



Presentation to SADC TFCA Network Meeting 16/10/2018



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Institutional Status and Update

- **No change in status or category for MDTP**
- **Introduced a monitoring tool for tracking progress in the implementation of our annual action plan. Quarterly tracking progress**
- **Documents Produced**
 - **Revised 5-Year Action Plan**
 - **Draft Education and Awareness Strategy**



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Activities Carried Out in 2017/18

- **Cross border meetings - Quarterly Bilateral Coordination and Working group meetings**
 - **Bilateral Coordination Committee**
 - **Biodiversity and Protected Area Working Group**
 - **Tourism Working Group**
 - **Cultural Heritage Working Group**
 - **Security Working Group**



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- **Cross Border Community Engagement**
 - **Community exchange visit on grazing management and cattle auction**
 - **Stakeholder (including community members) meetings around the establishment of a second Transfrontier Park**
 - **Stakeholder (including community watch members) meetings around cross border crime**





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- **Cross Border Biodiversity Related Activities – Undertook the following in preparation for further translocation of game to Tsehlanyane National Park in Lesotho**
 - **Habitat suitability assessment**
 - **Fire management Plan (draft in place)**
 - **Game management plan (in progress)**



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- **Cross border tourism products**
 - **Media 4X4 event across the border**
 - **Youth Leadership and Hiking challenge**



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Future Plans

- In addition to current cross-border tourism activities – establish cross border hiking and horse trails
- Finalise game management plan and do the translocation
- Finalise the draft Security Standard Operating Procedures



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- **Undertake feasibility assessment for the extension of the transboundary World Heritage Site to include 2 other protected areas in the TFCA**



Constraints and Added Value

- **Funding challenges**
- **Political dynamics, instability and continuous changes**
- **Added Value**
 - **Collaboration across provincial and international boundaries**
 - **Community involvement in cross border engagements**



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SADC TFCA Unit and Network Support

- Assistance with more sustainable funding arrangements
- Mobilizing donor support for TFCAs
- Sharing of information and best practices across SADC TFCAs and beyond
- Assistance with political commitment
- Facilitating joint initiatives – capacity building, exchange visits across TFCAs



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- Promoting and facilitating easy movement of tourists within the region
 - Promotion and marketing of TFCAs as premier tourist destinations



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