

Msumbiji protects her wealth

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Lourenco Marques, Saturday. THE Government of the People's Republic of Mozambique has warned against illegal fishing within its territorial waters. Those caught doing so will be severely punished.

A statement issued by the Ministry of National Defence here said that there has, in the past, been frequent violations of the country's territorial waters by foreign fishing vessels on missions to plunder the country's fish, lobsters and prawns.

On November 11, the statement said, the People's Forces

for the Liberation of Mozambique (FPLM), on patrol of fishing grounds, intercepted a Spanish vessel "Rio Das Pedras", five miles off the coast in Pebane with five tons of prawns. They also caught a Japanese vessel, "Ragel" with seven tons of prawns on board.

Meanwhile, Mozambique yesterday signed an agreement here with the People's Republic of China providing for co-operation in the field of health. Also she has established diplomatic relations with Brazil at ambassadorial level beginning today.