



Transfrontier Conservation Areas  
SOUTHERN AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

# SADC TFCA NETWORK DONOR COORDINATION MEETING

1st meeting of the SADC TFCA Steering Committee and ICPs

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## ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

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| APAC    | African Protected Areas Congress                           |
| BIOPAMA | Biodiversity and Protected Areas Management                |
| CoP     | Community of Practice                                      |
| CWC     | Combating Wildlife Crimes                                  |
| DEA     | Department of Environmental Affairs                        |
| GIZ     | Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit    |
| ICPs    | International Cooperating Partner(s)                       |
| IUCN    | International Union for the Conservation of Nature         |
| KAZA    | Kavango-Zambezi (TFCA)                                     |
| LEAP    | Law Enforcement and Anti-Poaching                          |
| LimCom  | Limpopo Commission   |
| M&E     | Monitoring and Evaluation                                  |
| MaB     | Man and Biosphere  |
| MET     | Ministry for Environment and Tourism                       |
| MoU     | Memorandum of Understanding                                |
| NRM     | Natural Resources Management                               |
| OkaCom  | Okavango Commission  |
| RSA     | Republic of South Africa                                   |
| RWP     | Resilient Waters Programme                                 |
| SADC    | Southern African Development Community                     |
| TFCA    | Transfrontier Conservation Area(s)                         |
| TUPNR   | Transboundary Use and Protection of Natural Resources      |
| UNDP    | United Nations Development Programme                       |
| UNEP    | United Nations Environment Programme                       |
| UNESCO  | United Nations Education, Science and Culture Organisation |
| USAID   | United States Agency for International Development         |
| WCPA    | World Commission for Protected Areas                       |
| WEM     | Wildlife Economy Meeting                                   |
| WHS     | World Heritage Site  |
| WPMA    | Wildlife and Parks Management Authority (ZimParks)         |
| WWF     | World Wildlife Fund  |
| ZW      | Zimbabwe   |

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## REPORTING MINUTES

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*The meeting was held at the Rivonia Bed & Breakfast on Thursday 13 June 2019.*

### 1. WELCOMING REMARKS

*M. Thagwana (RSA:DEA Acting Director TFCAs) vice Chair of the SADC TFCA Network.*

Ms. W. Olivier, on behalf of Mr. Thagwana, welcomed all the participants and thanked the SADC Secretariat for the organisation of the meeting.

### 2. INTRODUCTION & OBJECTIVES

*D. Kahatano (SADC Snr. Programme Officer NRM & Wildlife)*

**Introduction of all participants:** See attendance list

#### **Summary of speech:**

Although 20 years have passed since the first TFCA was established in the region, the SADC TFCA Programme was only endorsed in 2013 to provide overall coordination from SADC for cooperation and lesson learning.

This meeting seeks to address the role and future of the TFCA network, which grew from a handful of people to over 300 members. The activities have been critically funded by the GIZ TUPNR Programme, which comes to an end in December 2020. The impact of the network and its activity has been palpable in the region and within SADC. A sustainability strategy was developed to guide the next funding phases of the Network, which informs the objectives of the meeting:

- Provide an overview of TFCA Network achievements and support received to date
- Discuss outcomes of the SADC TFCA Network long-term sustainability study
- Discuss avenues for continued support to the SADC TFCA Network and Communities of Practices with strategic partners
- Update on the proposed roadmap of the 2020 SADC Transfrontier Conservation Summit
- Update on SADC TFCA M&E Framework piloting and discuss areas of potential collaboration
- Update on other special network related activities.

### 3. PRESENTATION ON THE NETWORK OBJECTIVES, SUPPORT TO DATE, ACHIEVEMENTS AND CHALLENGES

*T. Gotosa (SADC TFCA Technical Adviser)*

The SADC TFCA Programme currently supports 18 TFCAs at different stage of implementation (See the map, Figure 1), with marine TFCAs fairly requiring still special interest and support. The Vision of the SADC TFCAs Programme is to support *SADC [as] a model of community centred, regionally integrated and sustainably managed network of world class transfrontier conservation areas.*

The Programme has seven (7) Components, which guide overall implementation by outputs. The Network and its activities stem from the outputs of *Component 4 on the Establishment of Data Management and Knowledge Systems*. The network currently has 300 members, but academia is not very involved. Its activities are guided by the Steering Committee, formed by the TFCA Focal Points in each Member State, and it mimics the SADC Structure for chairing and troika decision-making.

