



2022 – 2023 TFCA Report

GREAT LIMPOPO TRANSFRONTIER CONSERVATION AREA (GLTFCA)

GWINYAI MUTI

INTERNATIONAL COORDINATOR



Institutional status and update

In the last year...

GLTFCA IMPLEMENTATION OF SYSTEMS (TFCA OR CLUSTER)

- **Sustainable Finance Strategy:** GLTFCA Sustainable Finance Strategy for Secretariat developed and approved, location and legal due diligence implemented resulting in the a co-hosting arrangement for the GLTFCA Secretariat between South Africa and Zimbabwe and development of a legal entity for the GLTFCA.
- **Institutional Reform Strategy:** GLTFCA Institutional Reform Strategy implemented resulting in the re-alignment of the Joint Management Board and re-constitution and operationalization of 3 Nodal Joint Park Management Committees, 5 Thematic Technical Working Groups, 1 Funding Partners Forum.
- **Transboundary Freshwater Resources Management Strategy:** GLTFCA Freshwater Resources Management Strategy developed and implemented through the establishment of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between GLTFCA and LIMCOM thereby establishing a framework for collaboration and Coordination between the two institutions in implementing the Freshwater Resources Management Strategy.
- **Limpopo Tourist Access Facility:** Communication and Implementation Plan developed for the establishment of the Limpopo Tourist Access Facility and implemented during preparatory phase together with a Border Assessment conducted by the International Organisation for migration resulting in the establishment of border facilities on the Zimbabwean side (South Africa has established infrastructure).



Institutional status and update

GLTFCA New Documents Produced and Approved for the In The Last Year...

- GLTFCA Secretariat Sustainable Finance Strategy.
- GLTFCA Transboundary Freshwater Resources Management Strategy.
- GLTFCA Joint Operational Plan for Pafuri-Sengwe Joint Park Management Committee (JPMC 2).
- GLTFCA Joint Operational Plan for Limpopo National Park- Kruger National Park Joint Park Management Committee (JPMC 3).
- GLTFCA Joint Operational Plan for Greater Lebombo Conservancy – Kruger National Park Joint Park Management Committee. (JPMC 4).
- GLTFCA Transboundary Tourism Development Strategy.
- GLTFCA Signage guidelines.
- GLTFCA Transboundary Fresh Water Resources Management Strategy Memorandum of Understanding with Limpopo Water Course Commission (LIMCOM)



Activities carried out from Oct 2022 to Oct 2023

• CROSS BORDER INSTITUTIONAL MEETINGS

- **Joint Management Board Meetings:** Three JMB meetings convened during the period review including a JMB meeting convened on December 5, 2022 in order to facilitate the handover – takeover of the GLTCA Coordinating Party role from Zimbabwe to Mozambique.
- **Thematic Technical Working Group Meetings:** Eight meetings were convened for the five GLTFCA thematic technical working groups namely, (Conservation and Wildlife Management, Security and Wildlife Protection, Tourism and Wildlife Economy, Community and Livelihoods). Meetings convened mainly to operationalize the re-constituted institutions and engage on technical issues requiring input and guidance to the Joint Management board.
- **Joint Park Management Committee Meetings:** . Six meetings convened mainly to operationalize the re-constituted institutions and participate in the process of the development of Nodal Joint Operational Plans to be implemented through the JPMC's.
- **Funding Partner's Meeting:** One meeting conducted mainly for the purpose of re-constituting the GLTFCA Funding Partners Forum and mobilising resources for the Priority Unfunded Needs of the GLTFCA.
- **Thematic Task Team Meetings:** Nine meetings task team meetings conducted mainly for the Limpopo Tourist Access Facility Implementation Task team, Elephant Management Framework Task Team and GLTFCA Secretariat Legal Due Diligence Task Team.



Activities carried out from Oct 2022 to Oct 2023

• CROSS BORDER COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS

- **Limpopo Tourism Access Facility** : Several cross border community engagements were conducted during the consultative process of establishing the Limpopo Tourist Access Facility. The current status is that all the required infrastructure has been developed in line with the recommendations of the International Organisation for Migration (IOM), a communication and implementation plan is in place, a task team to facilitate implementation has been established, in-country approvals have been finalized for Zimbabwe and what is outstanding are the final in-country approvals for South Africa.
- **Development of Nodal Joint Operational Plans:** Communities were also engaged in the development of the Nodal Joint Operational Plans for the Pafuri-Sengwe Node (JPMC 2), Limpopo National Park – Kruger National Park (JPMC 3) and the Greater Lebombo Conservancy-Kruger National Park (JPMC 4). The process was guided by the GLTFCA Integrated Livelihood Diversification Strategy which has a strong focus on community development and integrated wildlife and natural resources management.
- **Makuleke Transboundary Community Exchange Visit:** In order to address the problems raised in the biodiversity conservation management report for the Pafuri-Sengwe node, through the support of the Global Environmental Facility, the Maluleke Contractual National Park facilitated a transboundary community exchange and engagement visit in all three partner states in which a broad section of GLTFCA stakeholders and the International Coordinator over the period 28 – 30 August 2023.



Activities carried out from Oct 2022 to Oct 2023

CROSS BORDER BIODIVERSITY-RELATED ACTIVITIES

- **GLTFCA Human Wildlife Conflict Learning Exchange Visit to KAZA:** The visit was supported by the USAID-Funded VukaNow. The main objective of the exchange visit conducted over the period 24-27 April 2023 was to enhance knowledge exchange between the two landscapes (GLTFCA and KAZA) on Human Wildlife Conflict (HWC) mitigation measures with respect to:
 - Successful approaches to addressing HWC in KAZA such as compensation schemes, the relationships between people and parks, prevention systems, and the roles of different stakeholders (government, private sector, communities); Demonstrated use, successes, and challenges in applying the Management Oriented Monitoring System (MOMS) Benefits, management systems, and governance in community conservation areas; and Tangible examples of nature-based livelihood activities, community benefit sharing, income generation activities, and diversification.
- **GLTFCA Translocation of Black and White Rhino from South Africa to Mozambique:** On September 8, 2023 in an extraordinary achievement for cross-border conservation and community livelihoods, an additional 10 rhinos have been successfully transported from South Africa to Zinave National Park, Mozambique. The ambitious operation, the third following last year's pioneering cross-border rhino translocations, is the result of a collaborative partnership between Mozambique's National Administration for Conservation Areas (ANAC), Peace Parks Foundation, and Exxaro Resources, with the support of the Government of South Africa.



Activities carried out from Oct 2022 to Oct 2023

CROSS BORDER TOURISM PRODUCTS

- **GLTFCA Transboundary Tourism Development Strategy:** During the period under review, the GLTFCA, with the support of the GIZ Transboundary Use and Protection of Natural Resources (TUPNR) Programme developed a Transboundary Tourism Development Strategy.
 - The aim of the strategy is to; “Develop a Transboundary Tourism Strategic Framework for the Great Limpopo TFCA which is intended to guide and coordinate the development of sustainable transboundary tourism and to facilitate the removal of barriers to tourism development, investment promotion and growth within the GLTFCA region.
 - During the development of the Transboundary Tourism Strategy, a baseline on the existing GLTFCA cross border tourism products was undertaken and recommendations shared on how to improve, up-scale and replicate current interventions.
- **Cross Border 4x4 Trails:** This TFCA Tourism Product will build on the successes of the Lebombo 4x4 eco-trail within the KNP and the Shingwedzi 4x4 Trail within LNP. As a guided 4x4 eco-trail situated in the northern parts of the KNP and LNP, this trail will afford guests the opportunity to experience the wide range of habitats that occur in the region including Mopane woodlands and scrubland, Riparian vegetation along the river courses and Sandveld that traverses the international boundary.



