



The SADC TFCA Network meeting

16-18 October 2018

Southern African Wildlife College





The SADC TFCA Network meeting *Objectives*

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The SADC TFCA Programme (2013)

Vision

SADC, a model of community centred, regionally integrated and sustainably managed network of world class transfrontier conservation areas.

Mission

*To develop SADC into a functional and integrated network of transfrontier conservation areas where **shared natural resources are sustainably co-managed and conserved to foster socioeconomic development, and regional integration for the benefit of those living within and around TFCAs and mankind at large.***



Seven Components

1. Advocacy and harmonization

2. Enhancement of financing mechanisms for TFCAs

3. Capacity building for TFCAs stakeholders

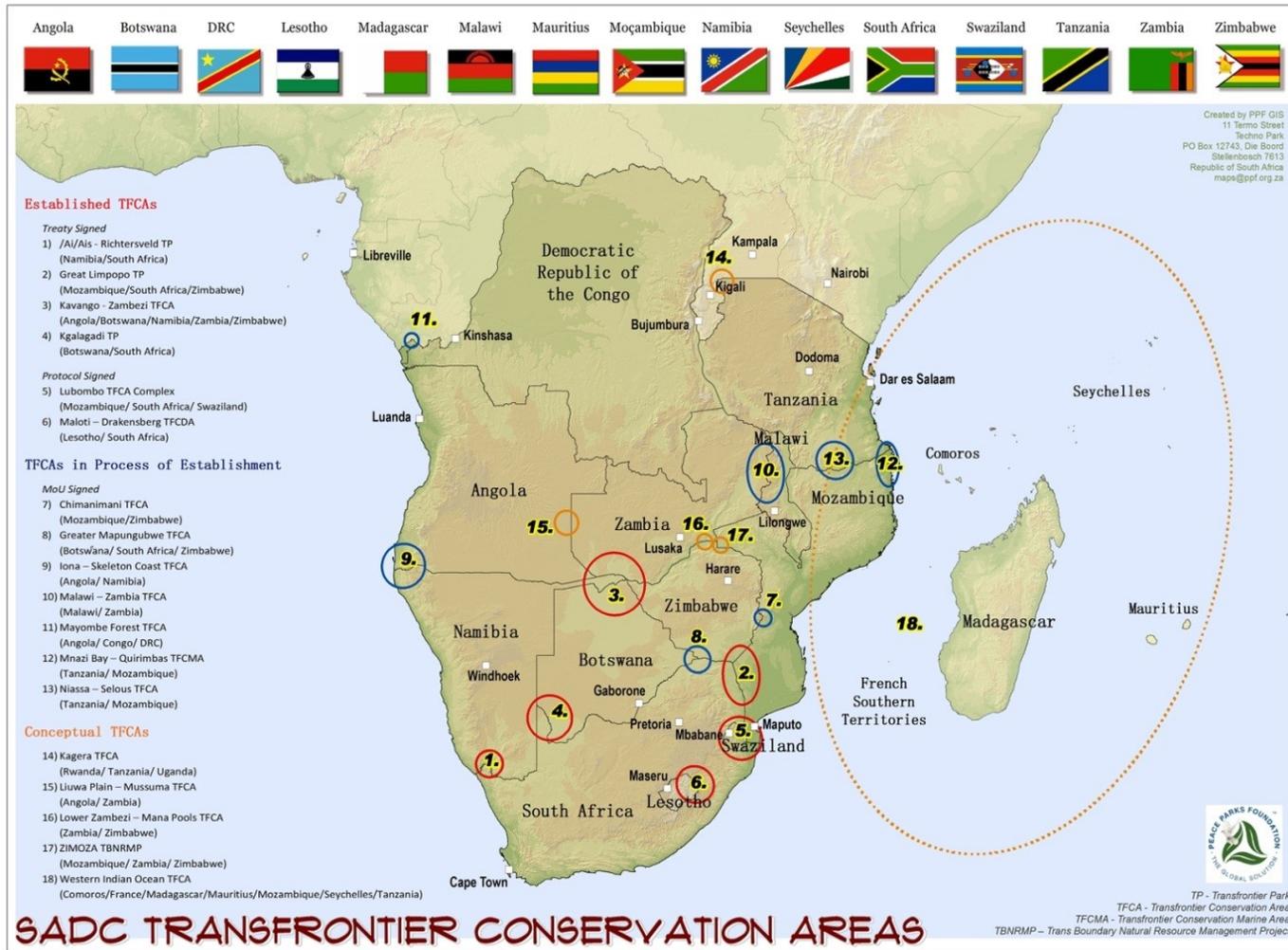
4. Establishment of data and knowledge management systems

