

**Fisheries Secretary Thanks Soviets for Vessel**  
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[Text] The Mozambican secretary of state for fisheries, Tenreiro de Almeida, has expressed gratitude at the Soviet Union's contribution to the development of Mozambique. Mr Tenreiro de Almedia was speaking in Maputo at the official presentation of a fishing vessel Mozambique has purchased from the Soviet Union.

He said that the boat, "Malundo," is one of the factors that will continue to serve the spirit of political and economic cooperation between the Soviet Union and Mozambique.

The Soviet ambassador to Mozambique, Nikolay Dybenko, said that the arrival of the boat was a gesture of cordial relations between the two countries. Mr Dybenko said that the boat has all the equipment of a modern fishing vessel, and could be operated with a reduced number of fishermen.

The vessel was purchased for 3,000 million meticals, an equivalent of about \$5.2 million which will be paid in a period of 50 years. The money is to be paid in meticals and not in foreign currency.