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- **Cross Border Wilderness Trails:** Dedicated foot safari trail based on Wilderness Trail concept has been utilized in the GLTFCA yet incorporating both natural and cultural elements into the experience. Some of the cross border wilderness trails within the GLTFCA include Save River African Foot Trail, Crooks Corner African Foot Safari, Lilau Pans African Foot Safari, Shingwedzi Cliffs African Foot Safari and Elefantes Gorge Conoe Trail.
- **Cross Border Events:** The GLTFCA also has several cross border events which include Pafuri walking trail and the Shangaan Festival. The GLTFCA also hosts cycling trails which in the past included the Inaugural Tour De Limpopo.
- **Cross Border Tourism Products Media Tour:** The GLTFCA conducted a cross border media tour to create awareness of the Limpopo Tourist Access Facility scheduled border crossing, in preparation for the formal establishment of the crossing. The trip focused on creating positive publicity and exposure for community owned lodges, SME's, accommodation, and activity providers at the same time as profiling the destination and the wider TFCA region in the media.



Future Plans Within the Next 6 – 12 Months

- **GLTFCA Secretariat Establishment and Resourcing:** The institutional reform strategy recommended the establishment of a Secretariat in order to facilitate progression from the implementation of the GLTP to the development and implementation of the GLTFCA as per the Treaty.
 - The key objectives underpinning the establishment of the Secretariat include facilitating the effective implementation of the objectives and guidelines of the International Treaty in order to achieve a balance between political will, strategic overview and effective implementation.
 - The Secretariat is also envisaged to facilitate the strengthening of the institutional capacity of the GLTFCA on various scales to enhance collaborative resource management and joint decision-making and support the effective development and implementation of GLTFCA policies, strategies, plans and initiatives to support an integrated, inclusive and climate-smart approach to conservation and socio-economic development in the region.
 - The Secretariat will be an independent entity which is responsible for the coordination and implementation of the GLTFCA on behalf of the Joint Management Board.

Coordinated resource mobilization is currently underway in order to fundraise for the establishment of resourcing of the GLTFCA Secretariat and Priority Unfunded needs of the GLTFCA with a submission to be made to the SADC Financing Facility Second Call for Concept Notes.



Future Plans Within the Next 6 – 12 Months

- **GLTFCA Sustainable Finance Strategy Implementation:** The GLTFCA Secretariat Finance Strategy is a detailed road map for the implementation of the most viable finance solutions for the Secretariat's funding and long term sustainable financing.
 - The strategy is based on the mandate of the secretariat, aligns with the institutional structures required for optimal function, and focuses on potential 12 finance solutions.
 - GLTFCA Sustainable Finance Strategy will be implemented simultaneously with the establishment of the Secretariat.
- **GLTFCA Joint Strategic Management Plan Development:** The GLTFCA will facilitate the development of a key outstanding GLTFCA strategic framework which is the Joint Strategic Management Plan (JSMP) to guide its implementation over the next 10-years.
 - This Plan, which will be developed through a participatory planning process, will serve as a directional document to the JMB and Secretariat for the further development and implementation of the initiative.
 - There are also a number of outstanding lower level strategies and joint operational plans, which still need to be developed. These strategies and plans will also support and form part of the JSMP process in support of the further implementation of key GLTFCA programmes and initiatives.
 - The GLTFCA Joint Strategic Management Plan will be administered in accordance with the Monitoring and Evaluation Framework of the SADC TFCA's Programme.



Constraints and Added Value

- **GLTFCA Constraints:** In the absence of a dedicated Secretariat for the GLTFCA, resource mobilization, coordination and sustainability of current and future interventions are significantly constrained.
 - The establishment of the GLTFCA will necessitate the inclusion and coordination of a much wider and diverse range of stakeholders and institutional arrangements that include a wide range of initiatives and projects supported by the Partner States, implementing agencies, and a range of development partners, NGOs, private sector entities and communities.
 - The GLTFCA has developed a range of joint plans, policies and frameworks to support the effective implementation of its programmes and initiatives, all of which would need coordination and oversight through a dedicated Secretariat.
 - The establishment of the GLTFCA would also need the development of other required plans, policies, frameworks and agreements to provide the inclusion of additional public, private and communal land as per the Treaty.
 - In light of the above, the JMB needs to have an effective and efficient Secretariat to ensure the sustainable management, development and implementation of the project.
 - The establishment of the GLTFCA Secretariat is in line with the GLTFCA Institutional Reform Strategy, which has been approved by the JMB and endorsed by the Ministerial Committee.



Constraints and Added Value

GLTFCA VALUE ADDITION:

- GLTFCA Institutional Reform Strategy has resulted in development of effective and functional institutional arrangements and governance structures which are critical for effective coordination and implementation of projects and programmes in line with the provisions of the Trilateral Treaty.
 - The institutional reform process, has strengthened the governance arrangements of the GLTFCA in support of more effective and sustainable implementation of the initiative.
 - This process was underpinned by principles that ensure balance between political will, strategic overview and effective implementation (i.e. policy development & implementation).
 - Institutional reform of the GLTFCA will also ensure the attainment of the overall goal of sustainability, efficiency, effectiveness and continuity in institutional arrangements effecting continuity in institutional arrangements with a focus on park level collaboration and implementation.
 - Institutional reform will also ensure inclusivity and development of strategic and effective partnerships focusing on both collaborative management of the GLTP and future development of the GLTFCA



How can the SADC TFCAs Network help?

- **Resource Mobilization:** GLTFCA has established Priority Unfunded Needs in order to effectively coordinate and implement projects, programmes and activities in line with the Trilateral Treaty. High on the list of Priority Unfunded Needs is the establishment and resourcing of a GLTFCA Secretariat. We are therefore requesting the SADC TFCAs Network to assist our current resource mobilization efforts by sourcing funding and facilitating linkages with funding partners who can potentially support the GLTFCA.
- **Joint Learning & Knowledge Management:** The SADC TFCA Network can also assist by facilitating Joint Learning and Knowledge Management through the development of a portal as a platform for joint learning, information exchange and knowledge management for SADC TFCA Network members by:
 - 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.
- **Collaboration and Relationships:** The SADC TFCA Network is in the best position to facilitate institutional mapping, linkages and coordination of TFCAs. This is achievable through:
 - Conducting face to face meetings
 - Developing linkages with TFCA stakeholder groups
 - Facilitating empowerment at the level of the TFCA



GLTFCA in Pictures



GLTFCA in Pictures





Thank You!