5. Enhancement of local livelihoods

6. Reducing vulnerability of ecosystems and people to the effects of Climate Change

7. Development of TFCAs into marketable regional tourism products

TFCAs in SADC Region

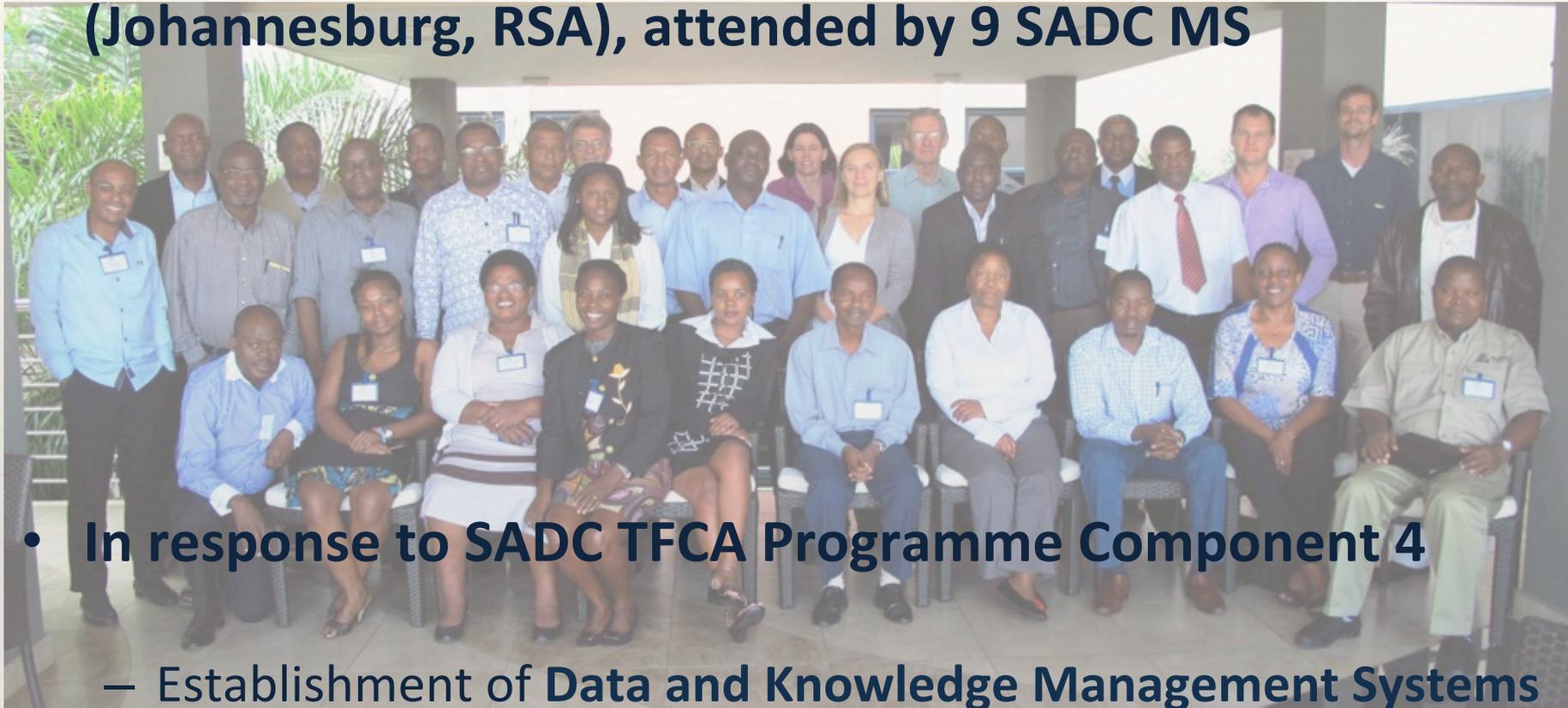


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The history of the Network

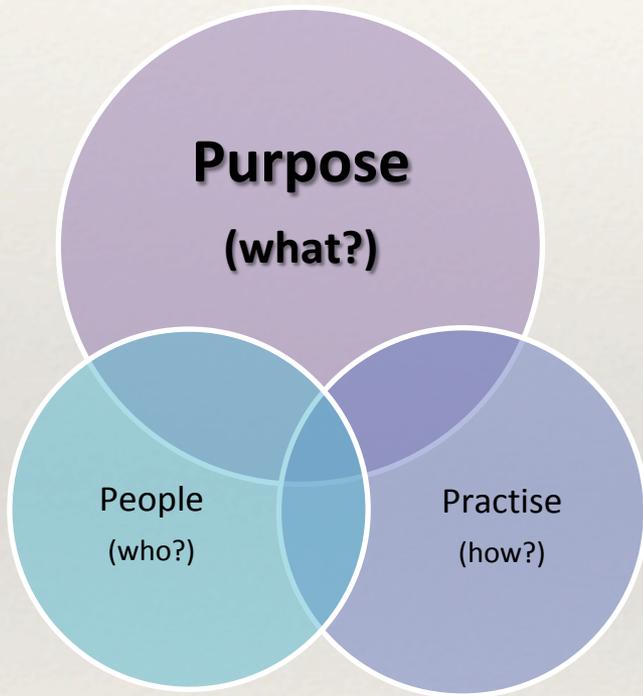
