



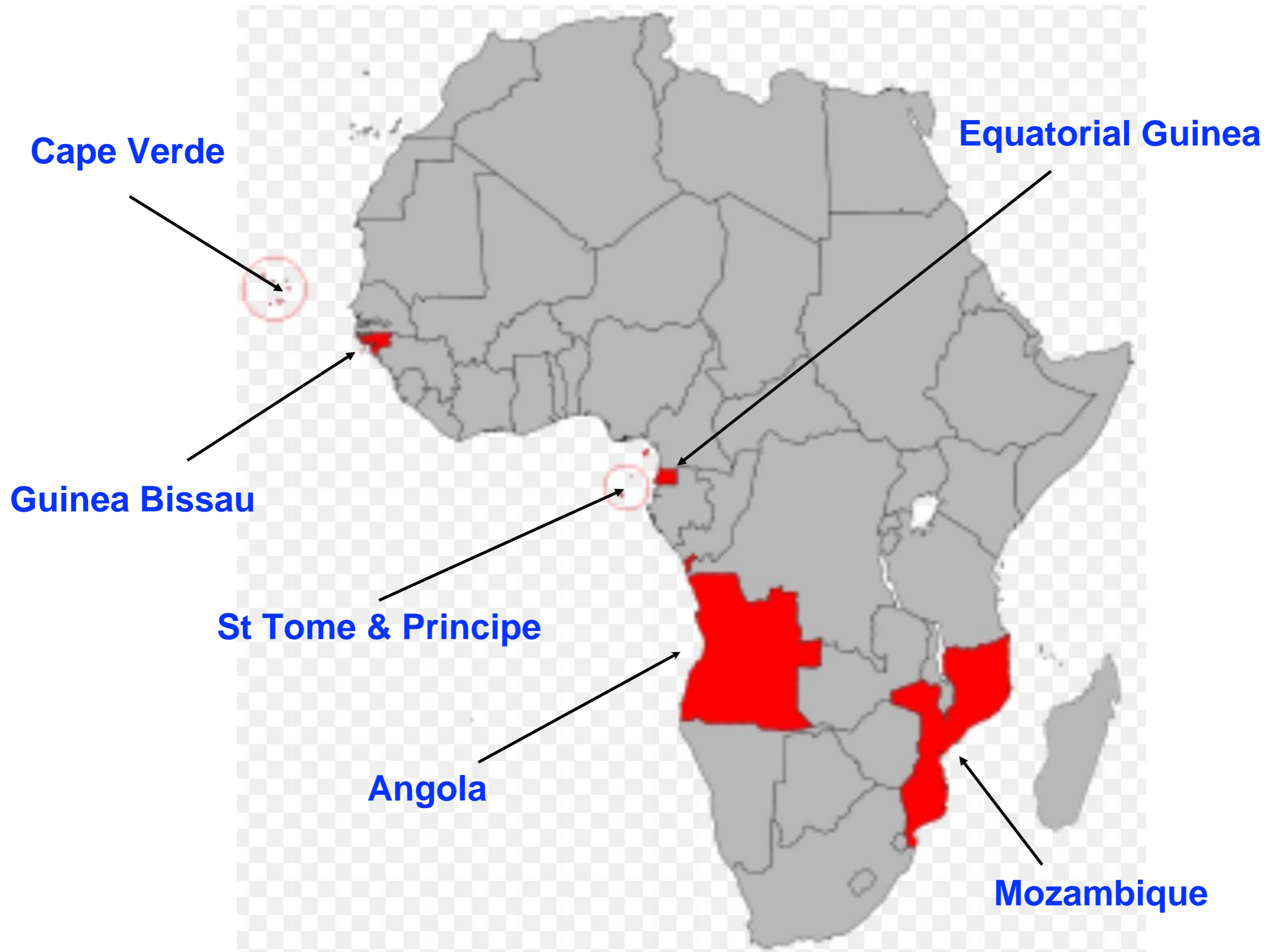
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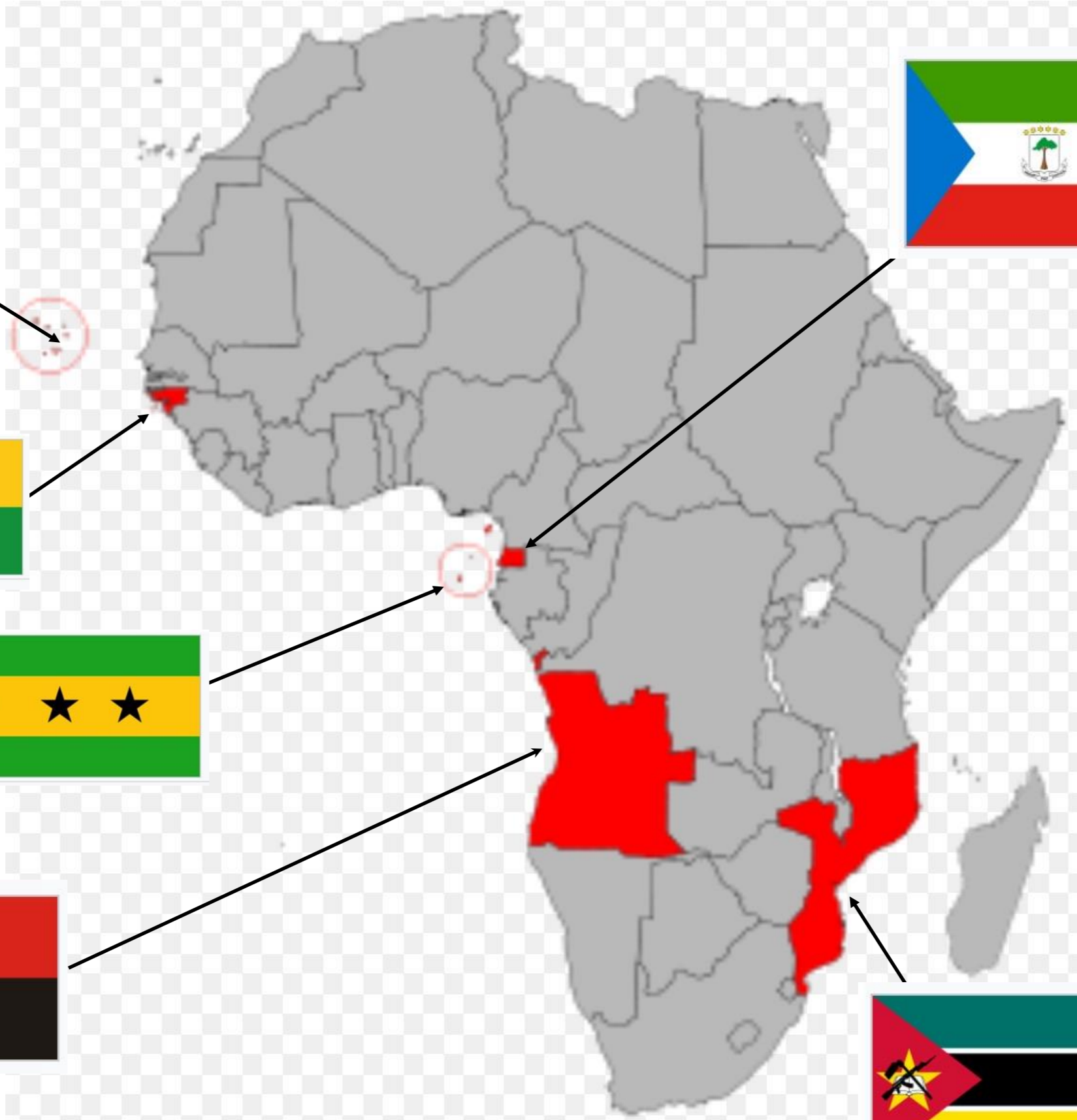
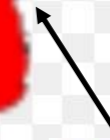
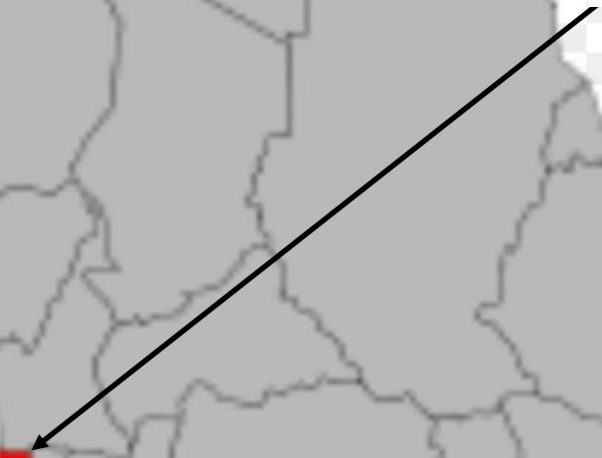
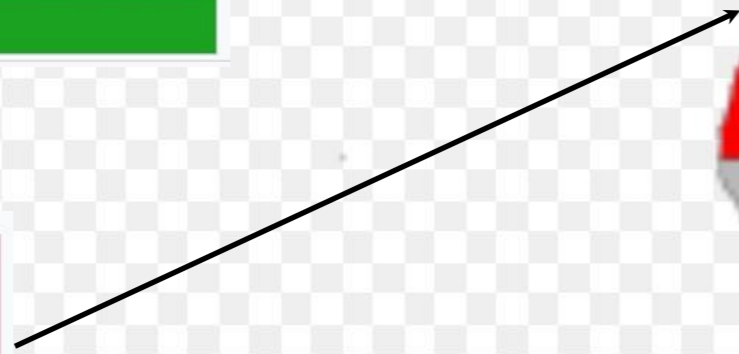
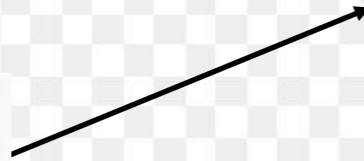
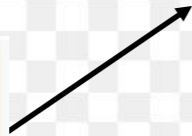
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Portuguese Africa







