Peace and Biodiversity: Achieving Landscape level conservation In Southern Africa











Biodiversity and Conservation





History of Protected Areas in SA

- From Preservation to biodiversity conservation
- Political policies historically that isolated SA from its neighbours
- Historical removals from protected areas and denied access and use rights (Tsitsikamma and KNP examples)
- 1994 Democracy: and Protected areas becoming a symbol of peace and reconciliation (Nelson Mandela a Patron of Transfrontier Parks)



Why do we create landscape level conservation areas?

- Enhances ecological functionality & species survival
- •Enhances the potential of shared ecosystems to deliver a broad range of **ecosystem** goods & services
- •Enhances the cultural significance of nature by bringing divided cultures back again (Komani San Kgalagadi Hunting rigths and Ais Ais Richtersveld Nama grazing rights)
- •Can create the momentum for the harmonisation of legal & policy frameworks
- Can provide a foundation from which all good political relations are secured
- •Can improve regional **economi**c development
- Builds trust & good relationships





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Biodiversity conservation

& ecological connectivity

Shared water resource management & WHS Maloti Drukensberg TFCA



Key threats & challenges

- •Land rights and tenure issues
- •Poverty & unemployment
- •Health impacts associated with the prevalence of diseases
- •Food security and physical security impacts associated **human / wildlife conflict**
 - Safety and security, economic and social impacts associated with wildlife crime (and associated crime in villages)
 - **Service delivery** impacts
 - Inadequate legal & policy frameworks to incentivize wildlife based land uses
 - Lack of resources to manage conservation areas effectively





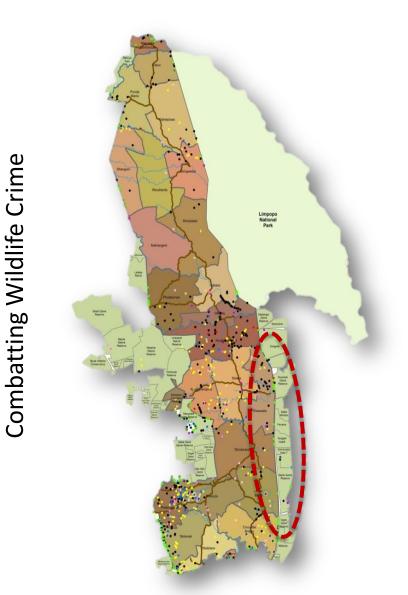


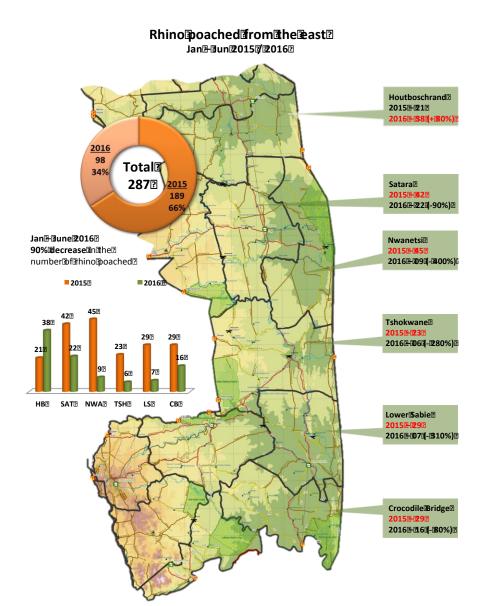
What are the key ingredients to take landscape level conservation from myth to reality?