Most of the investment for the network was given to the Portal, as a repository of knowledge and information, and it would be important to work with partners such as BIOPAMA to enhance it and

increase its user-friendliness. The second big investment was on face-to-face engagements and meetings to consolidate professional and personal relations. This has, in turn, led to strong partnership leading to design and implementation of activities bringing life to the SADC TFCAs programme.

**TABLE 1: SADC TFCA NETWORK TANGIBLE RESULTS**

| <i>Regional networking</i>   | <i>Policy harmonisation</i>  | <i>Improved marketing</i>  | <i>Other interventions</i>   |
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| Annual SADC TFCAs <b>Network Meetings</b>  | Guidelines on the Establishment & Development of TFCAs   | Coordination with Boundless Southern Africa  | <b>Online communication platform</b> for network members and a public website in 2014–<br><a href="http://www.tfcaportal.org">www.tfcaportal.org</a> |
| <b>Strong relationships</b> between TFCA Focal Points and other practitioners and stakeholders   | M&E Framework  | <b>Side events at:</b><br>2014 IUCN World Parks Congress in Sydney (Australia);<br>2016 CITES COP 17 in Johannesburg (RSA);<br>2018 CBD COP 14 in Sharm el Shaik (Egypt) | Preparation of <b>recommendations to SADC decision-making bodies</b>   |
| <b>Communities of Practice:</b><br>Knowledge Management and M&E;<br>Tourism;<br>Training & Capacity Building;<br>Community Engagement; and<br>Law Enforcement & Anti-Poaching. | Tourism Concession Guidelines<br>Community Engagement Guidelines<br>Cross-border tourism products Guidelines |  | <b>Resource mobilisation</b> , such as the Funding Facility  |

The most important event going forward is the **2020 SADC TFCA Summit**. Zimbabwe’s proposal to host the event was endorsed by the Network and by the SADC Secretariat, so we are committed to support Zimbabwe in making sure this will be a very successful Summit regionally and globally.

In self-reflection, we have identified obstacles and constraints, which should inform ways of improvement going forward. The future should be guided by the following lessons learnt:

- To continue to work on a strong regional and international Network of practitioners and experts;
- To work towards medium to long-term sustainability of the TFCA Network;
- To support capacity development and institutional strengthening;
- To facilitate resource mobilisation (partnerships) and investment promotion (private sector);
- To revisit purpose and functioning of the Network, the Programme, beyond its inception face with key strategic partners and the SADC TFCA Unit.

### 3.1 DISCUSSION POINTS

The revision of the SADC TFCA Programme should include the following:

- Introduction of PA and Natural Resources Management in the Components;
- Revision of the SADC 18 and criteria for inclusion in the SADC TFCA Programme, by balancing between formalisation and implementation (functioning) of a TFCA;
- Linking with UNESCO MaB and WHS

The network should look at capturing the information from the SADC TFCA WhatsApp group.

The CoPs should be used to provide content based on the group interests and involvement in regional TFCAs.