Agenda

- Country profile
- Pre-European era
- Discovery & colonisation
- Scramble for Africa
- Independence
- Post-independence & Outlook

Country Profiles



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|---------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| Area (sq. km) | 1,246,700 | 802,590 |
| Population (m's) | 25 - 25.8 | 25 - 28 |
| GDP per capita | \$4,180 | \$590 |
| Annual growth rate | 3% | 6.6% |
| Poverty | 30.1% | 68.7% |
| Life expectancy | 51m/54f | 56m/59f |
| Capital | Luanda | Maputo |
| Main exports | Oil & diamonds | Aluminium Electricity |

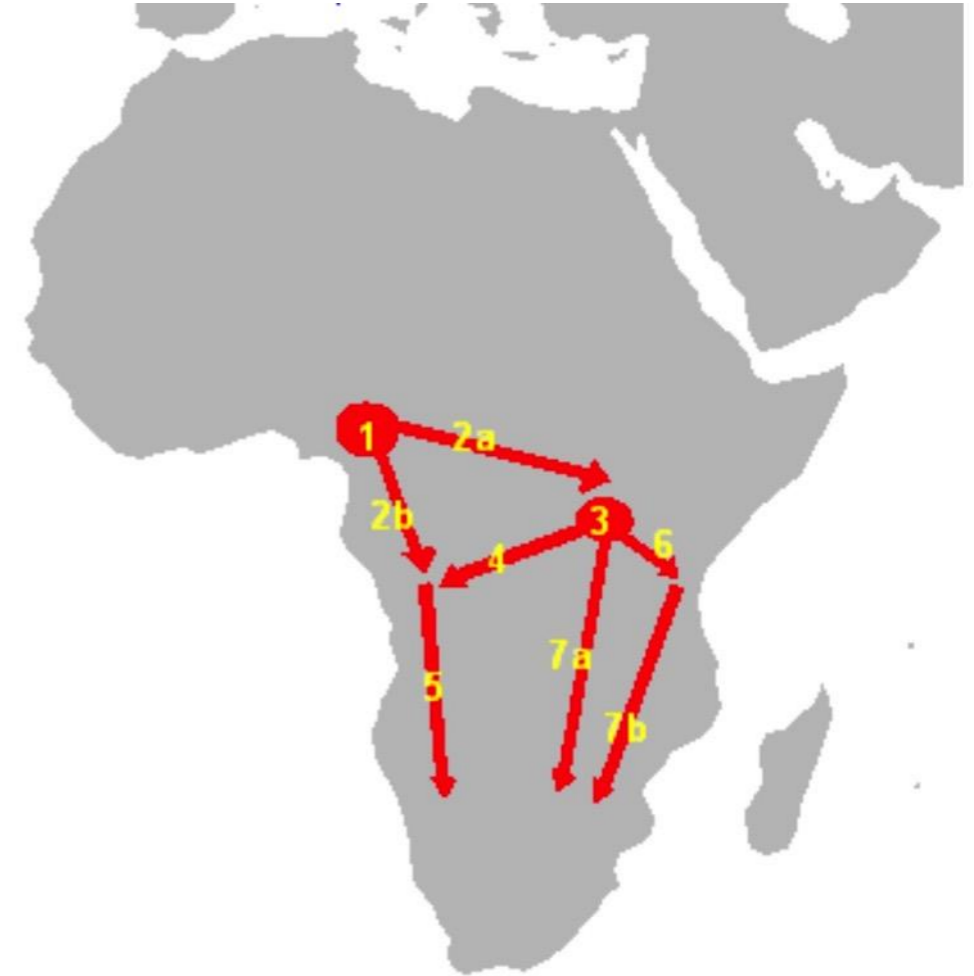
Portugal is not a small country



Pre-European era

At time of Portuguese arrival:

- Powerful established kingdom in northern Angola/Congo
- Zimbabwean kingdom past its peak
- Established east African trading links



- 1 = 2000–1500 BC origin
- 2 = ca.1500 BC first migrations
 - 2.a = Eastern African, 2.b = Western African
- 3 = 1000–500 BC Urewe nucleus of Eastern African
- 4–7 = southward advance
- 9 = 500 BC–0 Congo nucleus
- 10 = AD 0–1000 last phase^{[13][14][15]}

Discovery & colonisation



- Arrival in 1470s
 - Several trading posts
 - Major source of slaves
 - First African Bishop
 - Territorial expansion in C18th
 - West facing
- Stop-over on way to India (1489+)
 - Golden Sofala of legend
 - Established trading forts
 - *Prazo* system in Zambesia
 - Part of *Estadio da India*
- St Tome was plantation model for American slavery
 - Re-unification of Spain & Portugal disastrous for Africa
 - Attention focussed on Brazil and African empire declined
 - Lisbon earthquake 1755

