excellency the Deputy Municipal Administrator for Economic and Financial Affairs thanked the members for their participation and wished everyone continued success in their work.

Note 1: Public consultation sessions will continue to be comprehensive and inclusive during the implementation process of the different phases of the project. The results of the public consultations will be sent in reports to the parties interested in the approval of the aforementioned projects, as well as updating this section in the EIS.

Note: For proof of the activities described, see Annexes V, VI, and VII.

14 TECHNICAL GAPS

In general, the difficulties encountered during the preparation of this study are related to the lack of detailed information on some environmental descriptors (fauna, flora, and socio-economics), which are fundamental for determining the environmental and social impacts of the project's implementation.

Another factor is that, on many occasions during the preparation and construction phases, deviations from the original project occur that cannot be taken into account during the preparation of the Environmental and Social Impact Study. All these reasons contribute to the estimation of the degree of uncertainty, the magnitude of which is frankly difficult to assess.

Despite the difficulties mentioned above, this Environmental and Social Impact Assessment of the Catabola grain terminal was prepared with rigor and objectivity in assessing the potential impacts arising from its construction and operation, as well as the potential environmental and social factors to be affected, and mitigation measures were defined to avoid and mitigate adverse impacts and enhance positive impacts.

15 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The construction and operation of silos are fundamental to the efficient storage of grains and other bulk materials, playing an essential role in the agricultural production chain. Well-designed and constructed silos ensure the preservation of product quality, minimizing losses and ensuring food safety. In addition, the efficient operation of these silos, which involves the implementation of advanced technologies and appropriate management practices, is crucial for optimizing product flow and reducing costs.

The challenges faced, such as the need for maintenance and initial investments, can be overcome with strategic planning and innovation. Thus, the construction and operation of silos not only meet the growing demand for storage but also contribute to the sustainability of the agricultural sector by promoting a more responsible use of resources. Therefore, it is clear that the effective construction and operation of silos are indispensable pillars for the modernization and security of food supply chains.

In terms of the environment, this environmental and social impact study focused mainly on analyzing the descriptors that may be affected by the actions resulting from the construction, operation, and decommissioning phases, either directly or indirectly, and mitigating and compensatory measures were taken to minimize or enhance the impacts.

During the construction phase, most of the impacts are considered to be negative and insignificant, with the most notable being those resulting from the installation and use of the construction site, vehicle traffic, building construction, and equipment assembly, etc. Positive direct and indirect impacts are also expected, resulting from job creation and the revitalization of associated sectors of activity.

During the terminal's operational phase, the negative impacts identified will also be insignificant and will relate to soil sealing and its allocation, visual impact due to the presence of the grain terminal in contrast to the surrounding area, degradation of air quality due to greenhouse gas emissions, alteration of the natural landscape, and pressure on the electricity supply network and accessibility, etc.

Significant positive impacts are also expected in terms of socio-economics, job creation, the provision of various types of services, and the revitalization of associated sectors.

During the decommissioning phase, although insignificant negative impacts similar to those that will occur during the construction phase have been identified, the positive impacts in this phase outweigh them. This is because once the terminal is decommissioned, the impact or pollution in the different descriptors analyzed is reduced and the probability of the environment returning to its undisturbed state increases.

According to the analyses carried out during this Environmental and Social Impact Study, the project is adequate in terms of environmental quality. The aspects identified as most vulnerable can be mitigated, requiring environmental control measures to be included in the executive project and correctly implemented.

It is recommended that those responsible for implementing the measures mentioned in this study apply them with the utmost rigor.

In short, the construction of this grain terminal is not only a practical solution, but an essential basis for food security and economic development in rural communities and beyond. Investing in grain storage infrastructure is investing in the future of agriculture.

Based on the study presented, no impact was identified that, in the opinion of the team that prepared this EIAS, questions the environmental feasibility of the project under normal operating conditions, considering the implementation of the proposed mitigation measures. The positive impacts remain throughout the entire period of operation of the project.

