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Wreck Report No.

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REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 69585 in R.B. Wreck Book p. 132/54

Date of writing this report 28th February, 19 55.

Ship's Name m.s. "MATOLA" of Lourenco Marques Tons { Gross 1159
Net 530

Built at Schiedam When 1952 10 Casualty notice sent to Owner 10.2.55. Owner's reply ---

Owners Government of Portugal

Managers ---

Address Lisbon, Portugal.

M.M.C.C.

2,277.

Classification details

✠ 100A1	✠ LMC 10,52
Hopper Dredger	
	OG

Date of Casualty 31st October, 1954.

Details of Casualty

This dredger went ashore at Inhambane and is a total loss.

No reply has been received to a letter addressed to the Owners 10th February, 1955.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

MATOLA (dredger).—Lourenco Marques, Nov. 2.—Dredger Matola grounded off Inhambane on Sunday (Oct. 31), while en route to Beira. Reports indicate possibility of total loss.

MATOLA (dredger).—Beira, Nov. 3.—Dredger Matola left Lourenco Marques on Oct. 29 for dredging of the harbour at Beira. On the following day, the Matola touched the bottom and sank in the vicinity of Cape Inhambane. The crew was rescued by a Portuguese coasting vessel and a tug was sent from Lourenco Marques to stand by in the hope that immediate salvage operations could be undertaken. (See issue of Nov. 3.)

MATOLA (dredger).—Lourenco Marques, Nov. 5.—Port Authorities have sent assistance to dredger Matola and gear for use in attempt to refloat her, but it is reported that the Matola is severely damaged and prospects of refloating are slight. (See issue of Nov. 10.)

MATOLA (dredger).—Beira, Nov. 24.—New port tug Macuti has been sent to Inhambane, where dredger Matola is beached. The Macuti is equipped with powerful pumps and an attempt is to be made to pump water from the dredger in the hope of refloating her after damage caused by the grounding has been repaired. (See issue of Nov. 12.)

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Suggested Record

"WRECKED 10.54"

Date of Committee

TUESDAY 17 MAR 1955

Committee's Minute

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