Africa in the context of the C16th Portuguese Maritime Empire



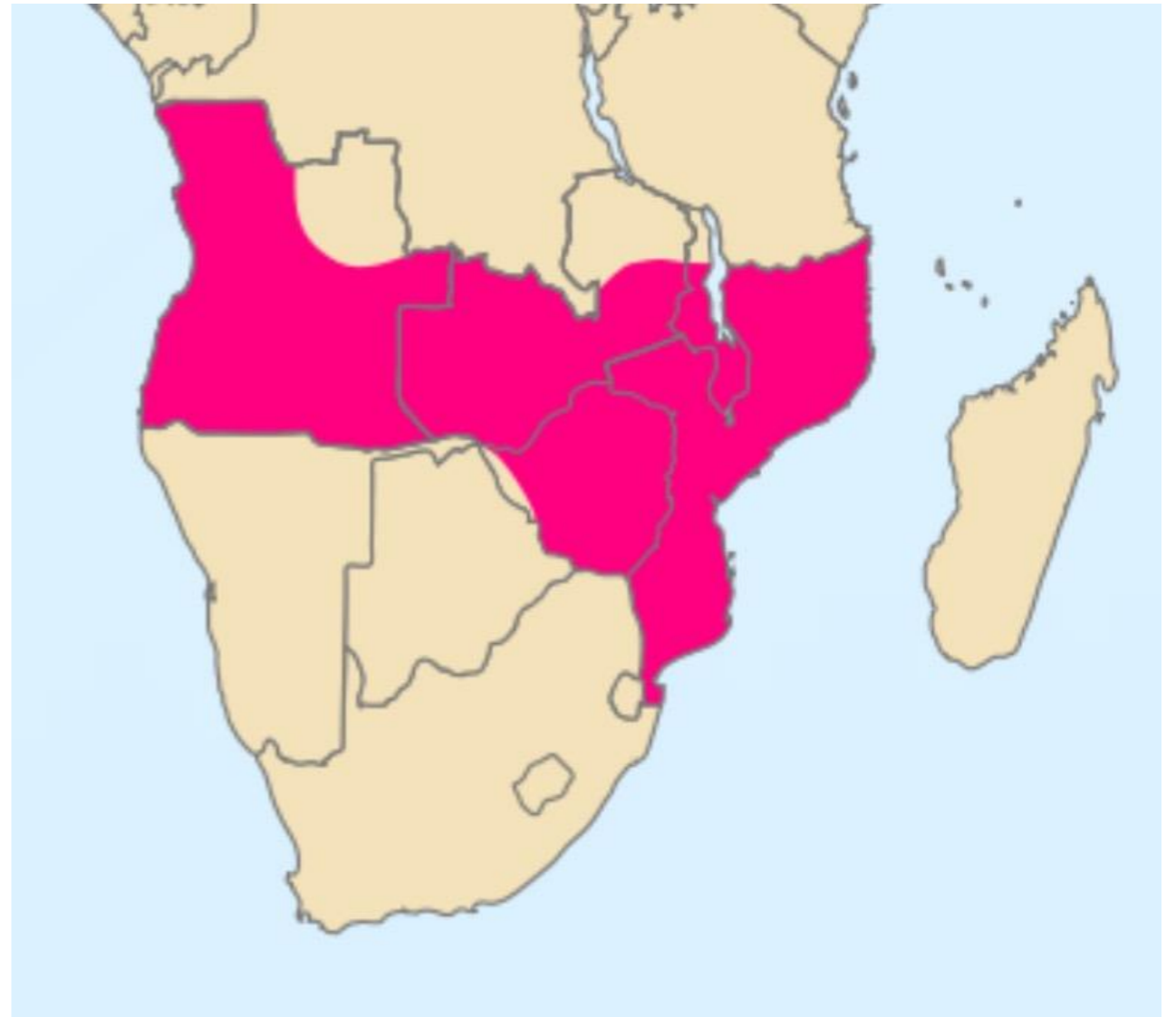
Scramble for Africa



- Only had a tenuous hold of littoral & few trading posts
- Driven by tied markets & desire for natural resources
- Berlin Conference 1884-5 (no African delegates)
- Used “effective occupation” clause to claim Angola & Mozambique
- Strategic importance of Delagoa Bay
 - rail links to Kimberley & the Rand
 - British fear of German, Boer & Portuguese alliance
 - Critical to Britain in 2nd Boer War
 - Further schemes to seize control in C20th
- The value of strategic ports & railways to the interior:
 - Benguela & Beira lines

Mapa Cor de Rosa

- Competition for the interior
- Portuguese aspiration c.1885
- Supported by France & Germany
- Discovery of gold on the rand
- British ultimatum



Independence



1932 Antonio Salazar becomes PM (holds of 36yrs)
Post WW2, spread of nationalism within colonies
Independence of Congo & some British colonies

Struggle between multi-cultural Christian civilisation & racist, Communist, black nationalism

Death of Salazar & the Portuguese “Carnation” Revolution

- Angola uprising suppressed
- MPLA guerrilla warfare 1961
- Independence 1975
- FRELIMO guerrilla warfare 1964
- Independence granted Jan 1975

Post-independence



Portuguese left Africa with *indecent haste*
Significant numbers of *retornados* after EU membership

- Civil war FMLA v UNITA
- 1975 - 2002
- Became surrogate Cold War conflict
 - Soviet Union & Cuba
 - South Africa & USA
- Close links with China
- Shattered infrastructure
- One party state, Samora Machel
- Civil war with RENAMO '77-'92
- Millions dead & displaced
- 1990+ democratic, market economy
- RENAMO persistent threat
- Member of the Commonwealth

Outlook



- Severe drought in 2016
- ongoing humanitarian crisis
- One party democracy
- Endemic corruption
- Inequality widening

- Gas mega-projects in north
- Corruption & debt
- Continuing poverty
- Uneven distribution of wealth
- Tourism ticking-up
- Ongoing political instability

Some reasons to be optimistic, but

Quick re-cap

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