- **Established at Inception workshop, September 2013 (Johannesburg, RSA), attended by 9 SADC MS**

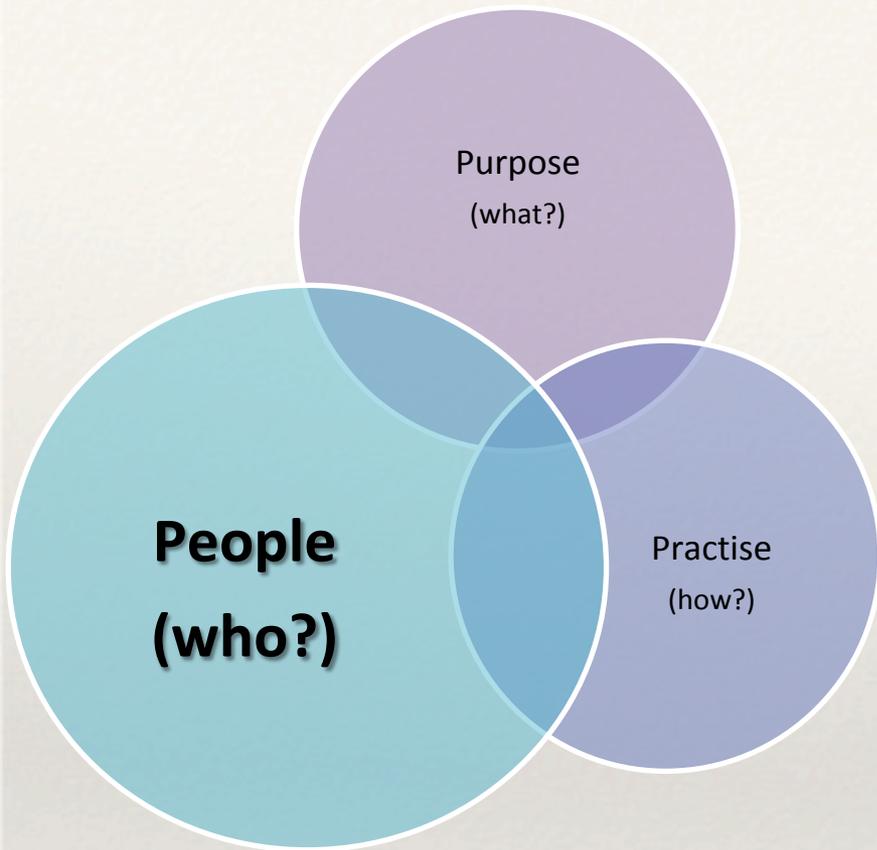


- **In response to SADC TFCA Programme Component 4**
 - Establishment of **Data and Knowledge Management Systems**
 - **Information exchange, learning and innovation network** which facilitates the gathering, processing and dissemination of TFCA related information

