

Guidelines for the Establishment and Development of TFCAs in the SADC Region



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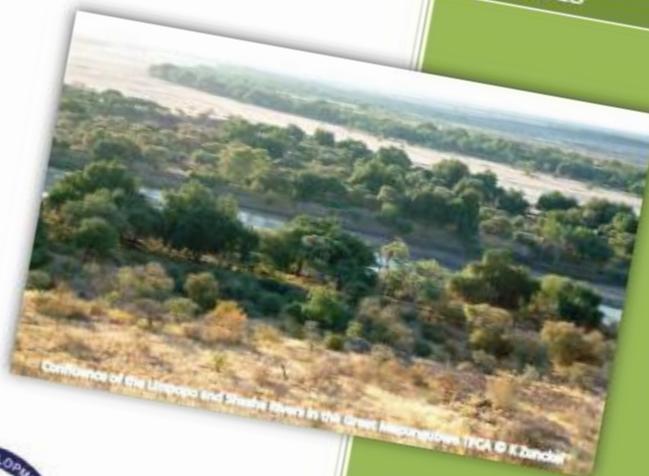


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Compilation process:

Highly consultative team approach:

- Workshop #1: Johannesburg – presentation of draft Table of Contents, invitation to participate and establishment of a reference group.
- Workshop #2: Luanda – develop content.
- Workshop #3: Maseru – validation of content and identification of case studies.



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Over-arching Principles

1. Benefits beyond boundaries:
 - a. Tangible
 - b. Ensure socio-economic relevance
2. Pillars of sustainability:
 - a. Effective governance
 - b. Persistent biodiversity features and functional ecosystems
 - c. Social relevance
 - d. Economic viability



Structure of the Guidelines

1. Introduction
2. PART I – Background and Contextual Information
3. PART II – Initiation Processes
4. PART III – Establishment and Development Processes
5. ANNEXURES:
 - A. The Guideline Compilation Process
 - B. The potential benefits of TFCA initiatives
 - C. Examples of Ecosystem Goods and Services
 - D. Background information on existing SADC TFCAs
 - E. Diagnostic tool for transboundary conservation planners
 - F. Performance Appraisal Tool

Content

Introduction

1. A Brief Historical Perspective on SADC TFCAs
2. The Aim of these Guidelines
3. The Guideline Principles
4. The Intended Audience of these Guidelines
5. The Guideline Compilation Process
6. The Structure of the Guidelines



Content

PART I – Background and Contextual Information

1. Definitions
2. The Legal and Policy Framework
3. The Value of Transfrontier Conservation for SADC Member States
4. The Status Quo of Transfrontier Conservation Areas in the SADC Region



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PART II – Initiation Processes

1. Stakeholders and Role Players Relevant to the SADC Context
2. Assessing the Enabling Environment – pre-feasibility
3. Assessing TFCA Feasibility (Diagnostic tool for transboundary conservation planners
<http://www.tbpa.net/page.php?ndx=22>)
4. Designing the Implementation Process



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PART III – Establishment and Development Processes

1. Securing buy-in and building legitimacy
2. Select an appropriate governance model
3. Defining the Geographic Extent
4. Developing the Framework for Joint Management
5. Refining the Joint Management Framework
6. Planning for Financial Sustainability
7. Monitoring and Evaluation



Application of the Guidelines within SADC

General perception of SADC TFCAs:

- Regional approach
- Opportunistic
- Largely driven at the political level – top down
- Donor dependent
- Few objective feasibility assessments supporting initiation and establishment
- Limited demonstration of tangible benefits
- Guidelines mostly need to be applied retrospectively
- Limited uptake and application of guidelines despite collaborative compilation

Recommendations

- International coordinators to facilitate a process of mainstreaming the guidelines into their planning and management.
- Apply the guidelines as a checklist to assess initiation, establishment and management effectiveness.
- Provide critical feedback for the possible revision and updating of the guidelines by 2025.

