

2017 - 2018 GTFCA Report

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Institutional status and update

- ▶ Treaty refers to phased implementation of initiative - first establishment of GLTP (core) and then broader GLTFCA
- ▶ Implementation of GLTFCA commenced when Mozambique became first GLTFCA Partner Country to include 240,000ha of privately managed Greater Libombos Conservancy as part of GLTFCA
- ▶ Process has been initiated to establish Muange Private Nature Reserve in Mozambique bordering Gonarezhou National Park
- ▶ Kruger National Park also in process of finalising the GLTFCA Cooperative Agreement, which ensures alignment between core (KNP) and its neighbours (Greater KNP)

Institutional status and update

- ▶ SAWC currently busy with development of SAWC Joint Training Strategy, which include development of process to identify training needs in 3 of GLTFCA nodes and development of a database of potential service providers to support these
- ▶ The GLTFCA Integrated Livelihoods Diversification Strategy was finalised and approved in 2017
- ▶ Revised KNP Management Plan developed and finalised
- ▶ LNP initiated process to update its Management Plan

Activities carried out in 2017-2018

- ▶ Further implementation of GLTFCA Institutional Reform Strategy with establishment of GLC / KNP & Pafuri-Sengwe Joint Park Management Committees
- ▶ Resuscitation of process to establish GLTFCA Secretariat
- ▶ Formalisation of GLC in Mozambique as part of implementation of GLTFCA
- ▶ Initiation of process to formalise Muange Private Nature Reserve in Mozambique border Gonarezhou National Park as part of GLTFCA Institutional Reform process
- ▶ Further development of GLTFCA Cooperative Agreement, initially focussed on alignment between KNP and the Greater KNP area
- ▶ Commencement of the Zinave National Park restocking programme
- ▶ Initiation of process to develop a landscape level GLTFCA Elephant Management Strategy
- ▶ Development of a wildlife poisoning baseline, which will guide the development of a GLTFCA Strategy to mitigate Wildlife Poisoning
- ▶ Initiated the process to develop a security plan for the Pafuri-Sengwe Node
- ▶ Revision of the GLTFCA Cross Border Operations Protocol

Activities carried out in 2017-2018

- ▶ Initiated a process to develop a GLC / LNP / KNP Joint Security Plan, which will include a sustainable resourcing plan
- ▶ Implementation of GLTFCA Improved Land & Air Access Strategy, including resuscitating the development Limpopo Tourist Access Facility between South Africa and Zimbabwe
- ▶ Planning for the implementation of the GLTFCA MTB event, which will be an annual fund raising initiative to support the community development projects in Pafuri-Sengwe Node and operationalisation of Sengwe-Tshipise Corridor
- ▶ Finalisation of process to develop GLTFCA Integrated Livelihoods Diversification Strategy

Activities carried out in 2017-2018

- ▶ Further development and implementation of the GLTFCA Youth Programme
- ▶ Initiating process to develop transboundary water management strategy for the GLTFCA
- ▶ Ongoing efforts to support GLTFCA website and FB site
- ▶ Initiating process to develop a Joint Training Strategy for the GLTFCA
- ▶ Planned implementation of first GLTFCA Knowledge Sharing, Learning & Exchange visit

Future plans

- ▶ Ongoing implementation and finalisation of initiatives highlighted in previous slides
- ▶ Other future plans include:
 - ▶ Development of GLTFCA Sustainable Financing Strategy
 - ▶ Development of GLTFCA Joint Management Strategy
 - ▶ Initiation process to support development of a GLTFCA Corridor Strategy
 - ▶ Development of a GLTFCA Joint Tourism Plan

Constraints and added value

- ▶ Key constraints include the following:
 - ▶ Resource constraints (financial and human resource) to support overall coordination and also implementation of projects
 - ▶ Time - takes long to plan and implement some of the initiatives due to the fact that people are generally very busy and have time constraints
- ▶ Added value
 - ▶ Ability of TFCA mechanism to align operational efforts to combat wildlife crimes
 - ▶ Opportunity for enhanced socio-economic development through tourism by improving land and air access
 - ▶ Diversity and level of support provided by development partners in GLTFCA

How can the SADC TFCAs Unit help?

- ▶ Support further implementation of LEAP Strategy
- ▶ Promote knowledge sharing and learning between TFCAs
- ▶ Marketing, communication and awareness raising