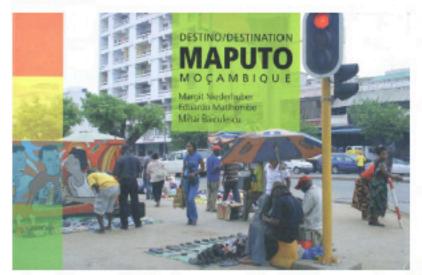
## Destination Maputo, Moçambique: a book review

By Jane Flood



found it very "off the beaten path"... It's like a mosaic of less-than-obvious faces and voices from Maputo, which gives you a genuine feel of the cultural richness and diversity in this warm and welcoming city". Cristiana Pereira, editor (has been living and working back in Maputo since 2006).

This new book on Maputo (in German and Portuguese) certainly does that, produced with funding from UNESCO with support from several German public and private organisations. It helps get under the skin of Maputo and nicely fills the gap left by the now out of print 2004 offering of the French Cultural Department.

The book features articles by Albie Sachs, Panaibra Canda (choreorgrapher), Manuela Soeiro (actress and director of Teatro Avenida), Remigio Van Eys Chilaule (architect) and Paulina Chiziane about her experience as a maid in colonial times as well as Mia Couto, who won the Camões prize last year and was made in co operation with Beatrice Rangel and staff of the CDFF (Centro de Documentação e Formação Fotográfica). There is plenty inside its covers to dip into and

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appreciate what inspires the current and past creatives in the city.

Each piece is interleafed with little photo essays of what strikes the first time visitor- beach life and the Fish Market looking wholesome, Malangatana murals, a dance performance at CCFM, photos by Tomas Cumbana (head of the Mozambican Association of Photographers) and Maputopia Exhibition 2012 at the City Hall. The book finishes with a few of the classic Ricardo Rangel images of Bagamoyo in the early 70s, and one I have never seen of Alberquerque OFF his horse and other assorted colonial statues parked in the garden of Museum of Art before being sent to Fortaleza and other resting places.

Destino/Destination Maputo, Moçambique By Margit Neiderhuber, Eduardo Matlhombe and Mihai Baiculescu is hard backed and available via Amazon at under 20 Euros. If you speak German or Portuguese, a nice book to for example get for someone's birthday!

Want to see some of the places in the book for yourself? Jane Flood has been running city walking tours since 2009, Maputo a Pé (+258) 82 419 0574.

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