Kavango Zambezi Transfrontier Conservation Area (KAZA TFCA)

Partner States: Angola, Botswana, Namibia, Zambia and Zimbabwe
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Coordinating Country: Zambia

Contributed By: Dr. Nyambe Nyambe



Institutional status and update

Change in the status of KAZA TFCA



- Fully established - Treaty signed 18 August 2011
- In August 2024, KAZA TFCA was recognised as an international organisation and accorded relevant immunities and privileges in Botswana
- Treaty ratification by Angola pending
- KAZA Fund contributions continue to support the operations of the Secretariat
- Land for office construction donated by the Government of Botswana



Institutional status and update

Management systems implemented by KAZA TFCA



- KAZA Impact Monitoring (online)
- Monitoring and evaluation systems
- Wildlife crime database/portal
- Website with a repository of documents, tools and updates
- Financial management system
- Timber Permit Reference Guide Application
- Social media platforms (LinkedIn, Facebook and X)



Institutional status and update

New documents and reports produced for the TFCA



- Aerial elephant survey report (2022)
- Livelihoods diversification strategy (2024)
- Livelihoods-focused climate risk assessment (2024)
- Management strategy for forestry conservation (2024)
- Strategic framework for bird conservation (2024)
- Kwando Wildlife Dispersal Area law enforcement strategic plan (2024)
- Wildlife crime and transfrontier law enforcement cooperation report (2024)
- Elephant movement policy brief (2022)
- Cuando River Integrated Water Resources Management Plan (2024)



Institutional status and update

New documents and reports produced for the TFCA



- Lessons learnt from transnational law enforcement collaboration targeting wildlife crime in GLTFCA and MAZA TFCAs
- Needs assessment report for KAZA illegal wildlife trade legal experts network for Zambia and Zimbabwe (2024)
- Institutionalization of transboundary, interagency joint law enforcement governance scoping report
- Institutionalization of transboundary, interagency joint law enforcement governance training report



Activities carried out from Oct 2023 to Oct 2024

Cross border institutional meetings



Meeting/Event	Date
Investment forum, Cuando Cubango	17-22 January 2024
ALU KAZA Masterclass	24 January 2024
Tourism & communications working group meeting - marketing campaigns, destination brand and birding route, Kasane, Botswana	26 February 2024
KAZA elephant specialist group meeting	27 February-01 March 2024
ITB tourism trade show, Berlin, Germany	5 – 7 March 2024
KfW project review mission to Zambia and Botswana	14-21 March 2024
Wildlife Economy in KAZA workshop	25 – 26 March 2024
Advocates for International Development (A4ID) mission to KAZA Secretariat, Zambia and Zimbabwe	04 April 2024
KfW project review mission to Angola and Namibia	14-23 April 2024
Safety and security working group meeting	06-07 May 2024



Activities carried out from Oct 2023 to Oct 2024

Cross border institutional meetings



JMC and COSO meetings, Livingstone, Zambia	13-15 May 2024
Kwando WDA taskforce meeting	14 May 2024
Kwando WDA taskforce training on transnational illegal wildlife trade and law enforcement	15-17 May 2024
Extra-ordinary Ministerial Committee meeting	22 May 2024
KAZA Heads of State Summit and preparatory technical meetings	27-31 May 2024
Tourism and communications working group meeting – discussing brand activation plan (virtual)	11 June 2024
Launch of Botswana and Namibia Defence the joint Civil Military Cooperation (CIMIC) plan	15 June 2024
Transboundary joint patrol planning mission (Hwange-Kazuma-Chobe and Zambezi-Mos a Tunya WDAs)	18-21 June 2024



Activities carried out from Oct 2023 to Oct 2024

Cross border institutional meetings



Committee of Senior Officials – extra ordinary (virtual)	15 April 2024
Meeting with Minister of Tourism (Angola) – programme update	25 June 2024
Wildlife crime database training	28-31 July 2024
East African Community (EAC) Technical Learning Visit to SADC's KAZA	08-12 July 2024
Customs and other law enforcement training	16 Septmber -28 October
Kwando WDA training	24 to 26 September
Communities working group meeting	03 October 2024
KAZA Ministerial Committee meeting	17 October 2024



Activities carried out from Oct 2023 to Oct 2024

Cross border tourism products



- Tourism destination brand & corporate identity for KAZA TFCA
- Development and implementation of tourism destination marketing campaigns in 2023 and 2024
- Development of the Great KAZA Birding Tourism Route, including registration of 103 members, training of birding guides, development of route scoping reports
- Development of a Tracks4Africa map for KAZA TFCA



Future planned activities

- Development and operationalizing the KAZA implementation plan for SADC LEAP
- Develop SOPs for transboundary law enforcement
- Increase visibility of law enforcement and natural resources trafficking at ports of entry (hotspots)
- Monitor completion of projects in:
 - Natural resource management and protection
 - Community livelihood development
 - Human wildlife conflict mitigation and management
 - Integrated land use planning and management
 - Transboundary and cross cutting issues, including tourism development and marketing



Ministerial meetings



- **22 May 2024:** Extra-ordinary Minister's Committee meeting
- **17 October 2024:** KAZA Ministerial Committee meeting



Inaugural KAZA Heads of State Summit



- The Summit was held on 31 May 2024
- Chaired by His Excellency, Mr. Hakainde Hichilema, President of the Republic of Zambia, in his capacity as a host
- The Summit produced a communique cementing program implementation support in key thematic areas



Constraints in promoting KAZA TFCA



- Outstanding ratification of the KAZA treaty by Angola
- Conflicting interests of mandated government institutions (e.g. Ministry of Tourism and Ministry of Environment, Angola)
- Lack of coordination and duplication of efforts between partner organisations and ministries
- Financial capacity and human resources (technical)



Importance of SADC TFCAs Network to KAZA



- Regular, timed reporting and review of activities by the SADC TFCA unit
- Promote knowledge sharing and best practices
- Promote use of all SADC languages (e.g., Portuguese for Angola)
- Assistance to strengthening and endorse cross border policies (e.g Chobe River code of conduct)



Inaugural KAZA Heads of State Summit in Livingstone, Zambia.



KAZA Tourism Ministers at the launch of the Kavango Zambezi tourism destination brand in Livingstone, Zambia





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Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park



Coordinating Country: South Africa

Partner Country: Botswana



Institutional status and update

In the last year...

- Has there been any change in the status of your TFCA or cluster of TFCAs? Please list any change of category, which may have occurred or progress towards establishment.

There was no change in the status of the TFCA, KTP remain in Category A with the bilateral agreement signed by the Two countries (Botswana & South Africa).

- Have you implemented any management systems in the TFCA? (for instance: M&E system, sustainable financing system, training documents, Data Management systems)

No management systems have been implemented within KTP for the period under review (Oct-2023-Oct 2024)

- Have any new documents or reports been produced for the TFCA? (for instance IDPs, Disaster Risk Reduction Plan, Community Engagement plan, Capacity building plan)

No new documents or reports produced for the period under review. However, Plans are in place to develop a Strategic Plan for the KTP .



