Biodiversity and Protected Area Management (BIOPAMA) programme for EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA – plans for 2019 & 2020

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BIOPAMA (2017-2023)
Overall Objective

To contribute to improving the long-term conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and natural resources **in protected areas and surrounding communities** through **better use and monitoring** of **information and capacity development** on **management and governance**

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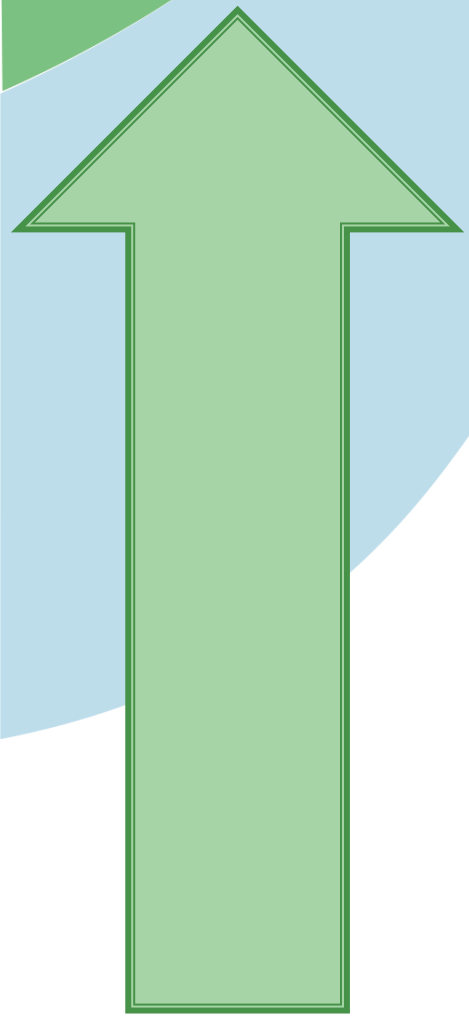
BIOPAMA Workplan development



- ✓ Implementation
- ✓ Flyer for stakeholders
- ✓ Criteria for assessing activities
- ✓ Potential activities identified
- ✓ Key focal areas identified
- ✓ Areas of overlap in priorities and needs across the region
- ✓ Government capacity building and data needs identified at regional inception workshops in 2018
- ✓ Regional government PAGE and PAME priorities identified at regional inception workshops in 2018

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Five focal areas for BIOPAMA based on regional priorities

Focal Area One:

Policy and legislation related to PAGE and PAME

Focal Area Two:

PAGE and PAME assessments (management planning and implementation – also related to 3)

Focal Area Three:

Practical action, particularly focused on local communities

Focal Area Four:

Innovative financing solutions and business capacity

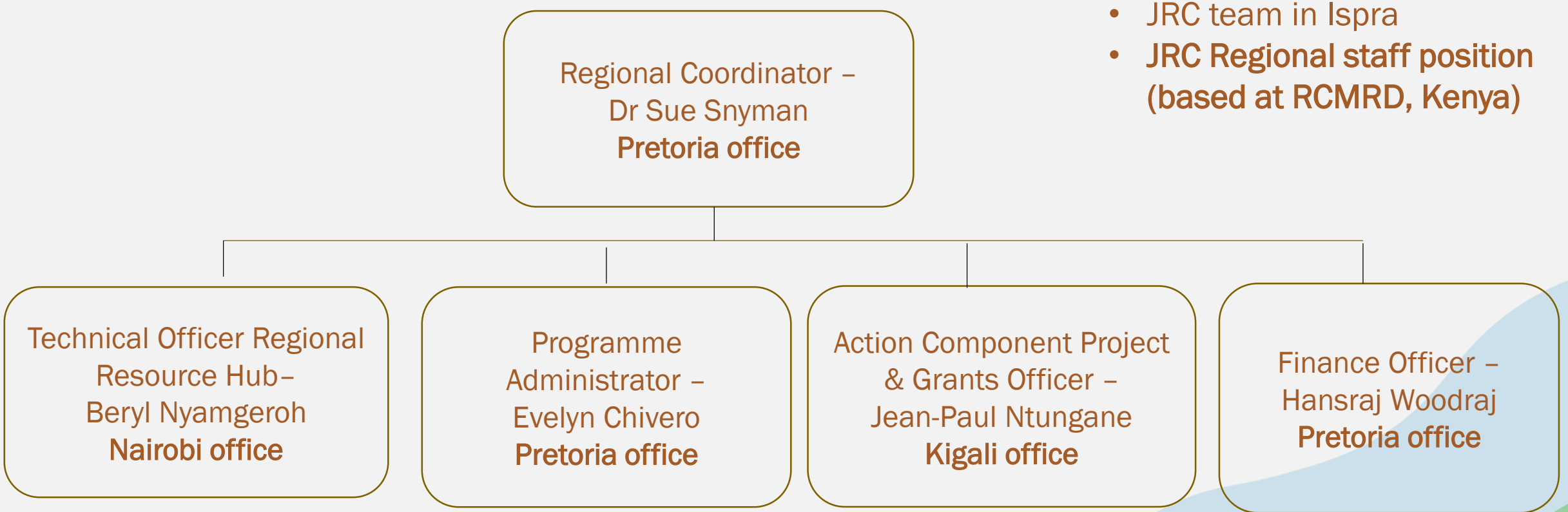
Focal Area Five:

