

Public Consultation about the project reached more than 15.000 people

Portucel Moçambique and its environmental consultant for the forestry project, Impacto, held between July 28 and August 14 2014, the Final Public Consultation on the Environmental Impact Study for the whole area in Portucel Moçambique's Direito de Uso e Aproveitamento de Terra (DUAT) or the legal right to use and enjoy land.

This process, aimed to present the main findings and suggestions of the Environmental Impact Study, covered all 18 administrative posts and 08 districts involved in the project. In addition to these meetings, public consultations were held in the provincial capital, Chimoio and Quelimane, as well as in Maputo, the capital.

In total, Portucel Moçambique and its consultants have contacted about 15,000 people living in the communities, covering 200 villages and held more than 70 meetings.

In the Environmental Impact Study process there were planned public consultation meetings at three levels: during the field survey of the socio-economy team there were held focus groups; in the compilation phase of the environmental impact assessment report there were meetings; and in the final stage, for the presentation of the report, it were made the aforementioned Final Public Consultation meetings.

The results of the public consultation process, including concerns and suggestions made by the participants and the answers and commitments of Portucel Moçambique, were included in the final versions of the Environmental Impact Assessment and Environmental Management Plans.