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ANNEX IV-CONSULTANCY CERTIFICATE



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ANNEX V-MEETING MINUTES

	ACTA DE REUNIÃO CONSULTA PÚBLICA: PROJECTO DE INFRA-ESTRUTURAS AGRÍCOLAS	 2030 CARRINHO
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REUNIÃO DE CONSULTA PÚBLICA PARA APRESENTAÇÃO DO PROJECTO E INSTRUMENTOS AMBIENTAIS E SOCIAIS			
Província: Bié	Municípios: Cuito, Andulo, Camacupa e Catabola		
1. OBJECTIVOS			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dar a conhecer o Projecto e as suas actividades associadas; ○ Recolher contribuições (Opiniões) e as eventuais sugestões, bem como eventuais preocupações sobre o projecto. 			
2. INFORMAÇÕES/TEMAS APRESENTADOS NA CONSULTA PUBLICA			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Apresentação dos instrumentos Ambientais e Sociais relevantes no Projecto; ▪ Componentes e respectivos objectivos do Projecto; ▪ Riscos e Impactos, Ambientais e Sociais referentes ao Projecto; ▪ Expectativas e Preocupações relativas a Projecto. 			
Local da Reunião:	Governo Provincial do Bié	Bié	
Data: 17/06/2025	Hora Início: 11h:00	Hora Terminó: 13h07	
3. SOBRE OS PARTICIPANTES			
Entidades/Orgãos Consultadas	Dono do Projecto – Carrinho, SA		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Vice-Governadora para o Sector Político, Social e Económico, Dra. Alcida Celeste Jesus Camateli Sandumbo, em representação de Sua Excelência Governadora da Província do Bié, Dra. Celeste Elavaco David Adolfo; ▪ Vice-Governador da Província do Bié para os Serviços Técnicos e Infra-estruturas, Dr. José Fernando Tchatuvela; 	Nº de participantes desagregados por sexo: 9 (Homens 5 e 4 Mulheres)	Nome	Função
		Rui Carrinho	<i>Vice-CEO</i>
		Samuel Candundo	<i>Executive Board (ESG Committee Member)</i>
		Lissandro Filipe	<i>Administrative Director (ESG Committee Member)</i>
		Maria Filomena Silva Melo	<i>Director of Quality and Corporate Affairs (ESG Committee Member)</i>
		Euclides Calenga	<i>Environmental, Social, Manager</i>

4. RESUMO DA ACTIVIDADE E PRINCIPAIS CONTRIBUTOS

Com intuito de dar a conhecer o Projecto de Infra-estruturas Agrícolas e suas respectivas componentes, bem como recolher sugestões inerentes á sua implementação, participaram os órgãos públicos da Administração (Vice-Governadores, Administradores Municipais de: Andulo, Cuito, Camacupa e Catabola), conforme as datas acima referenciadas, de modo presencial.

No entanto, para facilitar os debates, foram apresentados, concisamente, as abordagens dos temas propostos, adicionado da importância da partilha dos documentos de salvaguardas ambientais e sociais, relacionados com os potenciais riscos e impactos do projecto.

Considerando o interesse dos participantes, surgiram algumas preocupações e contribuições das quais, de forma resumida, se apresentam a seguir:

Os **Órgãos da Administração** destacaram os seguintes elementos:

Em termos gerais foi destacado a importância do fortalecimento da segurança alimentar neste tipo de projectos, sendo referido que o projecto do Grupo Carrinho se apresenta como uma solução estratégica para a conservação da produção agrícola, a erradicação da pobreza, criando novas oportunidades de emprego e melhores condições de vida de milhares de famílias angolanas em particular bienas. A destacar o reconhecimento que foi realizado no decorrer da consulta, relativamente à importância do projecto que prevê a construção de silos com capacidade para armazenamento de 24 mil toneladas em cada município, e que permitirá ao Grupo Carrinho tornar-se na maior rede agrícola, transformando Angola em um dos principais líderes agrícolas da África.

Em nome do Governo da Província do Bié, a Vice-governadora para o Sector Político, Social e Económico, enalteceu a implementação do projecto na Província do Bié, facto que vai facilitar o armazenamento de produtos do campo com realce para cereais e o surgimento de várias indústrias. A Governante assegurou o acompanhamento do Governo para o sucesso do projecto tutelado pelo Grupo Carrinho. Bié, Mais que uma Província, uma Paixão.