TABLE 2: SADC TFCA NETWORK ACTIVITIES AND ITEMS WITH COSTS AND ANNOTATION

| Item/<br>Description of current costs   | Current cost in EUR<br>per month | Current cost in EUR<br>per annum    | Comments   |
|---|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| <b>TFCA Portal (Website + Intranet)</b>   |                                  |                                     |  |
| Currently through Mind-Q in Gaborone, Botswana  |                                  |                                     |  |
| - 4 man-days maintenance per month (4.000 P)<br>- 2 man-days admin support per month (3.000 P)<br>- Annual hosting fees at BlueHost (7.000 P per annum)<br>- Contract runs until December 2019<br>- Migration of Portal is included in current contract | 1.670 EUR<br>(22.583 P)          | 21.987 EUR<br>(270.996 P)           | If service is provided in-house by an institution, costs can be lower. Ideally more content support is provided.   |
| <b>TFCA Network Facilitation / Coordination</b>   |                                  |                                     |  |
| Currently Clara Bocchino (Responsible for contact with Network and Steering Committee, Facilitation of meetings, posting of updates on social media and website as well as sending out of bi-annual newsletters)  |                                  |                                     |  |
| - 7 man-days a month (7.000 R)<br>+ travel costs (25.000 R per annum)   | 2.889 EUR (48.995 R)             | 34.667 EUR<br>(587.940 R)           | Minimum 5, ideally 10 days recommended depending on additional support provided by donor organisation. Could also work on a long-term consultant arrangement.  |
| <b>Annual TFCA Network meeting</b>  |                                  |                                     |  |
| Minimum costs:<br>- Sponsorship of TFCA Focal Points (16 pax)<br>- Sponsorship of TFCA Secretariats/International Coordinators/Boundless (5 pax)<br>- Conference package of ca. 60 pax  |                                  | Ca. 30.000 EUR                      | Dependent on focus of the meeting either 1 or 2 delegates per country are sponsored. Sometimes an additional Steering Committee meeting is organized in a year |
| <b>Secretariat of a TFCA Network Community of Practice</b>  |                                  |                                     |  |
| Currently 5 CoPs (Tourism, Capacity Building, Data and Knowledge Management, Community Engagement, LEAP)  |                                  |                                     |  |
| - 1-2 meetings a year<br>- Average 15 people attending per meeting<br>- Average 3 people asking for travel support  |                                  | Approx. 1.500-3.000 EUR per meeting | Dependent on purpose, also possible to organise virtual meetings. CoP meetings can be planned before or after Network meetings                                 |

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| - Venue often provided by CoP member / lunch sometimes supported |  |  |  |
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**Technical adviser – TFCA Network**

Backstopping Network function and liaison with SADC Secretariat (currently Lisa Blanken)

|                                |           |            |                                     |
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| - Approx. 20-30% of staff-time | 1.250 EUR | 15.000 EUR | Preferably based close to SADC Sec. |
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**Optional other activities**

**Technical Committee meetings**

(E.g. Wildlife, Environment, Forestry, Tourism)

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| - Flights, accommodation, dinner and breakfast (16 pax.)<br>- Conference package and interpretation into French/Portuguese provided by SADC Sec. |  | Ca. 30.000 EUR | Contribution by SADC Sec. dependent on available budget. SADC cannot sponsor flights or accommodation. |
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**Participation at International events**

(CITES, CBD, World Parks Congress)

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|---|--|-------------------|---|
| - Side event<br>- Catering<br>- Videography or other service<br>- 2-3 sponsored delegates |  | Ca. 15-20.000 EUR | Cost highly dependent on level of involvement |
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**Endorsement of SADC Guidelines or other regional policy documents**

(TFCA Guidelines or other programme's/strategies)

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|--|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| - Consultant (20-30.000 EUR)<br>- 2 workshops (ca. 20-25 sponsored participants, interpretation into French/Portuguese) 30-40.000 EUR per workshop<br>- Translation of document into -French/Portuguese (5000 EUR) |  | Ca. 90.000 EUR for the entire process | Ideally two workshops are held, a consultative workshop and a validation workshop. After validation the document has to be approved through SADC structures. |
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## 4. PRESENTATION ON NETWORK SUSTAINABILITY AND ITEMISED COSTING

*L. Blanken (GIZ TFCA Network Advisor) and D. Kahatano*

The GIZ TUPNR Programme originally began in 2012 with the objective of supporting the implementation of the TFCA mandate for SADC. Its second phase was extended from 2015 to 2020. From 2021 onwards the German technical cooperation through GIZ will focus on Climate Resilience and NRM.

As the closing phase of the Programme is approaching, a Sustainability Strategy for the Network was commissioned in 2018. The recommendations touch all aspects of the Programme and Network, but focussed on maintaining the critical activities for the functioning of the network. Each activity carried out through and for the Network was presented, discussed and costed (see Table 2).

