

Mozambique's Natural Resource Boom

What potential impacts on the competitiveness of Mozambique's **Soybean** industry?





Soybean has huge growth potential in Mozambique and is becoming a major cash crop for smallholder farmers





A key to competitive growth of soybean production in Mozambique is continued growth in domestic poultry industry demand





Mozambique's soybean industry is competitive yet negatively affected by high transport costs



Sample profitability analysis (based on soy mill entry price; 30MZN/\$





Dutch Disease would reduce competitiveness of Mozambique's soybean industry

One of the potential effects of Mozambique's impending resource boom is an appreciation of the Metical (one consequence of the phenomenon known as "Dutch Disease")



This means domestic buyers would need fewer Metical to buy the same amount of imported soy-cake

This would result in a loss of competiveness relative to other exporters whose currencies have not undergone a similar appreciation

Illustrative case

Price of imported soy-cake goes down

USD exchange rate goes from 30MZN/\$ to 20MZN/\$

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Domestic price of soybeans goes down

Cost of imported inputs goes down

Competitiveness is reduced Profitability goes down but remains marginally positive

| Sample profitability analysis | 30MZN/\$ | 20MZN/\$ | |
|-------------------------------|----------|----------|---|
| Gross Revenue (Metical/ton) | 18,568 | 12,378 | |
| Costs (Metical/ton) | 13,140 | 11,910 | |
| Profit (Metical/ton) | 5,428 | 469 | |
| Cost-benefit ratio | 0.71 | 0.96 | 7 |



Mozambique can become a net surplus producer of soybeans

4 steps to improving competitiveness of the Mozambican soybean industry





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