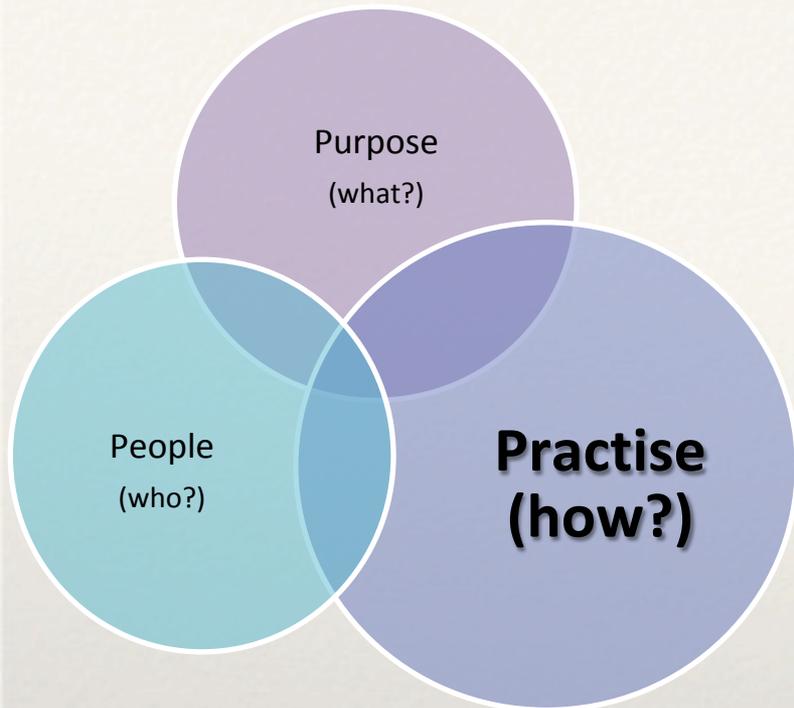


To overcome TFCA challenges through shared learning, knowledge management and collaboration





- Open to **all stakeholder groups/individuals**
- Guided & led by a **Steering Committee (SC)** comprising TFCA Focal Points from all SADC MS + SADC Secretariat
- Chairing of SC rotational as per SADC Troika, the **current Chair is Namibia**
- Membership: renew every 2 years – otherwise auto-lapse



1. Information exchange:

- Sharing experiences within and across TFCAs
- 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



- Over **300 members** have registered through the online portal www.tfcaportal.org
- Representation from all SADC MS except Madagascar & Mauritius
- About 50% of members from government/parastatal institutions (lead agencies for TFCA development)
- Other representation – NGOs, ICPs, Academia, private sector (including consultants)



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SADC Transfrontier Conservation Areas

Transfrontier Conservation Areas (TFCAs) are founded on the realization that natural resources that straddle international boundaries are a shared asset with the potential to meaningfully contribute to the conservation of biodiversity and the welfare and socio-economic development of rural communities.

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16 October 2018 to 18 October 2018
[2018 Annual SADC TFCAs Network Meeting](#)

17 November 2018 to 29 November 2018
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9 May 2019 to 13 May 2019
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- Face to face meetings
- Development of online communication platform for network members and a public website– www.tfcaportal.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 – TFCAs International Coordinators & others
- Online moderated discussion with technical experts

- **Participation to leading global events for conservation:**
 - 2014 IUCN World Parks Congress in Sydney (Australia)
 - 2016 CITES COP 17 in Johannesburg (RSA)
 - 2018 CBD COP 14 in Sharm el Shaik (Egypt), planned
 - 2019 CITES COP 18 in Colombo (Sri Lanka), planned
- **Contribution to guideline & frameworks development:**
 - Establishment & Development of TFCAs
 - Tourism Concession Guidelines
 - Community Engagement Guidelines
 - Monitoring and Evaluation Framework
 - Cross-border tourism products Guidelines
- **Establishment of regional Communities of Practice:**
 - M&E; Data Management; Tourism; Training & Capacity Building
 - Community Engagement and Law Enforcement being planned
- **Participation to tourism promotional events:**
 - ITB Berlin
 - Tourism Indaba (Durban, RSA)
 - The Cycle Tour Expo (Cape Town, RSA)
- **Regional TFCA events:**
 - Annual SADC TFCAs meetings
 - SADC TFCA Network Symposium 2016 on collaborative management models for conservation areas



Welcome to the SADC TFCA
Network!



Objectives of Network Meeting

16 – 18 October 2018

- Report on progress in the implementation of the SADC TFCA Programme;
- Receive updates on the activities and workplans of the CoP;
- Input on the proposed SADC Transfrontier Conservation Summit(2020) Concept Note;
- Update on collaborative management partnerships in support of the implementation of the SADC TFCA Programme;
- Share lessons learned and recommendations to assist stakeholders in collaborative management for TFCA development;
- Discuss TFCA Network Participation at the 14th Conference of the Parties of the CBD (November 2018)
- Discuss SADC TFCA training needs, offers and gaps for moulding future professionals in TFCA management;
- Prepare recommendations to the SADC Technical Committee on Wildlife.



Transfrontier Conservation Areas

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