

PRESS RELEASE

KARMOL and Maputo Municipality Expand Mangrove Forest to More Than Three Hectares with the Planting of 2,000 New Seedlings

Maputo, 27 July 2026 – KARMOL Mozambique, in partnership with the Maputo Municipality, has reaffirmed its commitment to environmental sustainability by planting 2,000 new mangrove seedlings along the Katembe coastline in Maputo City. The initiative expands the KARMOL & Maputo Municipality Forest to more than three hectares, increasing the total number of mangrove seedlings planted since the project's launch in 2025 to 7,000.

The tree-planting ceremony brought together representatives of the Maputo Municipality, the Embassy of the Republic of Türkiye in Mozambique, institutional partners, community leaders, school representatives and KARMOL employees. The initiative reinforces ongoing efforts to restore coastal ecosystems, strengthen climate resilience and promote environmental stewardship.

Mangrove forests play a critical role in protecting biodiversity, preventing coastal erosion, capturing carbon and supporting healthy marine ecosystems. By restoring these habitats, the project contributes to the long-term ecological resilience of Maputo's coastline while helping safeguard the livelihoods of local communities.

Speaking at the ceremony, KARMOL Mozambique Director Cumhur Aksoy said the initiative goes beyond reforestation.

"Today, we return to witness the first results of a commitment that began last year. Every tree we plant is an investment in a greener, healthier and more resilient future. More than restoring mangrove forests, we are building a lasting legacy of partnership, sustainability and shared responsibility for future generations".

Aksoy added that, with the additional 2,000 seedlings planted this year, the partnership has now restored more than three hectares of mangrove forest in total, helping protect biodiversity, rehabilitate coastal ecosystems and strengthen the resilience of communities that depend on these natural resources.

The Deputy Head of Mission of the Embassy of the Republic of Türkiye in Mozambique, Hilal Uzman, highlighted the importance of international cooperation in advancing sustainable development.

“Every mangrove we plant represents far more than a tree, it symbolizes our shared responsibility for the future. International cooperation remains essential in addressing the challenges of climate change, and we are confident that environmental collaboration between Türkiye and Mozambique will continue to grow and inspire new initiatives”.

The Councilor for the Katembe Municipal District, Celso Fulano, commended KARMOL’s contribution to environmental conservation and encouraged the continued expansion of the initiative, particularly through greater engagement with schools and young people.

“KARMOL has been at the forefront of mangrove restoration in our district. We must continue expanding these efforts while involving more children and young people so that the importance of conserving mangrove ecosystems is understood from an early age. By protecting mangroves, we are protecting our marine ecosystems, fisheries and the future of our communities”.

The mangrove restoration project forms part of KARMOL Mozambique’s long-term Corporate Social Responsibility and Sustainability Strategy. Through initiatives such as this, the company continues to invest in biodiversity conservation, ecosystem restoration and community well-being, contributing to a more sustainable and climate-resilient Mozambique.