

The SADC TFCA Programme and post 2020 Vision

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Rationale for SADC TFCAs Programme

SADC Transfrontier Conservation Areas



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1. *Connectivity matters*: landscape approach

2. Think regional:

TFCAs are multi-stakeholder entities that rely on cooperative management

3. Conservation without people is just conversation:

TFCAs are local development hubs that create income and benefits to local communities through conservation friendly local economies and tourism

TFCA = BIODIVERSITY + DEVELOPMENT





The SADC TFCA Programme (2013)

Vision

"A model of community centred, regionally integrated and sustainably managed network of world class transfrontier conservation areas."

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"



The 7 key components

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)
- ✓ Resources to support conservation and management actions
- Expansion of biodiversity conservation estate through a network of well managed conservation areas
- ✓ Restoration and restocking of landscapes
- ✓ Joint and effective PA Management and community engagement activities
- \checkmark Improved tourism access and joint marketing of TFCAs
- ✓ Information and knowledge sharing through the SADC TFCA Network
- ✓ SADC TFCA Guidelines Guidelines for: establishment and development of TFCAs, community development in TFCAs, development of cross-border tourism products and tourism concessioning in TFCAs.







Current priorities

- Increasing political commitment and participation of Member States
- Sustainability of the TFCA Programme and the TFCA Network
- Value/contribution of TFCAs (local development, wildlife/biodiversity economy)
- Monitoring & Evaluation systems
- TFCAs as tourism destinations/marketable regional tourism products (development of crossborder tourism products)
- Resource mobilisation (SADC TFCA Financing Facility)
- TFCAs field training/capacity building





Post-2020 vision

- TFCAs as a model of a landscape approach to conservation
- Community livelihoods and empowerment
- Support implementation of MEAs (CITES, CBD, CMS, UNCCC, UNCCD)
- Demonstrate importance of TFCAs in addressing global crises such as wildlife crime, climate change, zoonotic diseases and biodiversity loss
- Develop business case for TFCAs to increase Investment opportunities (e.g. ecotourism, ecosystem services, biodiversity economy)
- TFCAs as a catalyst for a post COVID-19 green recovery and building of resilient economies





Thank you very much!

Muito obrigado!

Merci beaucoup!