Adicionalmente, foram ainda fornecidas as seguintes contribuições dos ao projecto por parte dos **Órgãos da Administração Consultados**, destacando-se:

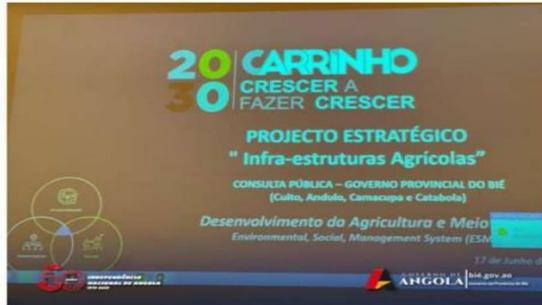


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1. A importância de envolver as Comunidades para a abrangência na Consulta Pública, de modo a fazerem-se estudos sobre o impacto ambiental durante todas as fases de implementação do Projecto, (Agostinho Bumba);
2. É de interesse da Província ter estas infraestruturas agrícolas, visto que a produção tem estado a aumentar a produção e o escoamento dos cereais ou o seu armazenamento está a faltar.

5. ENCONTROS DE CONSULTAS PÚBLICAS COM REPRESENTANTES DO GOVERNO DO BIÉ: REGISTO FOTOGRÁFICO (SE AUTORIZADO)



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6. EQUADRAMENTO LEGAL DO PROJECTO: LEGISLAÇÃO ANGOLANA RELEVANTE NESTA CONSULTA PÚBLICA

- Decreto Presidencial nº 200/22 de 23 de Julho de 2022 – O Plano Nacional de Fomento para a Produção de Grãos (PLANAGRÃO).
- Decreto Presidencial nº 117/20 de 22 de Abril de 2020 – Regulamento Geral de Avaliação de Impacte Ambiental e do Procedimento de Licenciamento Ambiental.
- Decreto Executivo n.º 87/12 de 24 de Fevereiro de 2012 – Regulamento de Consultas Públicas dos Projectos Sujeitos à Avaliação de Impacte Ambiental.

7. DOCUMENTO PARTILHADOS PELO DONO DA OBRA COM AS PARTES INTERESSADAS NA CONSULTA PÚBLICA

- 1) Apresentação do Projecto Carrinho “*Infra-Estruturas Agrícolas*”.
- 2) Políticas Grupo Carrinho – ESMS.
- 3) Standards (Procedimentos) “Chave” Grupo Carrinho – ESMS (Consulta Pública).
- 4) Resumo dos Relatórios Não Técnicos dos Estudos de Impacto Ambiental e Social (Subprojectos: Infraestruturas Agrícolas – Silos de Grão), referentes aos Municípios: Cuito, Andulo, Camacupa e Catabola.
- 5) Consulta Pública – Registo de Diálogo e Reclamação.

8. CONSIDERAÇÕES FINAIS

- 1) Esgotadas as discussões e clarificadas as questões colocadas, a Equipa do Grupo Carrinho, SA (i) reafirmou a sua disponibilidade de continuar a dialogar com o Governo Provincial e as Administrações Municipais abrangidas; (ii) partilha da apresentação e demais documentos de base e (iii) anotação sobre a necessidade de oportunamente trabalhar com o Governo da Província do Bié, no caderno de acções no quadro da sua responsabilidade social;
- 2) Disponibilidade de cooperar com as instituições de ensino técnico-profissional e articular com o Governo da Província no estudo e desenvolvimentos de boas práticas agrícolas, conducentes a transformação da base agrícola familiar.

