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NHPC and MINEPIA sign a partnership agreement





Exchange of initials between the Managing Director of NHPC and the Minister of Livestock, Fisheries and Animal Industries and family photo

A commitment to support fishermen and fishmongers' activities and preserve biodiversity

On the 23rd of October 2024, NHPC and the Ministry of Livestock, Fisheries and Animal Industries (MINEPIA) signed a partnership agreement relating to the support of fishing and aquaculture activities in the Nachtigal project area and the monitoring of the compensation's strategy for the fish species impacted by the project.

The signing of this partnership agreement is part of NHPC's Environmental and Social Management Plan, with a focus on the restoration of people affected by the Nachtigal project's livelihood and the preservation of aquatic biodiversity. It follows the validation of the Nachtigal's fishery management plan.

Through this agreement, NHPC and MINEPIA have committed to work together in a concerted and effective way to implement all the measures and actions set out in the plan.

About the Nachtigal's fishery management plan

Elaborated following a study and validated at national level by MINEPIA in June 2023, the Nachtigal's fishery management plan aims to restore the livelihoods of fishermen and fishmongers affected by the Nachtigal project, and the governance of fishery resources in the reservoir created.

The plan includes, among other things, the creation of a fishing zone in the Nachtigal dam reservoir, the construction of a landing stage, the structuring and formalization of fishermen and fishmongers into fishing cooperatives, and training in fishing techniques adapted to the reservoir for fishermen who are to be resettled, and in modern fish processing techniques for fishmongers.

Its implementation started in 2024 and will benefit more than 200 people.