- Resource management & protection
- Benefit sharing
- Tourism
- Governance
- Science, research & information management
- Resource mobilisation & partnerships









Key success factors – benefit sharing

Community ownership and dignity restored



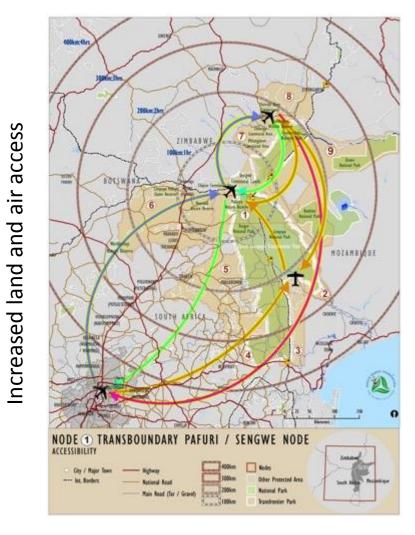
Prioritisation - implementation

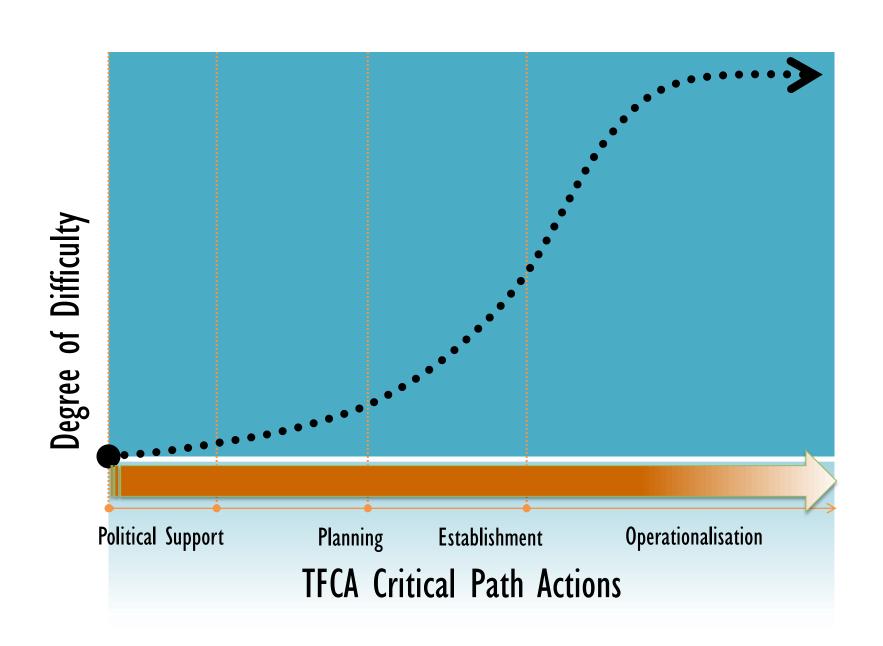
Priority/ Scale	Urgent (Year 1)	Important (Years 2 - 5)	Aspirational (Years 5 - 15)
Macro	Secure water resources Strengthen institutions	Secure water resources (cont.)	Support linkages to peri-urban and urban areas
Meso	Support partnerships Build capacity	Protect/ restore natural resources Inclusive growth	Support alternatives/ diversified economies
Micro	Food security	Energy security Supply chain Human capital	Financial capital Communication technology

Tourism

Cross-border tourism models

Cross-border tourism as a connector





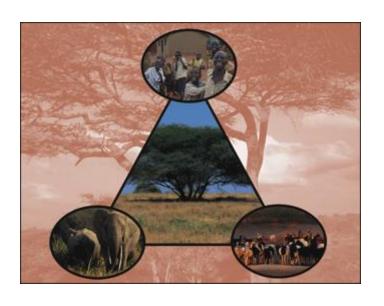
Governance – 5 key take-home lessons

- No single model, but key elements
- Let form follow function; create homegrown solutions
- Be intentional, yet flexible and adaptive
- Promote accountability via open, inclusive, transparent processes
- Govern at the scale of the problem

