

Abstract:

This Act establishes right of use and conditions for exploiting public lands. It defines different uses of land, listing obligations to be fulfilled by foreign or national entities, as well as fees to be paid in order to obtain a licence for land exploitation. It consists of 35 articles concerning necessary requirements to be met for obtaining the aforementioned licence and regulating plans for land exploitation to be sent for approval to the competent authority. It is significant for recognizing customary land tenure and providing for issuance of customary tenure certificates. The root title in Land in Mozambique vests in the State which holds it in trust of the people. Thus, land may not be sold, which is a limitation on establishment of a land market. However, arrangements have been made which permit land transactions limited to the interests in land, under licence, held by occupiers.