



Operation Phakisa:

Working together to move
South Africa's Oceans Economy forward



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President Jacob Zuma and Minister Edna Molewa unveil the new boat hoist at Port of Port Elizabeth during the President's visit in April 2016.

Oceans Economy

The Operation Phakisa: Oceans Economy has continued to show steady growth in the economy, with the total ocean sectors contributing 4.4% of GDP in 2010 and 4.6% in 2014. The implementation of the initiatives within this sector will contribute to empowerment of women and the youth and provide opportunities for small, medium and micro enterprises.

Port Infrastructure Development

Current investment in infrastructure development in South Africa's ports has reached R2.76 billion. Some of these include the refurbishment of the lead-in jetty and the commissioning of the new 90-ton boat hoist, the second of its kind in South Africa, in the Port of Port Elizabeth which I inspected in 2016 and the dry-dock caisson in the port of Durban. The substantial investment infrastructure will not only impact on the efficiency of our ports, but it will unlock further investments.

Manufacturing and Boatbuilding

The manufacturing and boatbuilding industry has unlocked private sector investments totalling R2.8 billion and opportunities for employment creation. I had the pleasure of unveiling one of the locally manufactured tugboats, the Mvezo, operating from the Port of Port Elizabeth and named after the birthplace of former President Nelson Mandela. This demonstrates that South Africa has the expertise and the capacity to manufacture such specialised boats locally.

Aquaculture

Aquaculture development has contributed a combined private and public sector investment of R444 million, creating one thousand seven hundred and seventy (1 770) jobs to date in diverse enterprises and farming a variety of species from abalone to kob and others. Further opportunities are being created especially in the rural areas, farming with fresh water and marine species.

Coastal and Marine Tourism and Small Harbour Development

The implementation of the coastal and maritime tourism initiatives and the planning for the small harbours will commence in 2017 and will further advance coastal infrastructure development. Beach precinct development and harbour infrastructure have been prioritised along the South African coast.

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