

The Prospectivity of Offshore Madagascar

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Multi-Client Database



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Madagascar Multi-Client Database



c.**50,000** line kms of 2D seismic and marine gravity/magnetic data available in Madagascar plus **98** wells, of which 11 are offshore and all in shallow water depths.

Integrated interpretation studies are nearing completion.



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* in partnership with BGP





Tectonic Development and Basin Distribution



Karoo event lasted from

Lower Jurassic



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Sketch map purely for Karoo trend discussion and no paleoreconstruction has been performed



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Middle Jurassic



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Upper Jurassic

Transpressional and Transtensional structures develop





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- 1. Permo-Triassic (Karoo) failed rift
- 2. Jurassic rifting of Madagascar from East Africa
- 3. Turonian rifting of India from Madagascar

Present Day





Petroleum System



Stratigraphy



Source rocks:

- Lower Triassic Sakamena formation;
- Lower to Middle Jurassic: shallow marine shales and marls;
- Upper Jurassic shales;
- Cretaceous and Tertiary source rocks

Reservoir rocks:

- Triassic-Lower Jurassic: Isalo group sandstones;
- Middle Jurassic shallow marine biogenic limestones,
- Lower Cretaceous and Upper Cretaceous deltaic sandstones, deep water fan and channel sandstones
- Tertiary sandstones and nearshore limestones.

Seals:

 Thick marine shales in Cretaceous and Tertiary sequences



Basin Tour





Basin Tour: Cape St Marie



Location Map and Free Air Anomaly







Early Jurassic [184 Ma] (Toarcian) At the fit position the western edge of the Cap St. Marie area was connected to the Mozambique/Tanzania

The Karoo basin (orange) trend can be seen running down the present day western coast.

Connected to Mozambigue/Tanzania





Late Jurassic [146 Ma] (Tithonian) Rifting that started in the Early Jurassic had opened up the Cap St. Marie area with a NW-SE trend. Creating shallow marine conditions.







Early Cretaceous [120 Ma] (Early Aptian)

Rifting had rotated to a N-S trend extending the ocean between Antarctica.





Late Cretaceous [88 Ma] (Late Turonian) Rifting between India and Madagascar began creating accommodation space for sediments in CsM

The Marion Hotspot led to output of volcanic material The higher heat flow led to uplift in the Cap St. Marie area.

During the tilting of Madagascar sediments filled the western side of the CsM basin and created extension structures to the east.

Active Hotspot







Late Cretaceous [66 Ma] (Maastrichtian) Following rifting to the east and west and uplift from the hotspot a natural central high developed.

Tilting following the India rift focused sediments to the west





Present Day

Continued passive margin.





Petroleum Potential

- The offshore Cape St. Marie area has had a number of tectonic events that produce a number of large structural closures and potential fault related structures;
- Untested frontier area with an interpreted thick Lower Cretaceous to Lower Jurassic interval with potential for good source rock deposition;
- The appearance of the Marion hotspot (c. 90Ma to 80Ma) would have a regional effect on the thermal maturity of the area.



Play Types: Example 1



- Horizons below Santonian (Pink)
 - Jurassic to Lower Cretaceous (Blue)
 - Middle / Lower Jurassic (Purple)

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Play Types Example 2



- Horizons below Santonian (Pink)
 - Jurassic to Lower Cretaceous (Blue)
 - Middle / Lower Jurassic (Purple)

Source Rock Expulsion



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Basin Tour: Morondava



Location Map and Free Air Anomaly







A. Early Jurassic [184 Ma] (Toarcian)

The 'fit' position, Morondava is located is still conjugate with Mozambique, Tanzania and Kenya.

The failed karoo sag basins were accumulating sediments since Permain





B. Lower Cretaceous [144 Ma] (Berriasian)

Rifting that started in the Early Jurassic had opened up the Morondava basin with a NW-SE trend, creating shallow marine conditions with active biogenic limestone production creating reefs

Madagascar was still connected to India so there is a large hinterland for sediment supply.