It was noted that the funding of Member States representatives to the meetings is driven by a SADC policy, and it is also done by way of ensuring quorum for decision-making.

The Secretariat and Member States has issued the following recommendations on the Network Sustainability:

1. The SADC TFCA Network Steering Committee requests SADC Secretariat to engage with **USAID** and **IUCN BIOPAMA** to secure **funding** for the Network beyond 2020;
2. Request SADC Secretariat to **negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with **PPF** which includes regional support to TFCAs (a warm body for the Network) as well as deliberate on taking over the **virtual aspects** of the TFCA Network functions;
3. Linked to the discussions with **IUCN** as implementing body of the TFCA Financing Facility, request SADC Secretariat to ensure that network activities are incorporated within the **work plan of the existing MoU**;
4. Request SADC Secretariat to negotiate with **WWF** to ensure that network activities are incorporated within the **work plan of the existing MoU**; and
5. Based on the outcome of the funding negotiations, the SADC TFCA Network Steering Committee requests SADC Secretariat to engage with all possible partners and **negotiate the most sustainable option** for continuation of the Network.

### 4.1 DISCUSSION POINTS

1. The network would benefit from a part time communication specialist to maximise the use and outreach of the Portal and Social Media pages (Twitter and Facebook). The specialist would work with the Coordinator to obtain and re-format content for distribution.
2. The portal and/or its content should be part of the SADC website or at least linked directly to it.
3. Funding options and feasibilities for alternatives were discussed.

## 5. PRIORITISATION OF ACTIVITIES AND FUNDING OPTIONS.

*C. Bocchino (SADC TFCA Network Coordinator)*

During tea-break, the participants prioritised 1-3 the activities listed.

The result of the prioritisation show that three activities are understood by all as critical to the impact of the Network on SADC TFCAs and on the region at large: the TFCA Coordination, the piloting of the M&E framework and the Communities of Practice. The second tier of priority activities are the Annual Network Meeting and the Technical Committee Meeting, which set directions and facilitate the cooperation amongst SADC, government, donors, research and implementing agencies. It was noted that the participation to international events is dramatically important to SADC TFCAs and to the region but only if meaningful contributions are made in the international arena.

All the participants introduced their interest in all the activities listed, as summarised in Table 3.

**Vukanow:** interest in several components.

1. Interest to take over the warm body component, from August 2019. Priority on technical advisory: negotiations underway with GIZ and SADC. Looking into funding the Network coordinator, as well, or possibly combine the two roles in one, if only funded by Vukanow;
2. Merging the Vukanow online platform with the SADC TFCA Portal, discussions are being entertained with MindQ;
3. Holding *Think Thank workshops* for the region and the next one is on CWC as an interface between government, private sector and communities, from here topics for further governance and policy harmonisation could develop
4. Hosting of annual TFCA Network or Steering Committee meeting in 2019

**Note on the Warm Body:** the benefits of maintaining the separations is to be assessed by the funding agency/programme. The idea is that one role support a stronger relationship with SADC on TFCAs and any other matters of interest to the funder. The other role is that of a facilitator and strategic networking advisor, which would also serve other objectives of the funder such as connections with other relevant programmes and activities in the region.

**Note on the Portal:** there are interests in collaboration to use the Portal and Network as experimental on the application of Blockchain technology and new client-interface systems for development/government institutions, this can be discusses with IBM Research Africa and Accenture.

**Resilient Waters:** interest in two components, based on the key objectives of the programmes are to work with KAZA, Great Limpopo and Great Mapungubwe TFCAs, which cover most of the SADC countries.

1. Contribute to the organisation of the Annual Meetings, from 2021;
2. Use current collaboration with UNESCO and enlarge the network to provide more leverage opportunities, through embedded staff, for instance.

**BIOPAMA:** the focus of the Programme is on technical support, through the JRC for instance, and cost of meetings (excluding transport). The most interesting CoP would be the Community Engagement one, but with some interest in others.

