

## 2.3.1 Mozambique Land Border Crossing of Ponta do Ouro

### Overview

This border post between Mozambique and South Africa is very small and therefore has little capacity to attend to people and vehicles. The process is usually time-consuming (on average 30 min per vehicle), particularly during the holiday period, in which delays tends to last hours.

The border is gradually becoming more used due to recent major road improvements to Maputo. With the conclusion of the Maputo-Catembe bridge, traffic is expected to increase extensively – mainly light, but also heavy vehicles are expected to a certain extent.

Border Crossing Location and Contact	
<b>Name of Border Crossing</b>	Mozambique: Ponta do Ouro South Africa: Kosi Bay
<b>Province or District</b>	Maputo
<b>Nearest Town or City with Distance from Border Crossing</b>	Ponta do Ouro, 18 km (20 min)
<b>Latitude</b>	-26.864289
<b>Longitude</b>	32.829384
<b>Managing Authority / Agency</b>	
<b>Contact Person</b>	

Travel Times	
<b>Nearest International Airport</b>	Maputo Distance in 167 km Truck Travel Time: 6'00" Car Travel time: 2'45"
<b>Nearest Port</b>	Maputo Distance in 167 km Truck Travel Time: 6'00" Car Travel time: 3'00"
<b>Nearest location with functioning wholesale markets, or with significant manufacturing or production capacity</b>	Matola Distance in 150 km Truck Travel Time: 5'00" Car Travel time: 2'30"
<b>Other Information</b>	Fuel stations are available. The border crosses the Maputo Game Reserve. There are no weighbridges until Matola.

Hours of Operation	
<b>Mondays</b>	8:00 to 17:00
<b>Tuesdays</b>	8:00 to 17:00
<b>Wednesdays</b>	8:00 to 17:00

<b>Thursdays</b>	8:00 to 17:00
<b>Fridays</b>	8:00 to 17:00
<b>Saturdays</b>	8:00 to 17:00
<b>Sundays</b>	8:00 to 17:00
<b>National Holidays</b>	8:00 to 17:00
<b>Seasonal Constraints</b>	No constraints

## Daily Capacity

The border procedures are very slow and capacity is restricted (20 vehicles per day).

## Customs Clearance

### Border & Vehicle Requirements:

- A valid passport with more than 6 months remaining until expiry date. Citizens of South Africa, Botswana, Malawi, Mauritius, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe do not require visas, but all other nationalities require holiday visas (which can be obtained from the border) to get into Mozambique.
- A valid driver's license for the driver.
- Vehicle & boat registration documents.
- Temporary import permits are compulsory for vehicles & must be filled in at the border.
- A Compulsory Third-Party Liability insurance certificate (valid for 30 days from the date issued which can be obtained at the border) per vehicle & per towed application.
- A "Declaration of entry of foreign currency" must be collected and completed at the customs desk if carrying over USD 5,000 in cash.
- For vehicles longer than 6 metres, reflectors on the front and rear of your vehicle are required.
- Each vehicle must have the 2 red reflective triangles & 2 reflective vests.
- No drugs, firearms or explosive materials can be brought in Mozambique.

For more information on customs in Mozambique, please see the following link: [1.3 Customs Information](#)

## Other Relevant Information

### Border & Vehicle Costs:

- Third party insurance (available at the border) is compulsory – USD 11 per vehicle and USD 6 per trailer.
- A temporary import permit for vehicles and whatever trailer you are towing – USD 0.75 each.

For more information on government contact details, please see the following link: [4.1 Government Contact List](#)