Activities carried out from Oct 2023 to Oct 2024

- Cross border institutional meetings (eg JMB, Joint Park Management Committees)

Joint Management Board held on 28 July 2023

Joint Park Managers Committee meeting held in July 2024

- Cross border community engagements

Khawa Dune Challenge and Cultural Festival was held from 3-4 May 2024, unfortunately SA communities couldn't attend.

The San Cultural Festival happens annually on South African side of the KTP and an invitation would be extended to Botswana to make it a cross-border community cultural exchange event.

- Cross border biodiversity-related activities

Research has been a common biodiversity related activity done within the KTP

- Cross border tourism products

No cross-border Tourism Product undertaken for the period under review however the park allows tourists to cross international boundaries on the routes

- Or any other cross border activities (please specify these)



Future plans

- Joint Aerial census
- Joint Carnivore research
- Biodiversity management and area integrity (17km predator proof mata mata fence)
- Community wildlife economy project (35km game fence) Miershoop Pan - Khomani san
- Drilling of additional boreholes (North and central KTP/ Matopi, Skwartspan, Kwai pan, Mabua-khawa)
- Maintenance and construction of internal routes and fire breaks
- Development of the Integrated KTP management and Operational Strategy
- Capacity building on Protected Area management and basics on wildlife management
- Electrification of 40kms of predator proof fence
- Establishment of sector specific working groups / forums
- Gravelling of Khawa Melkvlei route



Future plans



- Cross-border Community cultural exchange events
- Development of a campsite - KD2
- 6x self catering chalets at Khawa Community
- 3x Sand rail carts and 6x quad bikes Khawa Community
- Development of campsite at KD15 (Khawa Community)
- Joint Exercise on disaster management
- Procurement of tented accommodation for BORAVAST (6x tents)
- Development of a tourism promotional video, a video celebrating 25 years of Kgalagadi & a video celebrating 25 years of Transfrontier Park in southern Africa
- EUR 2.5 million has been allocated to support the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park, under the NaturAfrica programme. This project is still in its initial phase.



Ministerial meetings

- No Ministerial meeting held during the period under review (October 2023- October 2024)



Constraints and added value

Please describe any constraints you have faced in promoting the TFCA?
How can these constraints be addressed?

- Lack of government KTP structures (Unit/structures dedicated to the KTP activities only)
- Conflicting legislation
- Absence of long term joint strategic plan
- Limited participation of communities in the KTP joint initiatives
- Limited or lack of funding to undertake proposed infrastructural and tourism developments

How can these constraints be addressed?

- Mobilise resources for the appointment of the international Coordinator dedicated to KTP only.
- Prioritise the Joint Strategic plans in the funding made available for KTP.
- Coordinate the involvement of communities in all joint cultural activities
- Mobilise funding for infrastructure development within the KTP



Constraints and added value



- Please describe what is the added value brought by the TFCA to your institution, and/or local governance (communities, private sector, local administration)
- The TFCA programme has brought opportunity for Botswana and South Africa to collaborate in managing the Transboundary natural resources.
- It provide opportuntiy for funding through Financing Facility.



How can the SADC TFCAs Network help?





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Lower Zambezi Mana Pools TFCA

Coordinating Country: The Republic of Zimbabwe



Institutional status and updates

In the last year...

- The TFCA remains under Category B as per SADC TFCA Programme 2023 to 2033.
- LOZAMAP landscape stakeholder engagement and awareness of the TFCA.
- Development of Terms of reference for the Working groups of the TFCA and in-progress appointments of the Working group's participants.
- Development of the TFCA Land use plan – in progress of finalization



Activities carried out from Oct 2023 to Oct 2024

- TFCA - Zambian Landscape Visit conducted in October 2024.
- JPMC was also held in October 2023.
- Development of the Tourism Brochure -In progress (developed through SADC GIZ)
- Development of the Joint TFCA Land use plan through Support from the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species (CMS) – in progress



Future plans

- Finalise the Land use plan
- Secure funding to hold the first Working group meetings
- Hold structure meetings on the updates of TFCA activities and approval of the development of the land plan and create a road map to Upgrade the TFCA to Category A through the signing of the treaty.
- Development of TFCA logo
- Development of Tourism destination brand



How can the SADC TFCAs Network help?

- Marketing of the TFCA
- Knowledge sharing and collaboration eg in research and other programmes for the advancement of the TFCA
- Capacity building
- Promote conservation and socio-economic development
- Assist with the development of strategic documents such as the Disaster Risk Reduction Plan, Community Engagement plan, and Capacity building plan



Please add at least 2 photos of work or landscapes in your TFCA.



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Coordinating country: Mozambique

Cornélio Miguel, Miguel Gonçalves, Mandla Makhanya,
Rudzani Mudau



Institutional status and update

In the last year...

- No Change has been made in the status of your TFCA or cluster of TFCA.
- No management (M&E system, sustainable financing system, training documents, Data Management systems has been implemented in the TFCA)
- IDP developed, awaiting adoption by the Commissioners



Activities carried out from Oct 2023 to Oct 2024

- Project Steering Committee and Commission meeting held in March 2024 in eSwatini
- Cross border Youth Environmental Education/ Ambassador camp
- IDP development process
- Resuscitated the Nsubane/Pongola Sub TFCA Bilateral engagements (Eswatini & RSA)
- Supported the process to establish a transboundary WHS (iSimangaliso/Ponta do Auro)



Future plans

- Finalise and implement the IDP;
- Hold meetings of the Project Steering Committee, Commission and Ministerial Committee;
- Promote cross border tourism for the Mhlumeni – Goba sub component of the TFCA
- Mobilise funding resources (i.e. SADC TFCA FF, and other potential donor programmes)



Ministerial meetings

- Were any Ministerial meetings held?
 - No



Constraints and added value



- Please describe any constraints you have faced in promoting the TFCA? How can these constraints be addressed?
- Insufficient financial resources is a huge challenge and there is a need to strengthen partnership with NGO partners
- Added value brought by the TFCA:
 - Knowledge generation;
 - Exchange of technical experience;
 - Youth engagement and environmental education opportunities;



How can the SADC TFCA's Network help?

- Provide technical and financial assistance;
- Implement community sustainable livelihoods programmes;
- Research and surveys for the key socio-economic and environmental elements of the TFCA;
- Assist in implementing and establish robust institution through a secretariat



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Presenter: Matthews Mumba (TFCA Focal Point - Malawi)

Contributors; Muriel Simukonda & Benson Silweya

20th November 2024



Institutional status and update



- MoU for MAZA TFCA establishment signed in 2004
- Bilateral Treaty executed in 2015 by Malawi & Zambia.
- Rotational Coordinating role, currently by Malawi
- Ratification – internal consultation on going
- IMDF Nyika – North Luangwa, Kasungu – Lukusuzi, GMPS
- Continued support from IFAW, GIZ, PPF, FZS
- Co-Management Agreements (PPF-Nyika-Vwaza, FZS-North Luangwa) rolling out.
- SMART

Activities carried out from Oct 2023-Oct 2024

Cross Border Institutional meetings

- Malawi-Zambia mutual legal assistance held in October 2023 and May 2023 in Lusaka and Mangochi respectively.
- Malawi-Zambia cross-border meeting on wildlife crimes in Lundazi, Zambia in June 2024
- Kasungu-Lukusuzi Cross-border Law enforcement meeting to address elephant poaching cases held in Lukusuzi NP

Cross border Community Engagement

- Implementation of HWCMS
- Workshop on Development of community Development Strategy for MAZA TFCA & knowledge exchange among Malawi, Zambia and Mozambique held in Maputo National Park, Mozambique
- Stakeholders meeting on impacts of Tobacco & Cotton Growing in Kasungu-Lukusuzi Landscape
- The cross-border HWCMS knowledge sharing Zambia & Malawi involving two DNPWs, PPF, FZS.
- Enhancement of Community livelihoods Interventions (TLC, IFAW, REDD+, COMACO)
- **Planned a Joint Management Committee Meeting (Not done) but the plan still holds**

Activities carried out from Oct 2023-Oct 2024

Cross border Biodiversity related activities

- Joint law enforcement Malawi and Zambia - Bambanda and Kaperekeze joint camps (routine, intelligence led etc.)