ANNEX VI-ATTENDANCE LIST



REPÚBLICA DE ANGOLA
GOVERNO DA PROVÍNCIA DO BIÉ
GABINETE DA VICE-GOVERNADORA PARA O SECTOR POLÍTICO, SOCIAL E ECONÓMICO

LISTA DE PRESENÇA

17 de Junho de 2025

N.º	NOME	INSTITUIÇÃO	FUNÇÃO	N.º DE TELEFONE	Hora de Chegada
1	Mr Carrinho	CARRINHO SA	Vice - CEO	923 787280	
2	Manuel Casimiro	CARRINHO SA	Administrador	927132013	
3	Manuela Alami Tusteb Tuh	CARRINHO SA	Directa Administrativa	93669 6909	
4	Dr. Sita Ucuizani	Admin. cuita	Administradora	923 315660	
5	Frederica Ramos Fari	Grupo CIP Casulo	Administradora	923 92 06 79	
6	Paulina de Sousa Gonçalves	Adm. d. Casulo	Administradora	925747272	
7	Henrique Cassiano G. Clavaco	Adm. M. Catabola	Dir. Mun. Kujumita	925637648	
8	Quelides Calega	GESTOR AMB. HSE	CONSULTOR AMB.	923 454635	
9	Gertrudes Euzébio Ketele Cavaca	Gch. de C. social	Directora	923222031	
10	Bannabé Chico Sangualé	G.P.A.P.P.	Director	921 244357	19:00
11	Agostina Bumba Eduardo Adriano	G.P.A.G.R.S.C	Chief de Dto	92987 8870	
12	Alta Fátima da Cunha	Carrinho Agri	Chief de Dto	923506499	
13	Dilva Triscila Pires Manuel	Carrinho SA	Gestora Ambiental	92457 4969	

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ANNEX VII-EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

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GRUPO CARRINHO APRESENTA NO BIÉ PROJECTO DE CONSTRUÇÃO DE INFRAESTRUTURAS AGRÍCOLAS

A Vice-governadora para o Sector Político, Social e Económico, Alcida Celeste Jesus Camateli Sandumbo, em representação da Governadora Provincial do Bié, recebeu em audiência na manhã desta terça-feira 17 de Junho, uma delegação do Grupo Carrinho encabeçada pelo Vice Presidente do Conselho Executivo da Empresa, Rui Carrinho.

O encontro teve como objectivo principal a apresentação do projecto de construção de infraestruturas agrícolas na Província do Bié, que vai abranger numa primeira fase os municípios do Cuito, Andulo, Camacupa e Catabola.

Além do fortalecimento da segurança alimentar, o projecto do Grupo Carrinho se apresenta como uma solução estratégica para a conservação da produção agrícola, a erradicação da pobreza, criando novas oportunidades de emprego e melhores condições de vida de milhares de famílias angolanas em particular bienas.

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GABINETE DE COMUNICAÇÃO SOCIAL DO GOVERNO DA PROVÍNCIA DO BIÉ.





ANNEX VII-DIALOGUE AND COMPLAINTS REGISTER (PUBLIC CONSULTATION)

	<p align="center">REGISTO DE DIÁLOGO E RECLAMAÇÕES CONSULTA PÚBLICA</p>	 
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FORMULÁRIO PARA REGISTO DE DIÁLOGO E RECLAMAÇÕES

Identificação do Projecto/Actividade: <u>Projecto de Infraestrutura Agrícolas</u>	
Nome: <u>Carrinho - SA</u>	
Nº de Telefone: _____ Outro meio de contato: _____ _____	Género: <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F Idade: _____
Comunidade: <u>Catabola</u>	Posto Administrativo: <u>Sala de Reuniões ADM</u>
Comuna: <u>Sede</u>	Província: <u>Bié</u>
Data de Recepção: <u>24/10/2025</u>	Data de Recepção: <u>24/10/2025</u>

RESUMO DO CONTÉUDO

As Nove horas e Trinta e Cinco Minutos do Dia Vinte e quatro, do Mês de Outubro, de Dois Mil e Vinte Cinco, realizou-se na Sala de Reuniões da Administração Municipal, o Encontro de Auscutação com alguns representantes do CAC, a representação dos mais diferentes extratos sociais, presidida por Sua Excelência **Dr. Henriques Cassoma Elavoco**, Administrador Adjunto para Área Económica e Financeira de Catabola.

