



# Network Overview & Symposium Objectives

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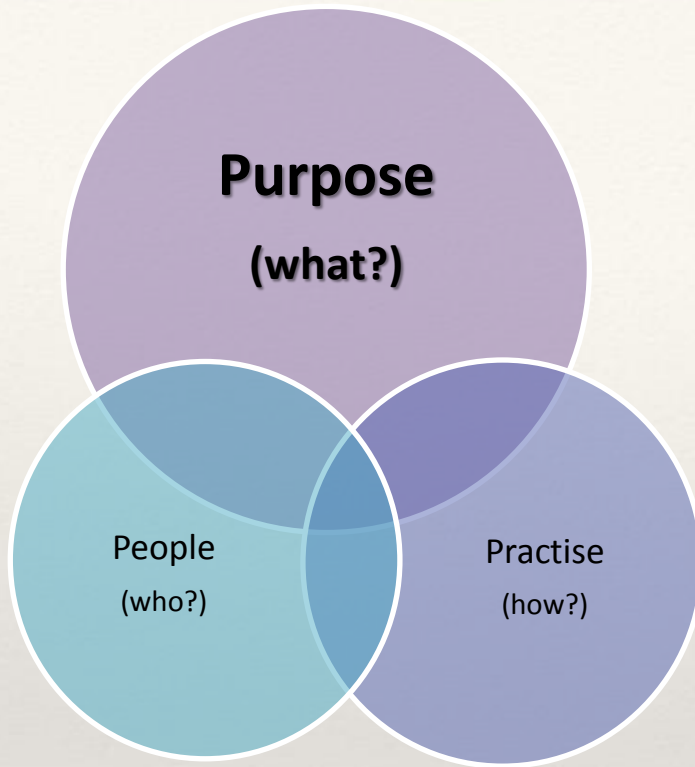
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# Background

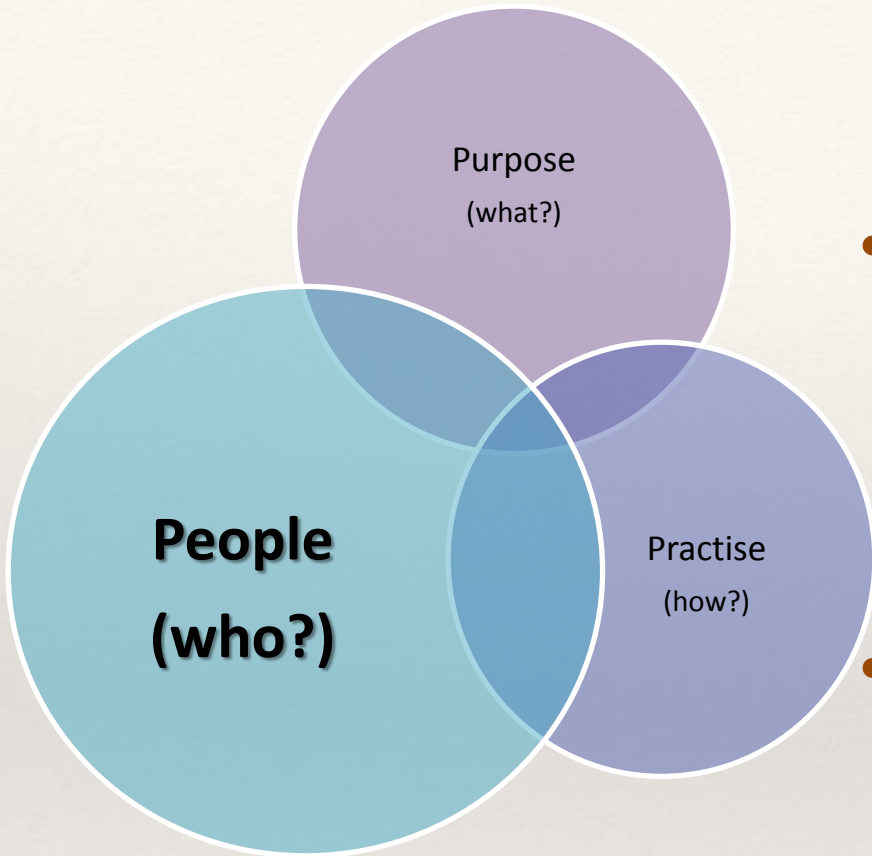
- Established at Inception workshop, Sept 2013, in Jhb, RSA attended by 9 SADC MS
- In response to SADC TFCA Programme Component 4
  - Establishment of Data and Knowledge Management Systems
  - Information exchange, learning and innovation network which facilitates the gathering, processing and dissemination of TFCA related information