Strengthen the integration of PAGE and PAME into multiple sectors, relevant policies and across political boundaries

Regional BIOPAMA Staffing

Supported by:

- IUCN South Africa team
- IUCN Regional team
- IUCN Global team
- JRC team in Ispra
- **JRC Regional staff position (based at RCMRD, Kenya)**



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REGIONAL BIOPAMA PLANS for 2019-2020

- **Data Webinar series**, to provide more information on data tools, products and services and to identify ways in which BIOPAMA can provide support in terms of data and capacity building:
    - *Webinar One – Data exploration, discovery & sharing (February 2019)*
    - *Webinar Two – Data sharing and indicators (March 2019)*
    - *Webinar Three – Data use and analysis (May 2019)*
    - *Webinar Four – Financing and Resourcing PAs (June 2019)*
    - *Webinar Five – Management Effectiveness tools*
    - *Webinar Six – Understanding Governance and Equity*
    - ***Webinar Seven – TFCA successes and challenges?***

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Contracting consultants to assist with working on the following projects:

a. An **analysis of Eastern and Southern African governance and management policies** to gain a better understanding of these across the region, to identify areas for improvement, support and capacity building in 2020

b. An **analysis of ecosystem services, financing options for protected areas and other tools to support the sustainable financing of protected and conserved areas.** The results of this analysis will be used to prepare for a capacity building workshop in 2020.

c. The development of a training course for the **Local Communities: First Line of Defence (FLoD) programme**, including related capacity building.

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- Consultancy to report on management effectiveness, governance and social assessments in the region – challenges, successes, capacity required, etc.
  - Provide information for a **Capacity Building Workshop on Governance, Social and Management Effectiveness Tools** and their implementation. to be held in Zambia in October 2019

- Updating of the **African Natural Heritage Review**, in partnership with IUCN PACO

- **State of Protected and Conserved Areas Report for Eastern and Southern Africa**
  - ✓ **Planning workshop for Eastern Africa** in Nairobi on the 13th and 14th February and one for **Southern Africa** in Johannesburg on the 27th and 28th February.
  - ✓ Publication at the IUCN World Conservation Congress 2020

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- **Tourism concession capacity building workshops** in the region, starting with the Indian Ocean Islands (in partnership with IUCN WCPA TAPAS group)

- **Action Component** – portal is open and the first call for proposals for medium grants is planned for 24th June 2019
  - ✓ Proposals assessed by a Regional Advisory Committee (RAC)
  - ✓ Selection done by DG-DEVCO, based on RAC assessment

- **Regional Conservation Forum (RCF), July 2019** – TFCA discussion?

- **RCMRD annual conference**, Nairobi, August 2019 – RRH presentations

BIOPAMA Action Component (AC)

- Driven by clearly identified priorities, the BIOPAMA AC establishes a mechanism for mobilising grants in ACP Countries for tangible on-the-ground actions that address key governance and management issues.

The BIOPAMA AC aims to:

- **Enhance the management and governance of priority areas** by addressing existing limitations (strengthening on-site infrastructure/equipment for patrolling, poaching control, developing capacity of staff);
- **Strengthen the legal frameworks** required to achieve effective biodiversity conservation;
- **Support local community initiatives** to enhance the livelihoods of local people whilst effectively contributing to protected area management and governance.

- For more information see: https://action.biopama.org/

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BIOPAMA plans

- ✓ Financing and resourcing capacity building (2020)
- ✓ Negotiation training (2020-2021) for government, communities and NGOs
- ✓ Tourism concession capacity building (2020-2022)
- ✓ Data-related capacity building (2020-2023)
- ✓ Community capacity-building (2021-2023)
- ✓ TFCA exchange between Eastern and Southern Africa (2021)

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