Estiveram presente neste encontro os Senhores, **Samuel Chapindula** Representante da Carrinho, **Clemente Tchimwambo** Director de Obras, **Francisco Sopia Neto** Director do Grémio, **Ermenegildo** Representante da Carrinho Agri, **Frederico Muquinda**, Secretário Geral da Administração, **Guarte Chilulo**, Director Municipal da Área Técnica e Infraestrutura, **João Honório Massoxi**, Director Municipal Da Agricultura, **Silvestre Quintas**, Director Municipal da Fiscalização, **George Gunji**, Director do Gabinete do Administrador Municipal de Catabola e também constavam os membros do conselho de Auscutação as comunidades, no total de 14 Membros dos quais 1 do sexo femenino, isto é, Membros da Administração Municipal, Órgãos de Defesa e Ordem Pública, Partidos Políticos, Autoridades Tradicionais e Entidades Religiosas.

No início do encontro, Sua **Excelência Senhor Administrador Municipal adjunto**, desejou as boas-vindas aos dirigentes do Grupo Carrinho no Município e em simultâneo mostrou a sua satisfação por receber a delegação, por cumprirem com as normas legais e Administrativas do Município o que de certo modo impactou para as autoridades máximas.

Seguidamente, o representante da Carrinho Agri **Ermenegildo**, agradeceu ao Administrador Municipal Adjunto e à todo protocolo por receber os representantes do Grupo Carrinho para a sessão de oscultação do Projecto de Infraestruturas Agrícolas.

Destacou a importância da ampliação dos silos existentes no município, com a actual capacidade de **3990** toneladas para uma capacidade de **20.000** toneladas, sendo uma solução estratégica para o armazenamento e conservação dos grãos mantendo a sua qualidade. O grupo tem como objectivos ajudar os pequenos, médios produtores a desenvolverem-se.

Os membros do CAC tomaram conhecimento dos objetivos do Grupo Carrinho Agri em relação ao Projecto de Infraestruturas Agrícolas, demonstrando as suas satisfações e por fazerem parte do mesmo encontro, interviram expondo suas dúvidas e opiniões;

O **Sr. Eduardo Armando**, agradeceu pela assistência técnica que tem recebido da Carrinho Agri e o auxílio ao fornecimento de sementes, e que o projecto da implementação dos silos será de grande importância.

No mesmo contexto, o **Sr. Isac Chivala**, destacou a importância das autoridades tradicionais, uma vez que conhecem os produtores locais e que estão à disposição para manterem o primeiro contacto com os produtores antes que a empresa entregue os insumos.

O encontro decorreu em um clima de concordância e harmonia, tendo no final Sua Excelência Administrador Municipal Adjunto Para Área Económica e Financeira agradeceu a participação dos membros e desejado uma boa continuação das actividades laborais à todos.

ENCONTRO DO CONSELHO MUNICIPAL DE AUSCULTAÇÃO DAS COMUNIDADES DE BIÉ - CATABOLA: REGISTO FOTOGRÁFICO





ASSINATURAS DOS PARTICIPANTES

29.10.2025

Lista de presenças do encontro com o grupo Carrinho / Catabela

- 1 - Plomente Tchiravambue - CARRINHO - 925147783
- 2 - NHERINDO STANUEL CHILINDA - CARRINHO - 923426134
- 3 - Francisco Spica Neto, genio (Carrinho) 940473295
- 4 - Henrique b. b. Elavoo (adm. Catabela) 925637648
- 5 - Silvestre Jambá Avintes - 923060697
- 6 - George Araújo N. Gungo - 942459626
- 7 - GUARTE JUSTINO L. CHILULO (DIR. INFRA ESTR.) - 936923772
- 8 - João Massoxi Honorio Carlos - 738375960
- 9 - Juliana V. L. Gongaia - 9473050604
- 10 - Benavinda b. b. Tchissulub - 926223237
- 11 - Carrinho Comanga - 7544444444 ⁹³⁷²⁴⁹⁹³⁸
- 12 - Teodoro Bento Cleangimbi - 927651523
- 13 - Jacinto Chiriquela Justino - 941831448
- 14 - Belmiro Leonardo (dica) Chiyoba
- 15 - Vasco Hossi - - - - - samasseba
- 16 - Gabrielio ... sawango - - - - - Eacombog
- 17 - Ismael Subala Madala Ambala N'Gumbé
- 18 - Eduardo Fernando - Regedor M.
- 19 - Benavio Sangungo - N'Gonde
- 20 - Arcenio Hombó
- 21 - Fernando Chibanga
- 22 - Elisotora Chisilias - Produtor
- 23 -