Cross border Tourism

- Developed a tourism destination brochure for MAZA TFCA
- Development of implementation plan for SADC Tourism Working Groups (TWGs) supported by SADC Secretariat.

Infrastructure Development

- Advanced stages in construction of rangers infrastructure in Zambian component of the MAZA TFCA-Chama block, Luambe NP and North Luangwa NP.
- Completed Fence construction on the Eastern Boundary of Kasungu National park and Vwaza Marsh Wildlife Reserve.
- Thazima gravity fed water project for communities around Nyika and Vwaza at an advanced stage, expected to be completed early 2025.

Future plans

- Incorporate Luambe National Park ,Lumimba GMA on the Zambian side in the Malawi- Zambia TFCA
- Jointly respond to Human Wildlife Conflict Management
- Jointly respond to call for funding to enhance development and sustainable financing of MAZA TFCA initiative
- Development of infrastructure for PA Management, Socio-Economic and Tourism Development

Ministerial meetings

- Conducted the 18th Session of the Malawi-Zambia Joint Permanent Commission on Defence and Security (JPCDS) held in Mangochi, Malawi in Decemeber 2023.

Constraints and added value

- Policy harmonization and operationalization of LEAP strategy
- Inadequate funding to support TFCA development
- Human Wildlife Coexistence affecting authority-community relations

Added value:

- Improved PA management capacity
- Improved Community Participation and livelihood enhancement
- Strong collaboration (more stakeholders participating)
- Increased awareness

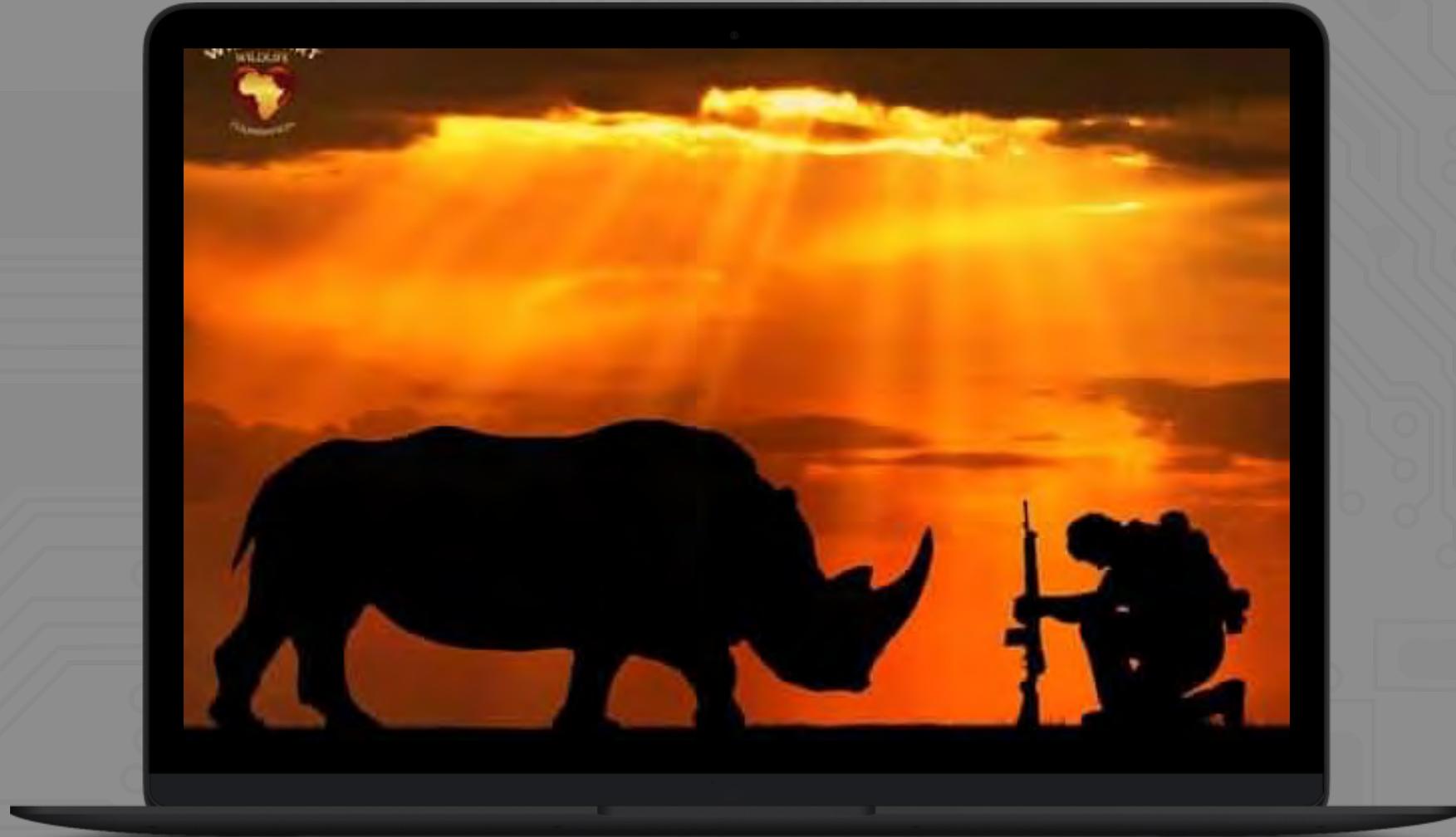
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- Facilitating initiatives for sustainable financing
- Platform for information sharing and learning
- Collaboration through networking

6. Photos of Work or Landscapes in MAZA TFCA.



THANK YOU ! ZIKOMO !





2023 – 2024 TFCA Report

MALOTI DRAKENSBERG TRANSFRONTIER PROGRAMME

COORDINATING COUNTRIES: KINGDOM OF LESOTHO AND THE
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Date: November 2024

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*Maloti Drakensberg
Transfrontier Programme*



Institutional status and update

In the last year...

- Has there been any change in the status of your TFCA or cluster of TFCAs? Please list any change of category, which may have occurred or progress towards establishment.
 - There has been no change to date.
 - The draft Treaty was approved by the MDTP Bilateral Coordination Committee on the 5th of April 2024.
 - Treaty consultations process need to be undertaken prior to its final adoption.



Institutional status and update

In the last year...

