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**Challenges and Opportunities**

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# Traditional Role of IP Offices

## ■ Governance, Policies, Legislation

Assist, advice, and present proposals to the government on:

- 👉 policies and strategies on IP
- 👉 legislation
- 👉 negotiation and accession to international IP organizations and instruments

## ■ Sovereignty

- 👉 Definition and grant of industrial property rights
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# Traditional Role of IP Offices

## ■ **Provision of Services**



Dissemination of IP



Promotion IP



Search priority



Information

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# Mozambican IP Office - Role



## **Governance and Policies (art. 7)**

- **Contribution for the definition of specific policies on IP**
  - ✓ IP Strategy of Mozambique (approved by the Cabinet on July 2007)
  - ✓ Inclusion of IP matters in the Government Plan (2004 – 2009)
  - ✓ Inclusion of IP matters in the Innovation Strategy
  - ✓ Inclusion of IP matters in the Industrial Strategy

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# Mozambican IP Office - Role



- **Present proposals of improvement and development of IP legislation and assure its implementation**
    - ✓ Reform IP Code (approved by the Cabinet on April 2006)
    - ✓ IP Code and relevant IP regulations implementation
    - ✓ Proposals on different regulations of IPRs
  - **Promote international relations and assure the participation of Mozambique and its representation in international IP events**
    - ✓ WIPO
    - ✓ ARIPO
    - ✓ Lusophone Forum
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# Mozambican IP Office - Role



## **Sovereignty**

- **Registration of Industrial Property Rights (art. 4)**
- ✓ Patents, Utility Models, Designs, Marks, logotypes, business names, Geographical Indications

## **Services**

- ✓ Search priority
- ✓ Information
- ✓ Dissemination of IP (Seminars, workshops)
- ✓ Partnerships with Universities in teaching IP
- ✓ Assistance to graduates on development thesis (10 per year)
- ✓ Publications on IP

# Challenges



- ✓ Lack of information about IP (legislation, importance)
- ✓ No strategic use of IP
- ✓ No use of patent information
- ✓ Lack of capacity on patent drafting
- ✓ Lack of IP culture (registration, exploitation of IP)
- ✓ No IP in the university curricula
- ✓ Economic dynamic and need of improved and efficient services

# Opportunities



## **Partnerships with Universities**

- ✓ Identification of training opportunities
- ✓ Assistance on access to the “state of the art” by students and researchers on databases
- ✓ Development Studies and researches, publications

Achievements: - 10 thesis on IP per year

- Inclusion of IP in the curricula of at least 3 Universities
- Some

## **Partnerships with entrepreneurs**

- ✓ Establishment of Information centre on IP on the Chamber of Commerce - a joint project between ARIPO, INPI-PT, IPI-MZ and Chamber of Commerce of Mozambique – **GAPIMO**

**Achievements:** - Establishment of technical assistance services on trademark registration

- Assistance of more than 50 entrepreneurs on registration procedures
- 4 activities of dissemination activities



# Opportunities (2)



## **Partnerships with other Government Entities**

- ✓ Establishment of a technical group for assistance to local inventors on the draft of patents – a joint project between

IPI/MCT/GAPIMO

**Achievements:**

- Assistance to 60 inventors
- 20 patents drafted and lodged
- 1 prototype concluded
- 1 licensing contract for exploitation of the invention

## **Partnerships with External Partners**

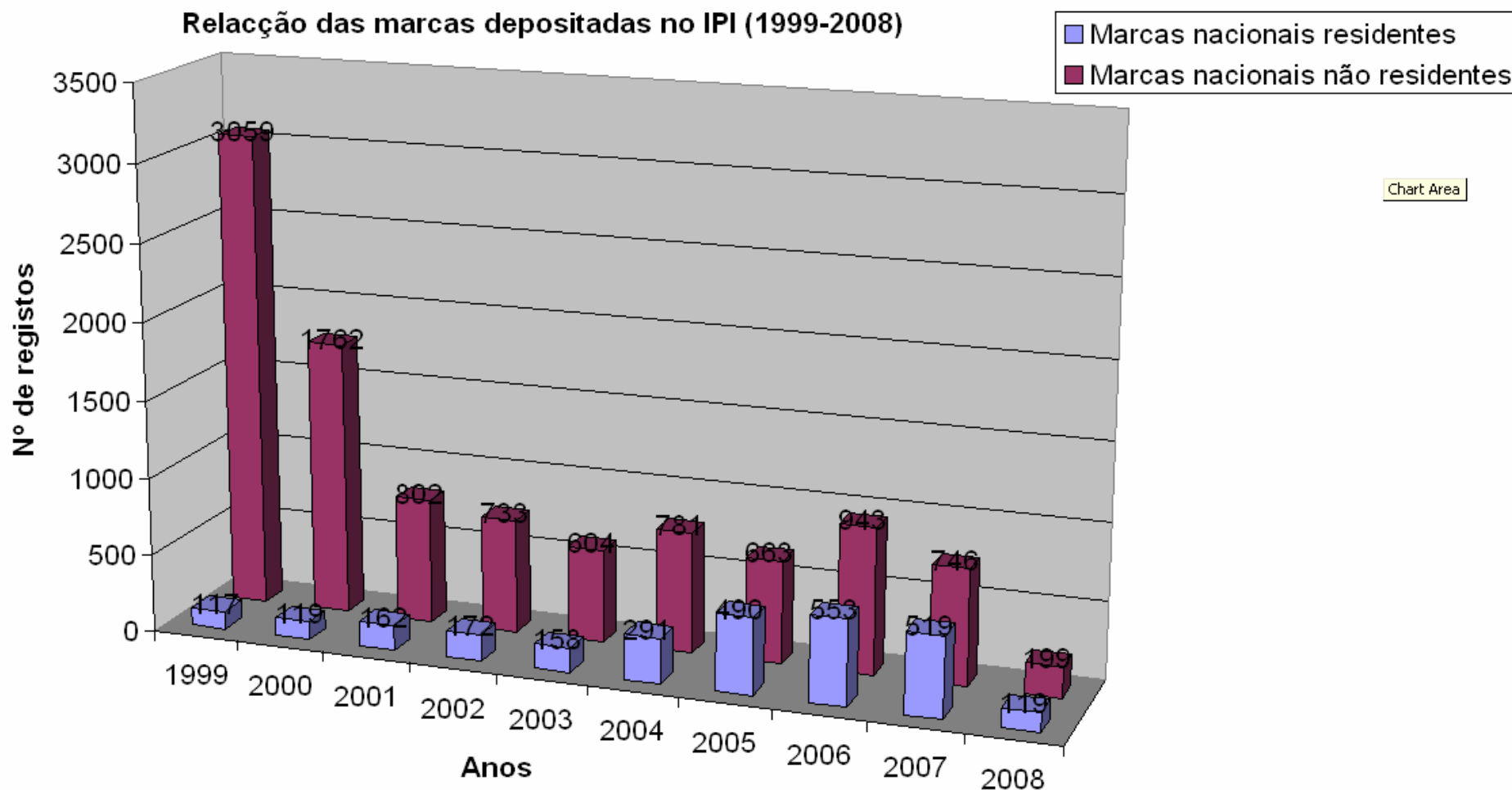
- ✓ Establishment of Technology Information Centres

Beneficiaries: Universities, entrepreneurs

# Marks Residents/Non Residents



Relacção das marcas depositadas no IPI (1999-2008)





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