



Programme of Activities

Peer-to-Peer Learning Exchange Programme on Livelihoods and Wildlife-Based Economy in the Great Limpopo Transfrontier Conservation Area (GLTFCA)

Proposed Activities

The 5-day Peer-to-Peer Learning Exchange Program planned to take place in the GLTFCA (30 August – 06 September 2025) will include the following activities:

Workshop and Presentations (1 day): Thematic workshop led by experts will cover topics such as sustainable livelihoods, wildlife-based enterprises, and community engagement strategies – Perspectives and initiatives from different landscapes/countries with a focus on TFCA's

Case Studies and Immersion sites Visits (3 days): Visits to successful wildlife-based enterprises and community-led conservation projects within the Greater Kruger area including the Kruger-2-Canyons (K2C) Biosphere, DFFE Bioprospecting/BioTrade projects and input from private companies on same to learn from real-life examples and best practices.

| Date | Location / Venue | Proposed Activities | Theme | Notes / Comments |
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| 31 August 2025 | SAWC Campus, South Africa (Orpen Gate, Kruger National Park), Part of GLTFCA | <ul style="list-style-type: none">All arrive at SAWC & settle inAfternoon sundowner game drive and boma dinner | Logistics | Participants to arrive in Johannesburg and transfer to the Southern African Wildlife College (SAWC). |
| 1 September 2025 | SAWC Campus | <ul style="list-style-type: none">IntroductionsMembers represented, to do a presentation on WBE & Livelihoods initiatives with focus on practices, success stories and challenges (policy, governance, etc) Invited Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">GIZ/SADC – Overview/opening of the workshopDFFE – NBES & Bioprospecting ProjectsPhalaborwa Marula - Bioprospecting Project (TBC) | TFCA WBE Initiatives – Workshop-based | <p>Facilitated discussions and presentations – format to be finalised closer to the time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Key challenges on WBEKey successesAny lessons learnt to date? |

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| 2 September 2025 | Klaserie and Timbavati Private Game Reserves, within the Greater Kruger landscape | Site visit 1 & 2 Site visit 1 & 2 Get an understanding of the Sustainable harvesting of game through hunting; game meat production and by products value chains in protected areas. Challenges and lessons learned. | Wildlife Economy – BioTrade/Bioprospecting | To visit the reserve/s and observe wildlife-based enterprises in the landscape on how they contribute to the wildlife economy including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • game meat production processes, • indigenous skin tanning business and processes, Wildlife friendly enterprises like the wildlife museum at Timbavati Private Reserve . |
| 3 September 2025 | The Baobab Foundation Aloe Processing farm | Site 3: TBF promote and support the conservation of baobab trees and the livelihoods of the communities who live among them Site 4: Private Company (ACAP) adgacent to communities. The Aloe vera processing farm with game in it. Aloe by-products used for the benefit of wildlife. Hunting in a Game Farm. | Wildlife Economy – Flora/Biprospecting | |
| 4 September 2025 | Conservation South Africa (CSA) and Meat Naturally Africa, Acorn-to- Oaks, Orpen Road Dinkwanyane, Phiring Village [Both within the Kruger to Canyons Biosphere Region (K2C BR)] | An introduction talk about the Herding for Health model used by communities adjacent to KNP. Visit the Meat Naturally Procoessing facility. Travel to Phiring village (adjacent to the Blyde River Canyon Nature Reserve), to visit Dinkwanyane community project – for a guided tour of the tourism & agricultural activities that this community embarked on as part of a project that the K2C Biosphere facilitated in partnership with CSA and the Hoedspruit Hub (funded by Flanders). | Livelihoods & Rangeland Economy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key challenges on WBE • Key successes • Any lessons learnt to date? Home - Dinkwanyane Tourism Kruger to Canyons Biosphere Region |
| 5 September 2025 | SAWC Campus | Wrap up: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflection of the challenges, successes, and lessons learnt – during the week and how they overlap (or don't) with the participants' experiences. • Way Forward | Lessons learned, feedback and next Steps – Workshop-based | A facilitated programme session – format to be confirmed |
| 6 September 2025 | Travelling home from the SAWC Campus | Travel day | Logistics | |

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Expected Outcomes of the TFCA Learning Exchange

- To measure and evaluate improved knowledge, we will conduct a questionnaire survey prior and post the workshop.
- Enhanced understanding and capacity of participants regarding sustainable livelihood strategies and wildlife-based economies.
- Creation of a network of practitioners and stakeholders committed to promoting sustainable development in the TFCAs.
- Documentation of best practices, lessons learned, and recommendations for future initiatives.
- Strengthened collaboration and partnership opportunities among TFCA stakeholders.

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