- Have you implemented any management systems in the TFCA? (for instance: M&E system, sustainable financing system, training documents, Data Management systems)
- Yes, Working Group meetings converge quarterly to report on progress towards the implementation of the 20-Year (2008-2028) Conservation and Development Strategy for the Maloti Drakensberg Transfrontier Conservation and Development Area.



Institutional status and update

In the last year...

- Have any new documents or reports been produced for the TFCA? (for instance IDPs, Disaster Risk Reduction Plan, Community Engagement plan, Capacity building plan)
 - The Maloti Drakensberg Transfrontier Conservation Area 5-Year Action Plan was approved by the Bilateral Coordination Committee on the 20th of June 2024.
 - The Yes, community conservation initiatives – Fire awareness reports, International Vulture Awareness Day events.



Activities carried out from Oct 2023 to Oct 2024

- Cross border institutional meetings (eg JMB, Joint Park Management Committees)
 - Bilateral Security, Biodiversity and Protected Area, Cultural Heritage and Tourism Working Groups met 2 times this year.
- Cross border community engagements
 - Mehlosing Community Tourism Trust Cultural Heritage event held on the 22nd of September 2024 in George Moshoesh, Eastern Cape, SA.
 - Community fire management – fire awareness and deployment of basic firefighting equipment (100 rake hoes, 150 fire beaters, 50 drop torches, and 80 knap sacks (water and chemical sprayers) in Free State, Eastern Cape and KwaZulu Natal, South Africa in July and September 2024.



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- Cross border biodiversity-related activities
 - Site visit undertaken by the MDTP Bilateral Coordination Committee at the Vulture Breeding Centre in Underberg, KwaZulu Natal, South Africa on the 19th of June 2024 to discuss transboundary vulture conservation collaborative interventions
 - Bearded Vulture Task Force Activities- Joint Vulture Monitoring.
 - Learning exchange focusing on socio-economic development initiatives between livestock owners/communities in Lesotho – Quthing District and SA, Matatiele Local Municipality is planned for early 2025.



Future plans

- Please provide bullet point on what you are planning to do in the next 6-12 months in the TFCA.
 - Initiate stakeholder engagement for a research study funded by the Water Research Commission titled “***Supporting municipalities to bridge the missing link of rural communities in sustainable district water service planning and implementation, for the achievement of SDG 6***”
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Future plans

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 - Organise at least community meetings (Imbizo) on tourist security in key areas (on crime tourism attack hotspots).
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 - Organise a Maloti Drakensberg Route Forum meeting and familiarization tour.



Future plans

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 - Finalise the Maloti Drakensberg Route Website development.
 - 19th of November 2024 - Biodiversity and Protected Area WG meeting in Lesotho.
 - 20th of November 2024 – Tourism WG meeting in Lesotho.
 - 21st of November 2024 – Cultural Heritage WG virtually.



Ministerial meetings

- Were any Ministerial meetings held?
 - No meetings held.
- What were the outcomes of these meetings?
 - No meeting held.



Constraints and added value

- Please describe any constraints you have faced in promoting the TFCA? How can these constraints be addressed?
 - Funding constraints. Some activities in the Working Group agendas are not funded, for, e.g. the Youth Tourism Awareness Campaign.
 - Sourcing funds will aid implementation.
- Please describe what is the added value brought by the TFCA to your institution, and/or local governance (communities, private sector, local administration)
 - Interegional collaboration to effectively conserve our natural resources.
 - Cross border knowledge exchange.



How can the SADC TFCAs Network help?

- Please use bullet points to indicate how the SADC TFCAs unit and the TFCAs network can help you in promoting TFCAs and provide the added-value element of Transfrontier Conservation Area.

