

SOUTHERN AFRICA REGIONAL SEMINAR ON PROTECTED AREA MANAGEMENT

I. INTRODUCTION

The 3rd International Seminar on Protected Area Management has demonstrated that collaboration and networking among protected area agencies, communities and other stakeholders is critical for effective protected area management. These elements are even more relevant for Southern Africa where protected areas play a significant role in economic development and biodiversity conservation. Therefore, a specific focus on the nature, evolution and contemporary issues in protected area management in Southern Africa is required. The Seminar will target protected area management practitioners, policy makers, the private sector, community representatives, funding agencies and other stakeholders from SADC countries while drawing on international expertise and global trends.

II. GOALS

1. To enhance the capacity of Protected Area Managers to exchange information on best practices and cutting-edge thinking on Protected Area Management in Southern Africa.
2. To contribute to the establishment and functioning of a Southern Africa Trans-boundary Natural Resources Management (TBNRM) Forum through collaboration and networking.

GOAL	BARRIERS	BENEFITS
Capacity building	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Funding2. Political will (government priorities may differ)3. Language (two countries, Angola and Mozambique, speak Portuguese).	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Improved management of protected areas.2. Improved technical knowledge on protected area management.
TBNRM Forum	Political will (govt. departments may have different priorities)	Improved collaboration in the management of shared natural resources

III. ACTIVITY

ACTION	INDICATOR OF SUCCESS	RESOURCES NEEDED
1. Define Seminar Program and Content.	Concept paper reviewed and approved by end of September 2002	- Universities (Natal, Montana) - Experts
2. Identify International Experts, Speakers, and Venue.	Program designed approved by end of March 2003	- Funding (USAID, USDA, Foundations) ¹ - Experts (Freimund, Burchfield, McLaughlin)
3. Allocate individual actions	Produce results according to schedule	- Time - Sponsorship - Coordinators / Facilitators

IV. STAKEHOLDERS

Positively Impacted Stakeholders

- SADC Governments (improved human resources capacity)
- USAID Regional Center for Southern Africa (meets strategic objective for natural resource management)
- USDA Forest Service International Programs (meets objectives for international programs)
- International and Local NGOs: IUCN, Peace Parks Foundation, CI, WWF, AWF, DAI, etc. (meets objectives for technical assistance and regional collaboration)
- Private Sector – Hotel and Tourism Associations (improved quality of partnerships)
- SADC Secretariat (meets objectives for regional cooperation)
- Higher Learning Institutions (will strengthen curriculum linkages with field level practitioners)

Negatively Impacted Stakeholders

- Southern African Wildlife College (provides short term courses in wildlife management, may perceive this as competition)²

¹ Invite other donors: GTZ, SIDA, JICA, DANIDA, UNDP/GEF to co-fund the training to ensure continuity.

² Southern Africa Wildlife College should be invited to present / share experiences in wildlife management training.

APPENDIX: INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITIES

ACTIVITY	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DUE DATE
Set up Project Coordination Team	Mlazie, Nyambe, Nicholus, Morse	August 22, 2002
Allocation of Individual Actions		
Design Seminar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Identify themes and issues ➤ Draft concept paper, and secure funding: USAID/USDA IAA ➤ Approach Universities ➤ Expert review and comments ➤ Approach SADC Secretariat 	Nyambe Morse Nicholus Nicholus, Nyambe, Mlazie Mlazie	September 15 September 30 October 15 October 30 October 30
Schedule the Seminar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Secure papers ➤ Secure venue and dates ➤ Design and distribute brochure ➤ Advertise course ➤ Receive applications and confirm participants ➤ Compile manuals 	Nicholus, Nyambe, Mlazie Morse Nicholus / University of Natal Nicholus / University of Natal (Charles Breem) University of Natal, Coordinating Team Nicholus / Charles Breem	November 30 December 15 January 5, 03 January 31 February 28 June 30, 03 July 15
Convene southern Africa Regional Seminar on Protected Area Management	University of Natal, Coordinating Team (Planning meeting two weeks before course commencement)	September 2003

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