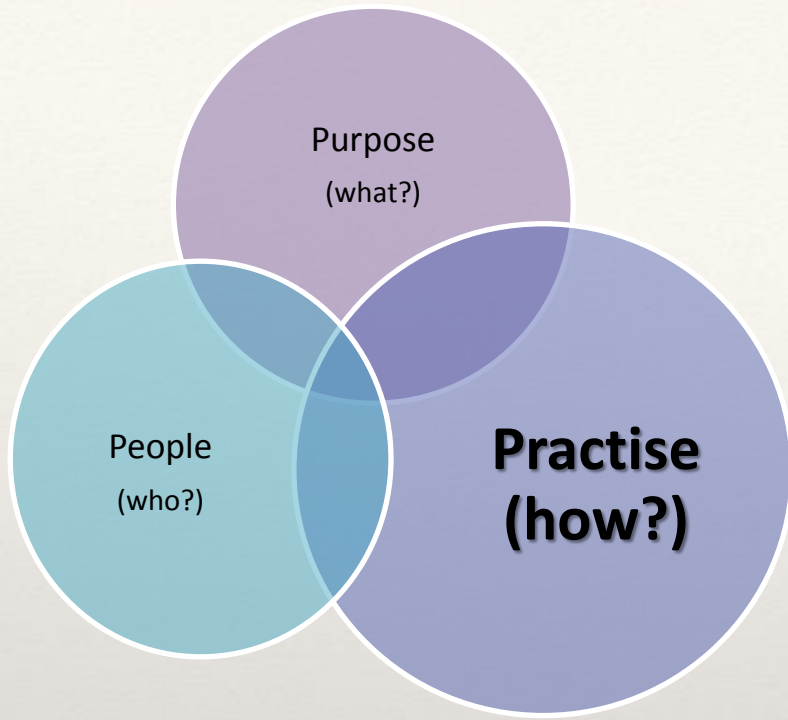
*To overcome TFCA challenges through shared learning, knowledge management and collaboration*





- Open to all stakeholder groups
- Guided & led by a Steering Committee (SC) comprising TFCA Focal Points from all SADC MS + SADC Secretariat
- Chairing of SC will change as per SADC Troika
- Members: renew their membership every 2 years – otherwise auto-lapse





## 1. Information exchange:

- Sharing experiences within and across TFCA
- Conducting field visits to enhance understanding of local contexts

## 2. Joint learning and knowledge management:

- Developing a portal as a platform for joint learning, information exchange and knowledge management
- Developing a regional repository of TFCA related information
- Innovation and idea testing through joint experimentation and documentation
- Knowledge product development
- Enabling peer review and feedback

## 3. Resource mobilisation

## 4. Strengthening collaboration and relationships:

- Conducting face to face meetings
- Developing linkages with TFCA stakeholder groups
- Facilitating empowerment at the level of the TFCA

# Main Characteristics:

- Over 200 members as registered through the online portal [www.tfcportal.org](http://www.tfcportal.org)
- Representation from all SADC MS except Madagascar & Mauritius
- More than 50% of members from government/parastatal institutions (lead agencies for TFCA development)
- Other representation – NGOs, ICPs, Academia, private sector (including consultants)
- No CBOs represented – needs to be addressed

# Activities

- Face to face meetings
- Development of online communication platform – [www.tfcportal.org](http://www.tfcportal.org)
- In country trainings on use of the portal – South Africa, Namibia with attendance by Mozambique, Swaziland & Zambia
- Capacity building for portal administrators & online facilitators – TFCA International Coordinators & others
- Online moderated discussion with technical experts

# Activities contd...

- Participation in IUCN World Parks Congress in Sydney
- Contribution & participation in guideline development
  - Establishment & Development of TFCAs
  - Tourism Concession Guidelines
- Establishment of 4 Communities of Practice:
  - M&E; Data Management; Tourism; Training & Capacity Building
- SADC TFCA Network Symposium 2016





# Transfrontier Conservation Areas

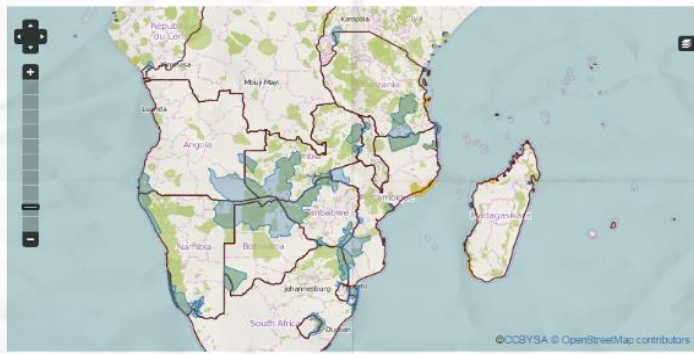
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## Maloti-Drakensberg Transfrontier Conservation and Development Area

The Maloti-Drakensberg Transfrontier Conservation and Development Area covers 14 740 km<sup>2</sup> of the mountains that straddle the northeastern border between Lesotho and South Africa. The area has spectacular scenery and is home to many important endemic montane plant species. The mountains, with their highest peak rising to 3 482 m above sea level, are of exceptional beauty and host the largest and most concentrated group of rock paintings in Africa south of the Sahara.

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Sue Snyman @SueSnyman 8 Jan  
 Future custodians of the Greater Mapungubwe Transfrontier National Park #CITW #makingadifference pic.twitter.com/0eXyglfouO  
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- Currently developing an integrated portal which consolidates in one space, several online systems & tools relevant to TFCAs – collaboration with several organisations

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# Objectives of this Symposium

1. Understand the different models for collaborative management support being applied in PAs within SADC TFCA (and elsewhere in Africa), including the design of these models;
2. Explore the roles & responsibilities of different parties engaged in these models.
3. Identify mechanisms to manage expectations of & benefits to the parties engaging in collaborative management support projects.
4. Determine if these models have mechanisms to measure their effectiveness & build resilience of these arrangements.
5. Determine the contribution of these arrangements to achieving national, regional & international obligations.
6. Highlight lessons learned & provide recommendations that can assist parties (government, communities, NGOs, private sector partners & ICPs) wishing to engage in collaborative management support projects