**Note on Guidelines and SADC Policy support:** the topics for the development of guidelines or other policy documents come from the discussions within the Network and its Steering Committee, and are endorsed by SADC. Currently, only the Community Engagement and Cross-border Tourism product guidelines still need to be endorsed. Beside the SADC process for endorsement, it is noted that National Government have their own engagement processes to be respected, therefore the time for the development and full endorsement can exceed 12 months. Overall, guidelines are developed following expressed needs by Member States, and training to support implementation should also be considered.

**Other agencies and partners to be involved in the Network Sustainability:** the suggestion was made to include other partners and USAID has volunteered to established a link between the SADC TFCA Network and some of their relevant partners, such as DfID. It must be noted, however, that there is a variety of funding opportunities and partnerships. The Network for instance has benefited both from long-term and short-term programmes, as well as government donor agencies, which are permanently in the region, and regional NGOs or donors (such as PPF) that will always be in the region. It is important now to find ways for maintaining relevance of the Network and of TFCAs as a whole. Additionally, it was suggested that FANR organizes a donor meeting looking at the long-term



sustainability as well as other areas where additional support is required, inviting purely donor agencies.

**PPF:** the critical interest and feasible activity is the MoU with SADC.

**Note on the TFCA Financing Facility:** since an annual meeting of the Steering Committee is budgeted for with similar stakeholders, it would be opportune to use the same time for the Annual Network meeting.

TABLE 3: LIST OF ACTIVITIES WITH SUPPORT INTEREST

| Activity   | Cost                     | Date ending                          | Interested party   |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| TFCA Portal:<br>Public website<br>Intranet portal  | 22 000 \$                | 31/12/2019                           | BIOPAMA: capacity support, possibly move content of portal onto resource HUB<br>VukaNow: Discussion about merging VukaNow platform with TFCA Portal. Discussing with MindQ on this |
| TFCA Network Coordination:<br>- Coordinator  | 35 000 \$<br>Plus travel | 31/08/2019                           | VukaNow: Adviser and possibly the coordinator - phased approach  |
| - Adviser/Facilitator  | 15 000                   | 31/12/2020                           |  |
| Annual Network Meeting   | 30 000 \$                | 2019 - co-funding<br>2020            | Resilient Waters: Some delegates for a Network meeting<br>TFCA FF: Possibly some delegates for Network meeting   |
| M&E Piloting   | 100 000\$                | ASAP                                 |  |
| Secretariat of CoP:<br>- Tourism<br>- Capacity Building & Training<br>- DaMa and M&E<br>- Community engagement<br>- LEAP | 3 000 \$                 | Ongoing                              | See separate slide   |
| Technical Committee Meetings   | 30 000 \$                | From 2019                            | BIOPAMA: TC on Wildlife  |
| Participation to International events  | 20 000 \$                | CITES 2019<br>IUCN 2020<br>APAC 2020 |  |
| Endorsement of policy documents  | 90 000\$                 |                                      | Resilient Waters: Implementation of Guidelines in GLTP/KAZA?<br>BIOPAMA: Could promote guideline uptake<br>VukaNow: Interest in support LEAP guideline                             |

## 6. 2020 SADC TFCA SUMMIT

*P. Gandiwa (ZW:WPMA, Executive Technical Advisor)*

The Summit has been provisionally endorsed by the SADC Ministers with Zimbabwe as a host country.

The list of expected participants (circa 500) extends beyond the classic environment and development agencies and partners, to academia and research, private sectors. The idea is to provide a forum for interaction from government and diplomatic bodies to rural communities.

The venue is the Elephant Hills Resort in Victoria Falls on 12-14 May 2020, coinciding with the signing of Kgalagadi TFP. The exhibition areas will involve other local tourist venues and facilities.

The Organisers will draft and implement a Communication strategy, which includes awareness raising roadshow. The implementation of the project will be driven by a Summit Steering Committee, including the Network Steering Committee, and the more technical Summit Secretariat Services. A Consultant will be hired for the Outreach and Awareness Campaigns to package and disseminate information on the Summit, to encourage participation and funding.

The Budget for the Summit extends across all three phases (preparation, event, post-event), and the estimated budget is 3.2 million US Dollars .

