SADC Transfrontier Conservation Areas support to conservation and sustainable development

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"To promote sustainable and equitable economic growth and socio-economic development through efficient productive systems, deeper cooperation and integration, good governance, and durable peace and security, so that the region emerges as a competitive and effective player in international relations and the world economy".
Regional goals

- Regional Integration
- Poverty Eradication
- Peace & Security
- Industrialisation
SADC Protocol on Wildlife Conservation and Law enforcement

Objective (Article 2): To foster closer cooperation in the management, protection and utilisation of shared natural resources through:

a. agreements and institutions
b. promoting sustainable utilisation
c. coordinated and environmentally sound development and management
d. harmonised legislation and policies
e. research, information exchange and capacity building
The SADC TFCAs programme (2013)

Mission

“Develop SADC into a functional and integrated network of transfrontier conservation areas where shared natural resources are sustainably co-managed and conserved to foster socioeconomic development, and regional integration for the benefit of those living within and around TFCAs and mankind at large”
Key components of the SADC TFCAs Programme

1. Advocacy and Harmonization
2. Enhancement of financing mechanisms for TFCAs
3. Capacity building for TFCA stakeholders
4. Establishment of data and knowledge management systems
5. Enhancement of local livelihoods
6. Reducing vulnerability to the effects of climate change
7. Development of TFCAs into marketable regional tourism products
Tangible results

- Formalization of TFCA (Treaties, MoUs)
- SADC Member State and donor contributions TFCA development (e.g. German, USAID, EU)
- Expansion of conservation estate
- Translocation of more than ten thousand animals
- Numerous joint law-enforcement activities
- Cross-border community engagement in TFCAs
- Opening of Tourism Access Facilities and launch of the KAZA UniVisa
- Establishment of the SADC TFCA Network > (strong support to SADC processes & decision-making through GIZ TUPNR)
- Improved marketing of TFCAs as tourist destination through the establishment of Boundless Southern Africa
Challenges

• Slow domestication of Protocols and Policies
• Non-compliance (Barriers) with regional agreements
• Weak administration and technical capacities within SADC
• Weak and uncoordinated monitoring
• Difficult to access some of the donor funds (e.g. GEF, GCF, Anti-Poaching etc.)
• Much of the opportunities for private sector investment (e.g. tourism, infrastructure) remain untapped
• Political commitment for TFCA needs to be reaffirmed
Way forward

- Continue to work on a strong regional and international Network of practitioners & experts
- Work towards long-term sustainability of TFCA development
- Resource mobilisation (partnerships, TFCA Facility) and investment promotion (private sector)
- Focus on cross-sectoral collaboration and engagement/inclusion of local communities
- Standardized monitoring of TFCAs
- High level political commitment (proposed Transfrontier Conservation Summit in 2020)
Thank you

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Technical support to sustainable TFCA development in SADC

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Overview of technical support

- Strengthen the role of the SADC Sec. in implementing SADC Protocols, Strategies and Programmes for TFCAs and NRM
- Support regional learning through the development and institutional strengthening of the SADC TFCA Network
- Strengthen SADC Sec. and Boundless Southern Africa in building TFCAs to recognized sustainable tourism destinations in SADC
- Improve transboundary cooperation in 3 selected TFCA (Ai/Ais/ Richtersveld, Lubombo & Malawi Zambia)
The SADC TFCA Network

To overcome TFCA challenges through shared learning, knowledge management and collaboration
• Currently more than 300 members subscribed to the Network portal

• Open to all stakeholder groups/individuals

• Guided & led by a Steering Committee (SC) comprising TFCA Focal Points from all SADC MS + SADC Secretariat

• Around 50% government and 50% NGOs, donors, academia, private sector, community representatives
• Face to face meetings and symposia
• Information exchange: development of online communication platform for network members and a public website in 2014– www.tfcaportal.org
• Resource Mobilization (e.g. TFCA Financing Facility)
• Establishment of regional Communities of Practice:
  – M&E; Data Management; Tourism; Training & Capacity Building, Community Engagement and Law Enforcement & Anti-Poaching
  – Preparation of recommendations to SADC decision-making bodies
• Participation to leading global events for conservation:
  – 2014 IUCN World Parks Congress in Sydney (Australia)
  – 2016 CITES COP 17 in Johannesburg (RSA)
  – 2018 CBD COP 14 in Sharm el Shaik (Egypt)
• Contribution to guideline & frameworks development:
  – Establishment & Development of TFCAs
  – Tourism Concession Guidelines
  – Community Engagement Guidelines
  – Monitoring and Evaluation Framework
  – Cross-border tourism products Guidelines