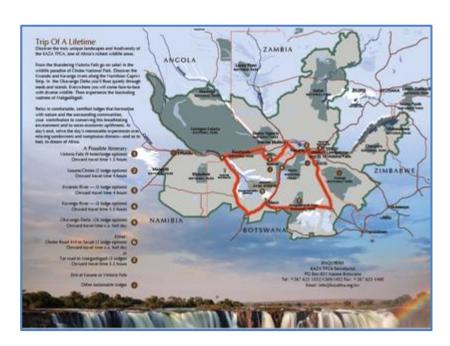


Key success factors – science, research & information management

Applied research to facilitate better decision-making



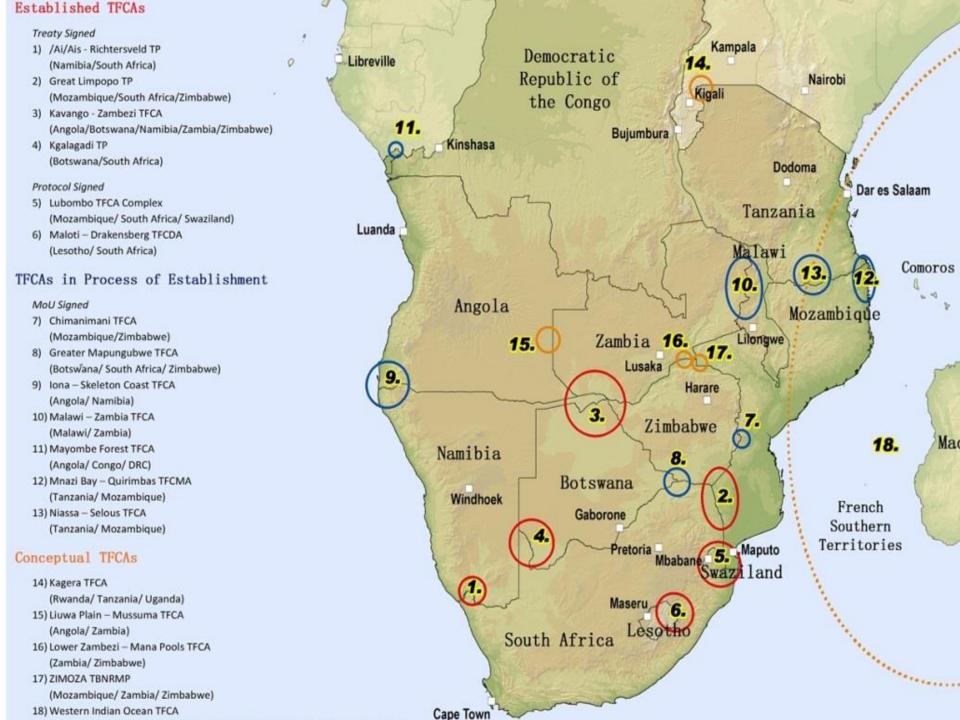
Information & data management



KAZA Tourism Grid

6 TFCAs INVOLVING RSA

TFCA	COUNTRIES	STATUS
Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park (KTP)	Botswana; South Africa	Agreement Signed 1999
Great Limpopo Transfrontier Park (GLTP)	Mozambique; South Africa; Zimbabwe	MoU Signed 2000 - Ministers Treaty Signed 2002 - HOS
/Ai /Ais-Richtersveld Transfrontier Park (ARTP)	Namibia; South Africa	MoU Signed 2000 - Ministers Treaty Signed 2003 - HOS
Maloti-Drakensberg Transfrontier Conservation and Development Area (MDTP)	Lesotho; South Africa	MoU Signed 2001 and updated in 2008 - Ministers
Lubombo Transfrontier Conservation Area (L TFCA)	Mozambique; Swaziland; South Africa	Protocol Signed 2002 - Ministers
Greater Mapungubwe Transfrontier Conservation Area (GM TFCA)	Botswana; South Africa; Zimbabwe	MoU Signed 2006 - Ministers Draft Treaty awaiting signing – To be signed by HOS



Key success factors – resource mobilisation & partnerships



