

An African Wildcat Safari in the last untested onshore rift basin discovers the multi-TCF-condensate Mukuyu Field, Cabora Bassa Basin, Zimbabwe

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ABSTRACT

We will cover the journey to discovery of the Mukuyu field, a basin opening multi-TCF gas-condensate discovery made by the first rank wildcat well ever drilled in the last untested onshore rift basin in Africa.

The Cabora Bassa Basin located in northern Zimbabwe has been hidden away from explorers for decades due to the above ground challenges and perception rather than below ground potential.

Armed with no more than a dream and a 25-year-old legacy dataset left behind by a previous operator, a junior startup explorer set out on a wildcat safari with the aim of delivering an oil or gas discovery and relieving energy poverty in the country.

The journey has been full of challenges and triumphs along the way and we will share the insights and lessons learned during the exploration of a truly frontier basin.