

South African fishing boat captain sentenced (Text) The maritime tribunal set up to try the South African fishing boat arrested a few days ago [ME/7120/ii] at Inhaca has decided to sentence its captain to a fine of 1,000,000 meticals in freely convertible currency. The sentence read out this morning also included the decision to confiscate the fishing vessel as well as the appropriation by our state of any monies resulting from the sale of the products found on board. During the three-day trial it was proved that the vessel had intentionally violated Mozambican territorial waters with the aim of fishing. The maritime tribunal also proved that Capt Jan Smit's [phonetic] defence, which was that he had drifted from South African waters into our area, was false, because, as he wrote in the ship's logbook, the breakdown of the vessel's engine took place well inside Mozambican waters. Repatriation of the crew of 18 men will be (up to the immigration department). (Maputo in Portuguese 1030 gmt 3 Sep 82)