## 7. DISCUSSION ON 2020 SUMMIT

*C. Bocchino*

The objective of the Summit is to host a milestone event able to place TFCAs back on the SADC and global agenda. If successful, it would also help to justify with own governments the need to progress on the agenda. By setting it before the 2020 World Parks Congress, it would provide a useful forum to finalise the regional agenda for the Congress and engage with other global partners. Both the Summit and the outputs of the Summit could provide important steps in furthering the role of TFCAs.

**Contribution to the Summit by Zimbabwe:** The government of Zimbabwe will contribute about of 980.000 US Dollars, in Security, as well as handling and sponsoring of State representatives. The remaining budget that requires fundraising by external partners totals 2.2 millions US Dollars.

**Organising committee:** The organizing committee will consist of:

- Host country (Zimbabwe)
- Host TFCA (KAZA)
- SADC TFCA Network Steering Committee Troika
- Boundless Southern Africa
- Donor institutions (GIZ and PPF already committed)

## 8. BRIEF PRESENTATIONS BY KEY PARTNERS ON CURRENT AND PLANNED SUPPORT TO TFCA NETWORK ACTIVITIES.

*S. Snyman, IUCN BIOPAMA Programme Manager*

Presentation on how IUCN BIOPAMA plans to work with SADC TFCAs, noting that the programme has the mandate to work in all 24 countries. Currently, BIOPAMA has begun the implementation phase for all Five Focal areas.

In July 2019, the Regional Conservation Forum will include TFCAs and the Network will be involved in this event.

*S. Collins, Chemonics/USAID Resilient Waters Programme*

The RWP builds on the experience on two previous USAID regional programmes: SAREP and RESILIM. This Programme looks at WASH, unlike the RESILIM programme, to fulfil the programme objective.

The RWP works with the two major transboundary river management agencies (OkaCom and LimCom) as well as three SADC TFCA: GLTFCA, KAZA, and Great Mapungubwe TFCAs. The Programme works by integrated components based on the management and security of transboundary water systems,

institutional and human adaptability to Climate Change, and biodiversity conservation for ecosystem services.

## 9. SPECIAL NETWORK ACTIVITIES UPDATE AND SUPPORT GAPS:

### 9.1 M&E FRAMEWORK PILOTING

*T. Gotosa*

The M&E Framework has been created to allow the SADC TFCA Programme to report on progress and demonstrate the added value brought about by TFCAs in supporting the SADC vision. The Framework uses an adaptive management cycle for implementation with two review phases: mid-term internal evaluation and conclusive external evaluation. It is also progressive in seeks to include multi-sectoral data relevant to the SADC TFCA Programme and its Component, in which the Framework is nested.

The Concept Note includes 8 key activities, which aim at piloting the Framework (See Textbox 1).

#### **Key activities for Piloting process:**

*Contract an M&E expert for 5 year to see through the full cycle (or 3 years)*

- Coordination of testing of the M&E Framework (Core Team)
- Identify TFCAs for testing M&E Framework (SADC Secretariat and Team)
- Identify TFCA officials to be engaged in testing M&E Framework (SADC Secretariat and TFCAs Officers)
- Identify M&E indicators for testing (TFCA Facilitator and Team)
- Agree on design and development of a standardized data collection sheet for the indicators (TFCAs Facilitator and team)
- Work plan, timeline and budget for testing M&E Framework
- Integration of TFCA M&E Framework into SADC M&E System (TFCA Advisor, PPRM M&E Officers)
- Identify other relevant stakeholders engaged in TFCA M&E activities

TEXT BOX 1: ELEMENTS OF M&E PILOTING CONCEPT NOTE

### 9.2 DISCUSSION POINTS

The idea for the piloting of the M&E Framework is to definitely include KAZA TFCA because it has an M&E system in place, the Lubombo TFCA and a new TFCA, such as Iona-Skeleton to show how necessary and beneficial is an M&E at the beginning of a TFCA. SADC is interested in showing equality in the choices of implementation.

DEA requested to be kept informed and involved, because they are developing a national M&E System and would align it to the TFCA and SADC one.