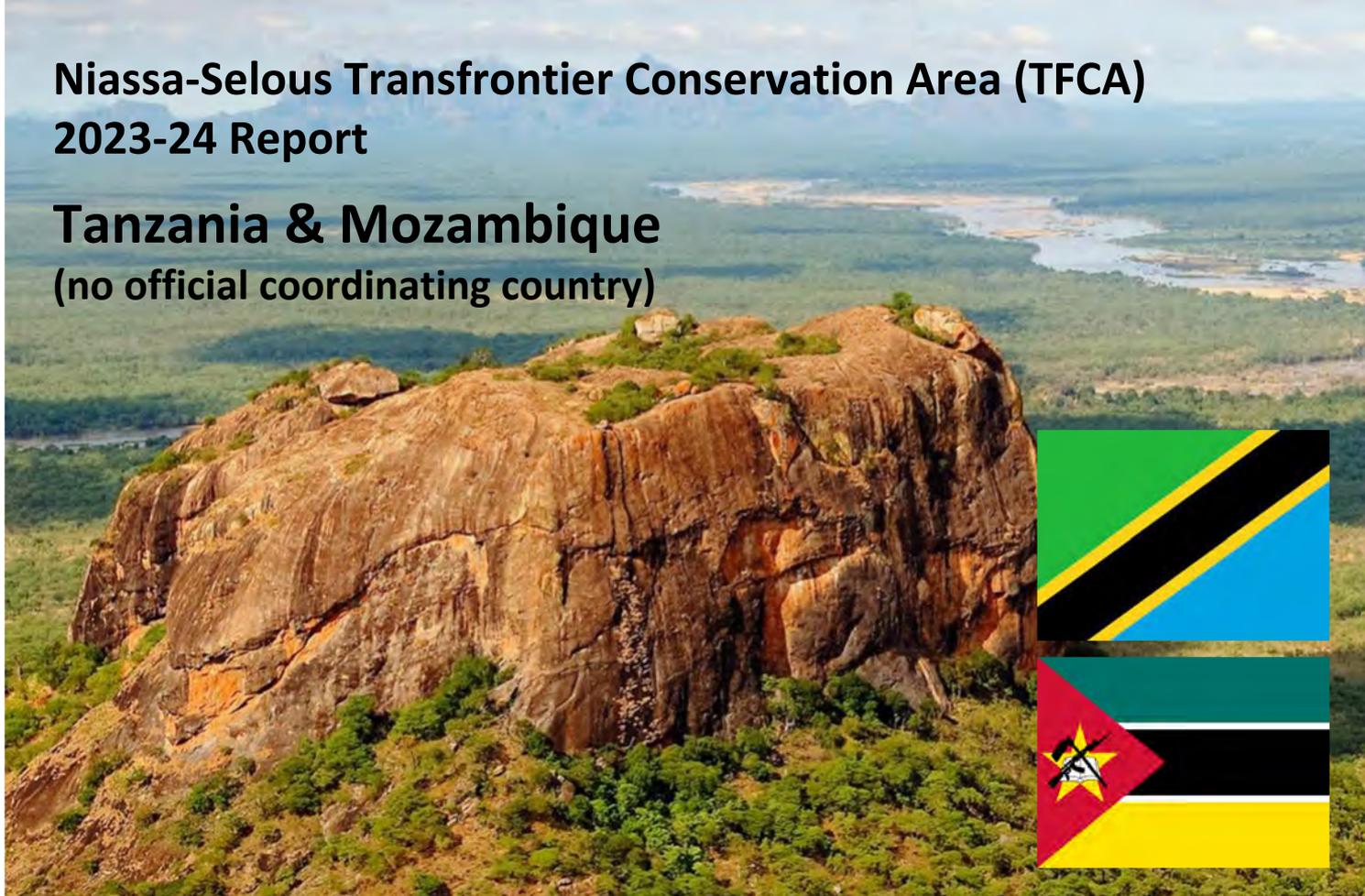


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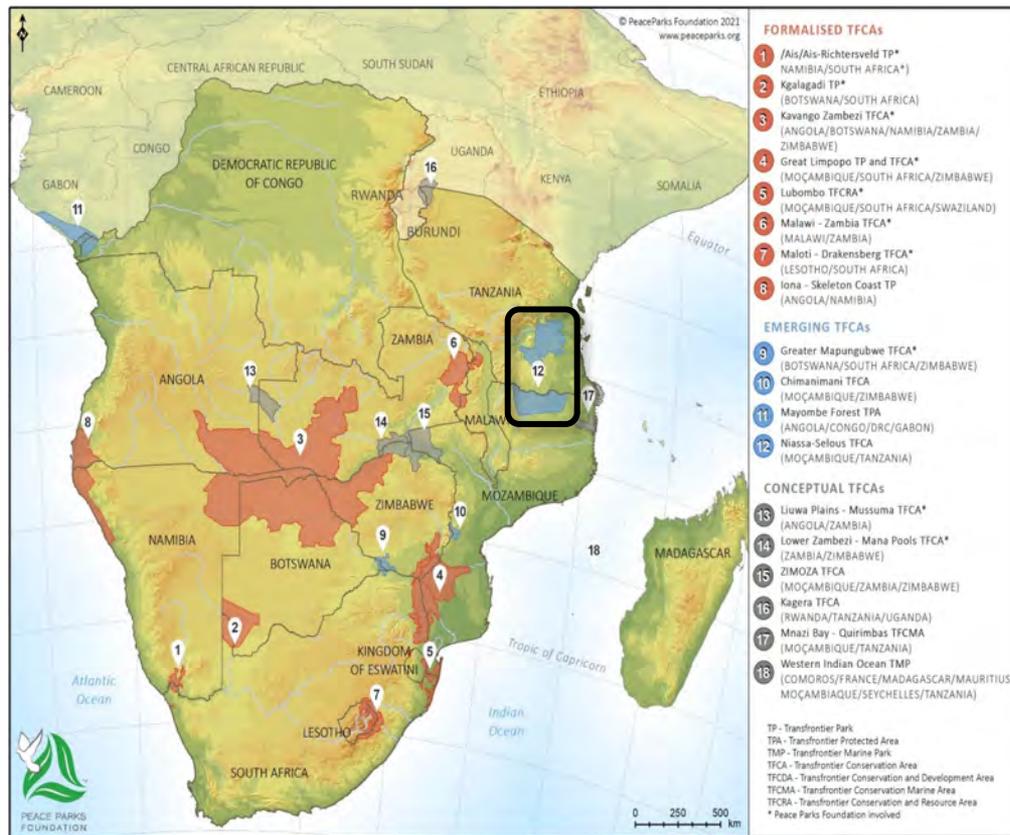


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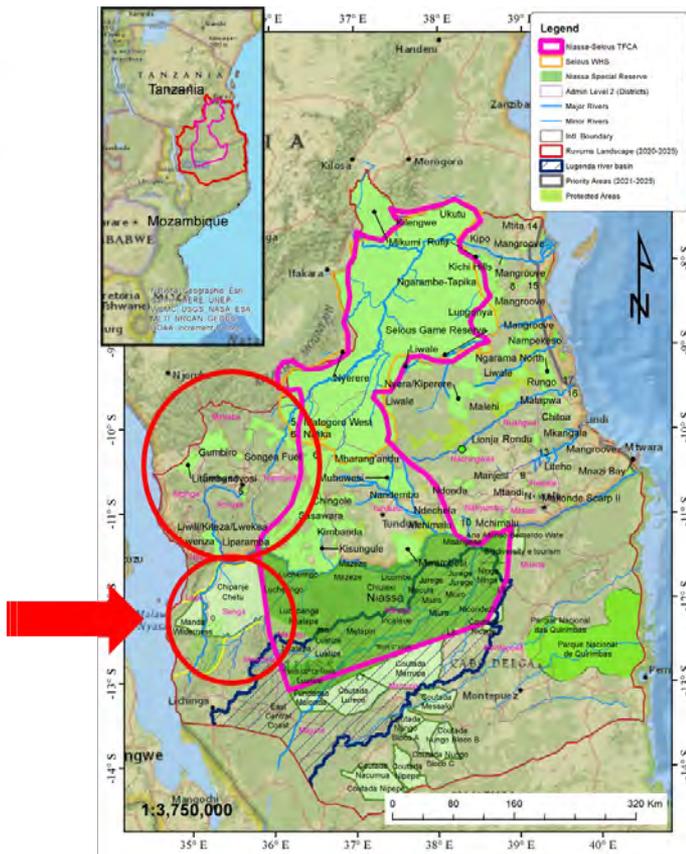
Tanzania & Mozambique (no official coordinating country)



TFCA – location and status



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2 Countries: Tanzania and Mozambique

Total TFCA area = approx. **154,000 sq. km**;
including critical **9,000 sq. km Niassa-Selous Corridor** (length approx. 125 km and width ranging 5-30 km)

MoU signed 2007 - updated 2015 and Master Integrated Development Plan under development

Protected areas in Tanzania:

Nyerere NP; Selous (World Heritage Site) GR, Liparamba GR, Lukwika Lumesule GR, Mwambesi FR; 5 WMAs (Mbarang'andu, Nalika, Kimbanda, Kisungule and Chingoli)

Protected areas in Mozambique:

Niassa Special Reserve, Community Conservation Areas of Chipanje Chetu and Manda Wilderness

Suggested expansions highlighted from original TFCA coverage



Institutional status and update



Based on SADC TFCA Development Guideline

TFCA re-classified as Category A based on existing agreement/MoU

2023 bilateral meeting led to roadmap and high-level commitment secured from member states

Key activity is development of the Master Integrated Development Plan (underway) and other TFCA-wide outputs, e.g. M&E system, formal governance platform, will follow

Support from UNEP-CMS and soon TFCA Financing Facility assisting with preparatory phase



Activities carried out from Oct 2023 to Oct 2024

Development of Niassa-Selous TFCA IDP is the principal TFCA-wide activity:

- Tanzania TFCA Working Group Meeting Songea November 2023
- Mozambique provincial level stakeholder meeting Niassa August 2024
- Tanzania-Mozambique technical bilateral meeting Dodoma September 2024
- As of November 2024 IDP is being drafted ready for national validation



Activities carried out from Oct 2023 to Oct 2024

Key developments in the TFCA landscape include:

- Ruvuma Basin MoU signed between governments of Tanzania, Mozambique and Malawi, giving good opportunities for cooperation on transboundary water management
- Niassa Special Reserve 70th anniversary milestone
- Continuing efforts by many government and non-government partners in the landscape on
- Carbon projects initiated in 2 locations: 1) Niassa-Selous Corridor WMAs and 2) Chipanje Chetu Conservation Area
- Securing of 2 TFCA Financing Facility awards (grantees – TAWA and WWF)



