



History of the TFCAs in the SADC Region

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND THE ECONOMIC POTENTIAL OF SADC TFCAs

LTFCAs- Community oriented routes





Underlying thought

- **Transfrontier Conservation Area (TFCA)**

Is an area straddling across two or more international borders where the **natural and cultural resources** are collaboratively managed by the **governments/authorities** involved.





Global Background

- 1928- Krakow Protocol between Poland-Czechoslovakia established first TFCA
- Glacier-Waterton Transboundary Park between US and Canada (1932) – world renowned.
- The 1945 United Nations Charter lays down the foundations for co-operation among nation states
- 1972-Gran Paradiso between Italy and France





SADC

- 1930-38: Negotiations between Mozambique, SA and Mozambique in what is now GLTP
- 1993 World Bank initiated the development of the TFCA concept in the SADC by introducing the idea of community involvement
- 1997 Peace Parks Foundation established to drive TFCA development in the region
- SADC Protocol on Wildlife Conservation and Law Enforcement, 1999 defines TFCA



- *“the area or component of a large ecological region that straddles the boundaries of two or more countries, encompassing one or more protected areas as well as multiple resource use areas”*
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Objectives of TFCAs

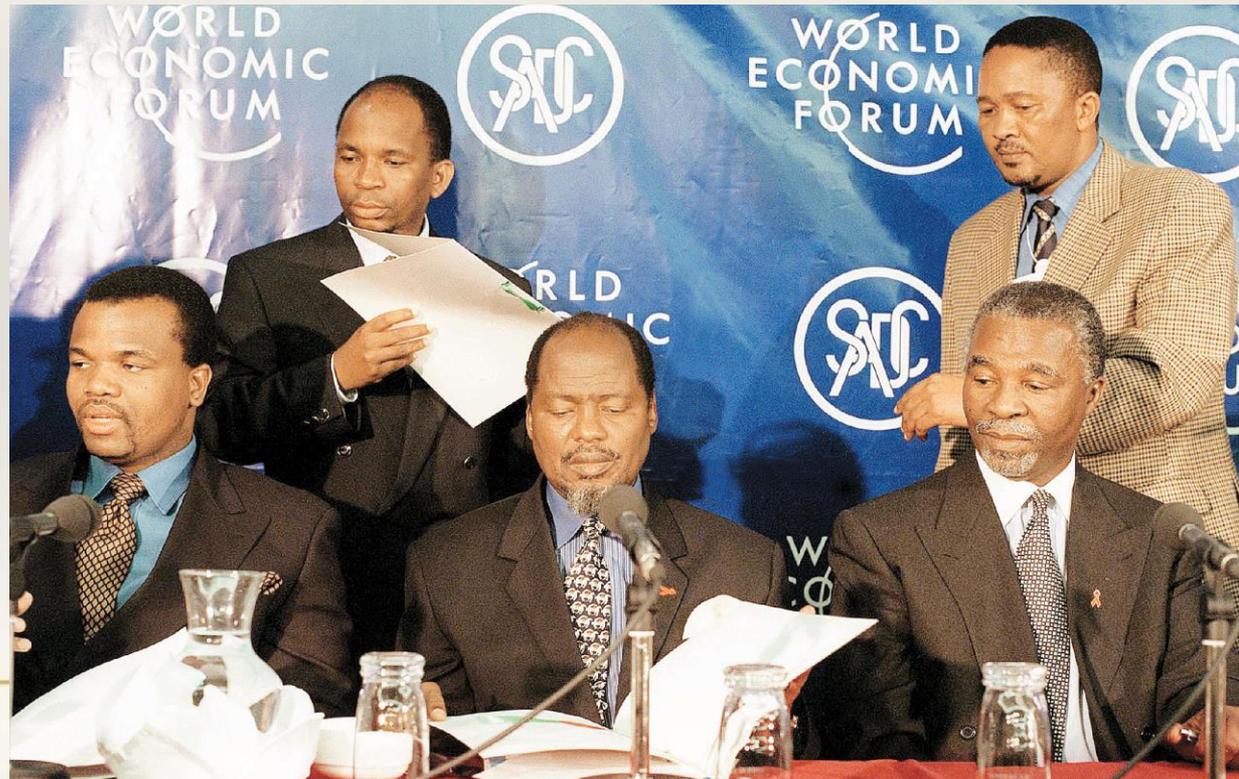
ECOLOGICAL
Enhance biodiversity conservation through cross-border planning and management of shared ecosystems.
Re-establish ecological functions such seasonal migration routes for wildlife that were disrupted by fences along political borders.
Promote basin-wide approaches to the management of international rivers and wetlands

SOCIO-ECONOMIC
Promote growth of the tourism sector specifically cross-border tourism
Increasing the economies of scale for economic activities such as ecotourism, and natural resource based enterprises.
Promote cultural linkages between countries in the region. People are often linked across borders by kinship, language and culture

GOVERNANCE
Deepening regional integration and cooperation
Promote peace and harmony

SADC Opening

- In 1999 the PPF facilitation resulted in the signing of the Lubombo Spatial Development Initiative between Mozambique, Eswatini and South Africa