### 9.3 SHOWCASING SADC TFCAs PROGRAMME AT CITES COP18; IUCN CONSERVATION CONGRESS 2020 AND AFRICAN PROTECTED AREAS CONGRESS PARTICIPATION

*C. Bocchino*

The SADC TFCA Network has a tradition of participating to relevant international events either with side-events, or by a variety of interventions planned with regional and global partners, as was the case for the 2014 IUCN World Parks Congress. It is unfortunate that, after the major presence at the CITES CoP17 Meetings in Johannesburg, there will be no SADC TFCA event at the next CoP, now planned for August 2019 in Geneva. The timing and funding did not allow it. However, there is time and leverage for important interventions at the 2020 IUCN Congresses both in Africa and in France. The question is how do we plan and prepare for participation.

### 9.3.1 IUCN EVENTS 2020

L. Niskanen, IUCN

#### IUCN World Conservation Congress 2020

The next IUCN World Conservation Congress will be held from 11-19 June 2020 in Marseille. This is the largest IUCN decision-making event, where the programme is set for the following 4 years, which has set the platform for a variety of global MEAs in the past. The Themes for the 2020 events speak both directly and indirectly to TFCAs:

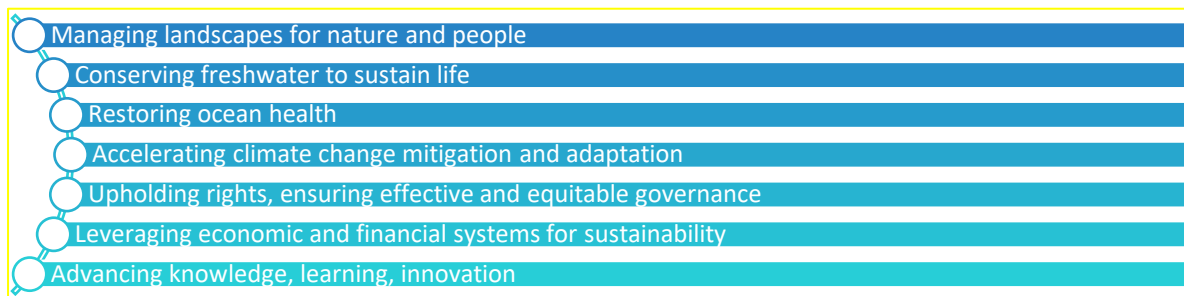


FIGURE 1: LIST OF THEMES OF THE 2020 IUCN WCC

The Forum would be the most relevant space for the SADC TFCA Network: 12-15 June 2020. The current call for proposals on Thematic Streams, Campus and Speaker Pitches is open until the **17 July 2019**. The events are competitive and the selection is based on the following criteria: links with and amongst IUCN organs, involvement of youth and interactivity.

#### Africa Protected Areas Congress (APAC)

The Government of Kenya had committed to provide the venue for the Congress but recently said that the hosting could not happen for technical and practical reasons. Hence the Congress has been postponed. Given the international agenda, this may happen in 2021 only. However, there is an idea of having a smaller meeting before the June 2020 World Conservation Congress and the CBD to discuss the African Agenda for presentation. However, a host country would still be needed.

### 9.4 DISCUSSION POINTS

While the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) stems directly from the IUCN Motions process, it is important to note that the Sustainable Use Principles of the same Convention stem directly from the SADC region through both the IUCN motion systems and the mandate provided to involved Countries in the region. These documents were drawn by technical people in the region and made a change in international policy.

Since the IUCN APAC has been placed on hold, it was suggested to approach Botswana as a hosting country.

There is a revived interest in TFCAs in the international sphere from the CBD, from IUCN and the German Government, as well as some scholars worldwide. It would be strategically important to use this Network and its partners to place TFCAs back in the Conservation map by showing their positive impact on many conservation and development issues.

The call was made for stronger cooperation with IUCN to work together on the involvement of SADC TFCAs regionally and globally. It was also suggested to use the CoPs as building blocks for cross-learning and further network outreach.

## 9.5 COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE

### C. Bocchino

The CoPs were presented and discussed based on the respective history, achievements and contributions, and future prospect. It was asked of the participants to commit interest to their support, see Table 4.