Petroleum Potential

- Potential for oil mature Jurassic source rocks and Jurassic syn-rift plays;
- Potential reservoirs and seals throughout the Jurassic to Tertiary sequence with local amplitude support;
- Structural closures, faulted traps and stratigraphic pinch out and combination trapping potential;
- Potential inverted basin play within the Davie Fracture Zone.



Morondava Basin – Example Play Types



Inside the DFZ with fault bounded closures and 4way dips

Lower Cretaceous / Upper Jurassic fault blocks

Upper Cretaceous stratigraphic pinch-outs

Anticlinal transpressional structures outboard of the DFZ

Pinching out against DFZ



Channel Sands



Clear channels outboard of the DFZ



Lower Cretaceous Fault Blocks

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Rotated during the transpressional movement along the DFZ and during the microplate rotation.



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Rotated Fault Blocks on Morondava Shelf

Bermolanga 150 km



Karoo sediments rotated during Jurassic.





Cretaceous Reefs





Data Flattened on Intra-Lower Cretaceous





Lower Cretaceous Transpressional Structure



Transpressional structures created with movement along the DFZ and during the microplate rotation.



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Upper Cretaceous Tilted Fault Blocks Within the DFZ





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Intrusion-induced Anticlines



(Magee et al 2014)

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Intrusion-induced Anticlines





Natural closures in the positive structures as well as the potential for stratigraphic traps in the onlaps.





Basin Tour: Majunga



Location Map and Free Air Anomaly





Majunga Basin Petroleum System

Source rocks:

- Lower Triassic Middle Sakamena formation;
- Upper Jurassic Shales;
- Toarcian-Aalenian Beronono shallow marine shales and marls;
- Hypothesised Cretaceous source.

Reservoir rocks:

- Triassic-Lower Jurassic Isalo group sandstones,
- Middle Jurassic shallow marine biogenic limestones,
- Lower Cretaceous Sitampiky sandstone formation;
- Upper Cretaceous Cenomanian to Campanian deltaic sandstones, deep water fan and channel sandstones
- Eocene neritic limestones and dolomites.

Seal:

• Thick marine shales in Cretaceous and Tertiary sequences and Jurassic salt.



Petroleum Potential

Traps type:

- Tilted fault blocks, drape anticlines, rollover anticlines in the failed rift province;
- Tilted fault blocks, and localised compressional anticlines in passive margin;
- Multiple types of salt-related traps and features such as thrusts;
- Stratigraphic traps: facies change, depositional pinch-out, submarine fan, unconformity in passive margin.

Migration:

- Mainly vertical charge
- Minor lateral charges

Slick features indicate a working hydrocarbon system within the Majunga Basin.



Majunga Type Section





Transpressional Induced Inversion Structure





3-Way Closures Against Salt





Post-Rift Cretaceous 4-way Dip Structures





Stratigraphic Trap





Source Rock Expulsion



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Basin Tour: Ambilobe North



Location Map and Free Air Anomaly





Petroleum Potential

- Thick Jurassic / Cretaceous section;
- Large potential closures;
- Well defined rotated fault block plays;
- Untested frontier area, with TGS data being the first MC data ever shot in this basin.

Ambilobe Basin Petroleum System Elements

Source rocks:

- Triassic Karoo formation,
- Lower to Middle Jurassic shallow marine shales and marls,
- Lower Cretaceous marine source.

Reservoir rocks:

- Triassic-Lower Jurassic Isalo group sandstones,
- Middle Jurassic shallow marine biogenic limestones,
- Lower to Upper Cretaceous sandstones and clastics.



Tilted Fault Block Play





Tilted Fault Block Play

Perpendicular line





FNF - Possible Class II / III AVO anomalies





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Red on FNF stack = positive value; Positive value = Class II to Class III AVO

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Ambilobe vs Brent



SAME HORIZONTAL SCALE



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Concluding Points



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- All the offshore basins are undrilled or sparsely drilled and their potential is untested;
- Oil mature source rocks with reservoirs at drillable depths are considered to be present in all basins;
- There are many attractive structural and stratigraphic play types present;
- TGS together with our partners OMNIS and BGP have the seismic, potential fields data and interpretation studies to allow screening, evaluation and high grading of areas in these basins.



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