SADC First TFCA

- Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park launched in 12 May 2000 by President Mbeki and President Mogae



- 22 June 2000 General Lubombo Protocol signed



- 9 December 2002 GLTP Treaty signed



SADC Transfrontier Conservation Areas



Established TFCAs

- treaty signed*
1. **ALUAs - Richtersveld TfP***
(Namibia/South Africa)
 2. **Great Limpopo TP and TFGA***
(Mozambique/South Africa/Zimbabwe)
 3. **Koungou-Zambezi TFGA***
(Angola/Botswana/Namibia/Zambia/Zimbabwe)
 4. **Koelbeid TfP***
(Botswana/South Africa)
 5. **Lubombo TFGA***
(Mozambique/South Africa/Swaziland)
 6. **Malawi-Zambia TFGA***
(Malawi/Zambia)
 7. **Maloti-Drakensberg TFGA***
(Lesotho/South Africa)

Emerging TFCAs

- AOU signed*
8. **Chimanimani TFGA**
(Mozambique/Zimbabwe)
 9. **Greater Manousozwe TFGA***
(Botswana/South Africa/Zimbabwe)
 10. **Inia-Skeleton Coast TFGA**
(Angola/Namibia)
 11. **Manombo Forest TPA**
(Angola/Congo/DRC/Gabon)
 12. **Niasse-Réunion TFGA**
(Mozambique/Tanzania)

Conceptual TFCAs

13. **Kapara TFGA**
(Zimbabwe/Tanzania/Uganda)
14. **Linga Plains-Mossama TFGA***
(Angola/Zambia)
15. **Lower Zambezi-Mana Pools TFGA***
(Zambia/Zimbabwe)
16. **Mozai Bay-Guikinhua TFGMA**
(Mozambique/Tanzania)
17. **Western Indian Ocean TfMP**
(Comoros/Kenya/Mauritius/France)
(Madagascar/Mauritius/Mozambique/
Seychelles/Somalia/South Africa/
Tanzania)
18. **ZIMAZA TFGA**
(Mozambique/Zambia/Zimbabwe)



SADC TFCAs

- 18 TFCAs at different levels of development
 - Category A: Established TFCAs with legal instrument (Treaty/Protocol)- 8
 - Category B: Emerging TFCAs with MOU - 4
 - Category C: Conceptual TFCAs - 6

PROGRAMMES

- SADC TFCA Programme
 - TFCA Network
- SADC Tourism Programme (Goal 3 focusses on Tourism in TFCAs)
- SADC/GIZ Transboundary Use and Protection of National Resources (TUPNR)
- Boundless Southern Africa

SADC TFCA Programme Priority Areas

- **Harmonization of policies** and/or legal framework, rules:
 - to create an enabling environment for addressing conservation issues that transcend international borders (e.g. translocation, control of AIS, disease control and fire management)
 - regarding cross-border tourism operations in order to facilitate cross-border tourism
 - Develop Integrated Development Plans
- **Use TFCA** mechanisms to reduce wildlife crimes through alignment of penalties and procedures for:
 - dealing with wildlife crimes;
 - joint law enforcement operations,
 - exchange of information on wildlife crimes,
 - development of cooperation agreements on joint protection and
 - conservation of key species e.g. Rhino, Lion and Elephant
- **Develop and promote market cross-border tourism products** as well as travel packages and itineraries to and within in TFCAs (in partnership with private sector)
- **Promote investment in tourist facilities and supporting infrastructure** in order to enhance tourism attractiveness of TFCAs
- **Finalize and roll-out the implementation of an assessment tool** that will measure management effectiveness of each TFCA and inform the process of instituting corrective measures
- Facilitate implementation of **community beneficiation** initiatives and/or programmes
- Establish **sustainable funding mechanism** for TFCAs e.g. innovative financing mechanisms through public-private-community partnerships



TFCA Milestones

- SADC Protocol of Wildlife Conservation and Law Enforcement(1999) and others
- SADC TFCAs Programme (2013)
- SADC TFCAs Network Establishment (2013)
- Governance of TFCAs Network and priorities for TFCAs Development (Symposium 2016)
- ICP Support: German Development Cooperation, USAiD, DFID, SIDA etc (Training/capacity building, infrastructure, institutional support, technical support etc)



Other Achievements

- Development and implementation of joint management tools informing collaborative wildlife management activities
- Improved landscape level biodiversity conservation
- Establishment of Community Conservation Areas and buffer zones
- Development of critical infrastructure in TFCAs
- Increase in tourism arrivals and revenue and operationalization of tourist access facilities
- Packaging and promotion of investment opportunities in TFCAs
- Facilitation of cross-border tourism and raising the tourism profile of TFCAs



Tourism In TFCAs

Objectives

- Profiling each TFCAs in terms of Nature, Culture and Community
- Supporting the development and growth of innovative tourism experiences in TFCAs
- Developing and promoting cross-border routes and itineraries with a stronger TFCAs focus

In collaboration with

- TFCAs partners across the Southern African Region
- National Tourism Organisations
- Tourism Ministries and Departments
- SADC Secretariat
- Private Sector tourism operators
- International Cooperation Partners



Thank You