TABLE 4: PARTNERS' INTEREST ON COPs

| CoP                          | Interest  |
|------------------------------|---|
| Capacity building & Training | BIOPAMA, Resilient Waters, VukaNow?                               |
| Community Engagement         | BIOPAMA, Khetha, Resilient Waters                                 |
| DaMa and M&E                 | BIOPAMA, Khetha? (currently SAWC), PPF, Resilient Waters, VukaNow |
| LEAP                         | BIOPAMA, Khetha, PPF, VukaNow                                     |
| Tourism                      | GIZ until Dec. 2020, Khetha, PPF, Resilient Waters                |

## 10. SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS/PLEDGES AND WAY FORWARD

### C. Bocchino and L. Blanken

It was agreed that each ICP would be allowed the time to consider own interests and then engage with the SADC TFCA Unit, Coordination and Steering Committee directly. It is to be noted that for those agencies with existing MoU, it will be easier to facilitate any funding within the SADC processes. The following suggestions were made and agreed upon:

- New donors could be met and introduce after the 2019 WEM, such as UNDP and UNEP. Very few network members have been invited to the meeting;
- More integration with SADC Directorates and other sectors could be reach by USAID linking the Unit and Network to the existing regular meetings of the Water and Energy sectors in Gaborone, organised by DfID;
- Sub-sectoral issues, such as LEAP, should be added to the next ICP meeting;
- The discussion should include OkaCom and LimCom;
- The international events for 2020 are very close together, so the IUCN APAC could be held with the TFCA and the KAZA Summit, involving three of the KAZA countries.

All were asked to diarise the 1-2 August 2019 for the next Steering Committee meeting in Livingstone, Zambia, and agreed to have the second ICP meeting on the 31 July 2019. At the Steering Committee, the proposals from this forum will be included in the agenda, these may include the Review of the SADC TFCA Programme.

For more detailed information, the agreed roadmap is in Table 5.

## 11. CLOSING REMARKS

### D. Kahatano

Thank you to all the participants for having prioritised and contributed to this meeting and contributing to our work with your interest, and for willingness to support the TFCA Network. With deeper engagement, we will think of the long-term sustainability for the network, and we hope you will help us in the interim.

The challenge for us is to take our decisions from today, follow up with our propositions and continue working together in the future and for the future of the network.

TABLE 5: ROADMAP FOR THE NETWORK SUSTAINABILITY

| Item  | Proposed date              | Resp.                       | Comment   |
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| Send out meeting notes etc.                             | By 15 June                 | SADC Sec                    | Add all presentations, ref. documents, SADC events calendars, meeting calendar, suggestions on agenda points for 2019 Network meeting |
| Liaison with donors/NGOs not present (WWF, EU)          | By 28 June                 | SADC Sec.                   | Any more ICPs/NGOs we need to engage?   |
| Feedback to SADC Sec. on preliminary commitments        | By 15 July                 | ICPs/NGOs                   |   |
| Feedback to Zimbabwe on interest to co-organize/sponsor | By 15 July                 | ICPs/NGOs                   | Specific suggestions for other donors?  |
| Pre-SC Donor Coordination Meeting                       | 31 July                    | SADC Sec.<br>VukaNow<br>All | - Map options for medium funding  |
| TFCA Network SC meeting @ Livingstone                   | 1-2 August                 | SADC Sec.<br>VukaNow        | - Discuss medium to long-term sustainability + review functions<br>- Discuss updating to TFCA Programme<br>- 2020 SADC TFCA Summit    |
| 2020 Summit organizing committee                        | 3 August?                  | Zimbabwe                    |   |
| TFCA Network meeting @ SAWC                             | Week 27 Oct<br>Week 11 Nov | SADC Sec.<br>GIZ            |   |
| FANR ICP meeting – NRM sub-committee?                   | ?                          | SADC Sec.                   | - Discuss long-term sustainability of Network<br>- Discuss funding gaps on NRM, LEAP, tourism etc.?                                   |
| TC on Wildlife  | TBC                        |                             |   |