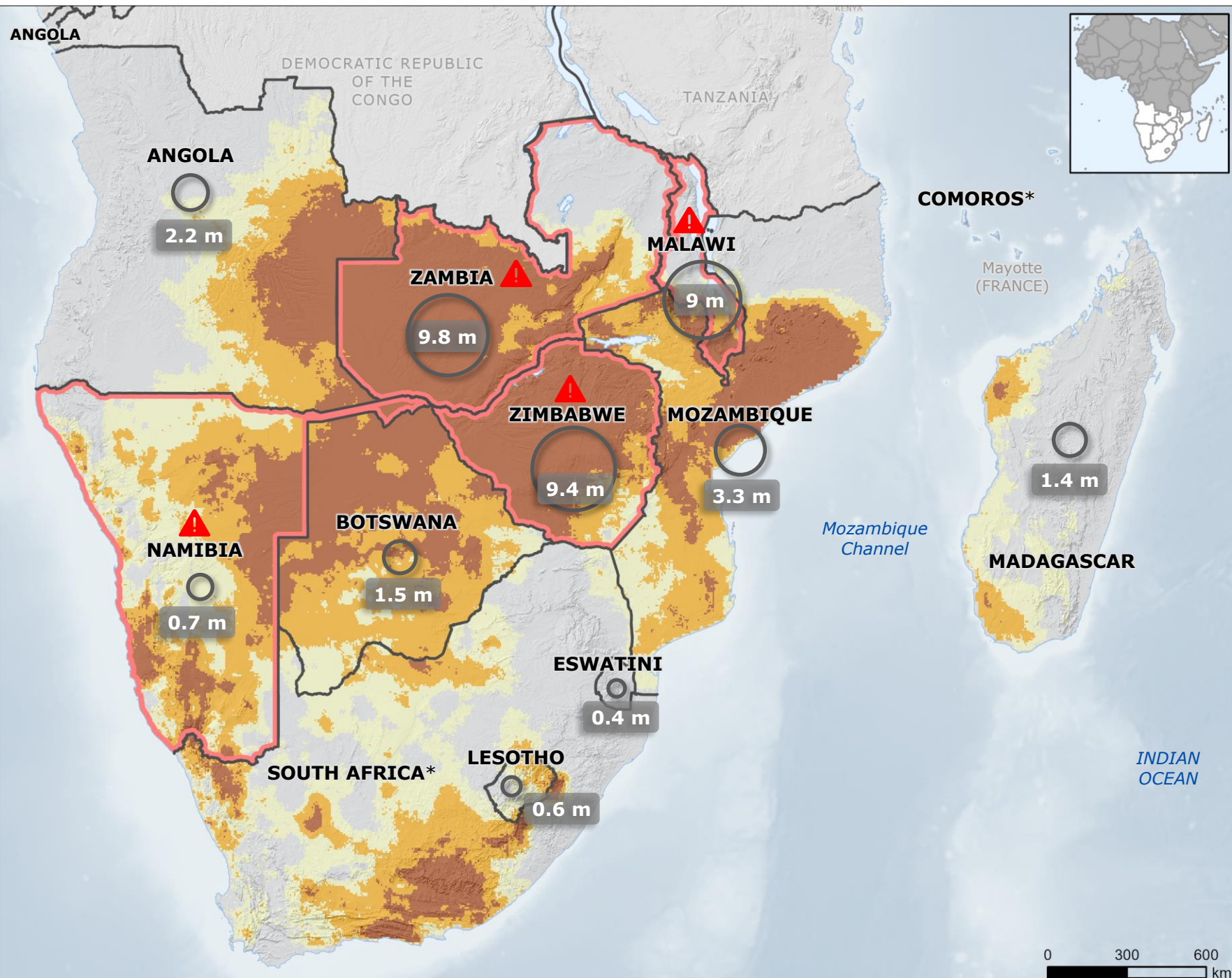


# Southern Africa and Indian Ocean | Drought and people in need

In the first months of 2024, the Southern Africa and the Indian Ocean region have experienced the effects of El Niño causing floodings and drought spells. As a result, an estimated **36.8 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance** to address mainly food security, nutrition and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) needs.

Source: Southern African Development Community



### Southern Africa Drought Intensity (Composite Drought Index)

Source: [WFP Southern Africa Drought Hotspot Analysis – May 2024](#)

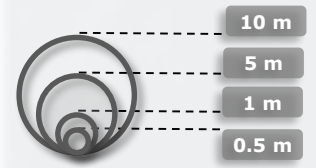


### Declaration of state of disaster

Source: [SADC Regional Humanitarian Appeal - Response to the El Niño Induced Drought and Floods - May 2024](#)

State of disaster declared

### Estimated number of people in need (in millions)



\*No data on people in need