Future plans

- Complete the planning steps and validate the Niassa-Selous TFCA Master IDP and aim for formal launch at TFCA 25th anniversary summit
- Establish bilateral governance platform and initiate Joint Management Council meetings
- Set up groups to address technical work streams (linked to Master IDP)
- Develop branding and communications materials for the TFCA
- Formal demarcation of Selous-Niassa Wildlife Corridor (Tanzania)
- New phases of work under design with GIZ on Human-Wildlife Conflict and KfW on community-led conservation in the Niassa-Selous Corridor
- Initiate TFCA Financing Facility project to help with aspects of TFCA planning and governance and community impact and benefits on issues such as human-wildlife conflict and community-led monitoring
- Increasingly work with a consortium of partners to tackle issues affecting transboundary areas e.g. livestock encroachment and pollution of water courses from mining



Constraints and added value

- Funding availability for planning and development phase remains challenging and costs can be under-estimated, for example when stakeholder consultations have to go through another round
- Changes at senior and ministerial level require a new round of sensitization to ensure high-level commitment – this can be time-consuming
- Niassa-Selous TFCA is helping to provide ideas and guidance for Tanzania and EAC's development of TFCA programme, following the 2023 EAC technical visit



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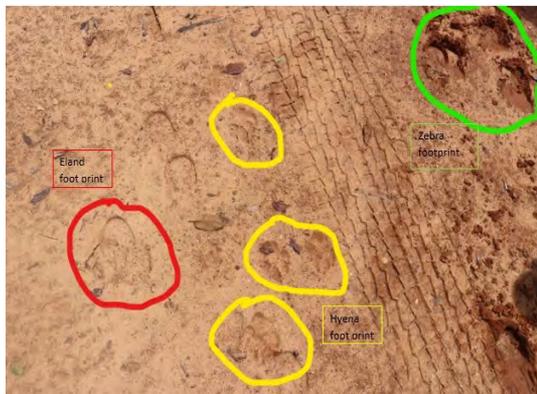
- Assist with developing a communications narrative, marketing materials and logo for Niassa-Selous TFCA
- Promote exchanges wherever possible, enabling Niassa-Selous TFCA personnel to experience TFCAs further advanced on the roadmap
- Link with SADC Transboundary Rivers / Freshwater Programme for ideas to help implementation of Ruvuma Basin MoU
- Help link Niassa-Selous with sustainable financing opportunities and ideas
- Help engage donors on the realities of TFCA development, i.e. it is sometimes a long political process requiring flexible funding



Please add at least 2 photos of work or landscapes in your TFCA (photos from the IDP bilateral technical meeting in Dodoma, Sep 2024)



Photos from the Tanzania NSTFCA Working Group planning meetings for the IDP and Corridor survey and survey fieldwork, November 2021 and early 2022)



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Zimbabwe Mozambique Zambia Transfrontier
Conservation Area

Coordinating country: Zimbabwe



ZIMOZA TFCA MAP

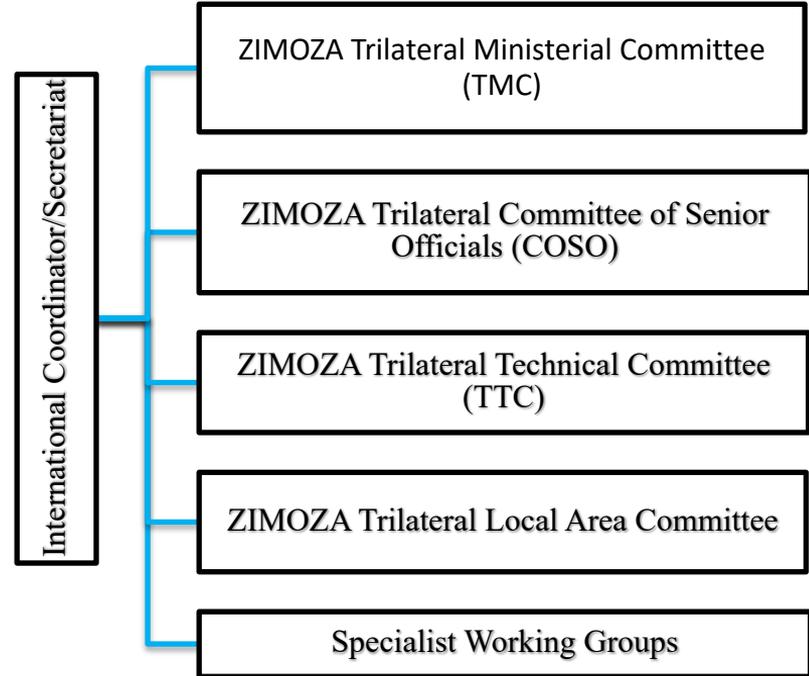


TFCA	Area km ²
ZIMOZA	39165
Country	
Zimbabwe	19358
Mozambique	17507
Zambia	2304



Institutional status and update

- ZIMOZA TFCA comprises of 10 Districts in Zimbabwe, Mozambique and Zambia
- Zimbabwe- Mbire, Muzarabani, Guruve, Mt Darwin and part Makonde (Ward 1, 2 and 11)
- Mozambique- Zumbo, Magoe and Cohora Bassa
- Zambia – Luangwa and Rufunsa
- The ZIMOZA Memorandum of Agreement was signed by the Heads of state on 18 July 2024
- ZIMOZA TFCA is now under category A



Activities carried out from Oct 2023 to Oct 2024

- MoA Review Meeting in April 2024
- In preparation for the signing ceremony the following meetings were convened:
 - Technical Committee Meetings-16 July 2024
 - Committee of Senior Officials-16 July 2024
 - Ministerial Committee Meeting-17 July 2024
 - MoA Signing Ceremony-18 July 2024
 - Establishment of the ZIMOZA TFCA task team-17 July 2024
- Secured resources from SADC GiZ for development of the IDP and the ZIMOZA logo



Future plans

- Development of an IDP, stakeholders engagement plan, Species Specific Plans eg Elephant Management Strategy
- Establishment of the Specialist Working Groups
- Engagement of various partners for technical and financial support
- Development of SOPs for law enforcement and transboundary tourism activities.
- Development of the ZIMOZA logo and brochure
- Recruit an International Coordinator for ZIMOZA TFCA



Constraints

- Limited Resources

Added value

ICPs developing interest to work in the TFCA

- Opportunities for funding (IDP and other strategic documents)
- Collaboration in various projects (Conservation, Community and Tourism development)
- Publicity on TFCAs
- Knowledge and skills sharing



How can the SADC TFCAs Network help?

- Marketing of the TFCA
- Knowledge sharing and collaboration eg in research and other programmes for the advancement of the TFCA
- Capacity building
- Financing of ZIMOZA TFCA Programme
- Promote conservation and socio-economic development
- Assist with the development of strategic documents such as the Disaster Risk Reduction Plan, Community Engagement plan, and Capacity building plan



ZIMOZA MoA signing ceremony and engagements

