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Mozambique Country Consultation

Great Limpopo Transfrontier Park
Joint Management Plan

WORKSHOP PROCEEDINGS

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Kaya – Kwanga, Maputo

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1. BACKGROUND

The GKG TBNRM Initiative supports a broader process underway between the governments of Mozambique, South Africa, and Zimbabwe for the establishment and development of a Transfrontier Park and Conservation Area. As implementing agents on behalf of USAID Regional Centre for Southern Africa, the DAI team coordinates with the GKG International Technical Coordinating Committee in providing this support to the overall process.

One of the initial tasks requested of the DAI implementation team by the Technical Committee was the preparation of a Joint Management Plan for the Great Limpopo¹ Transfrontier Park. Due to expectations from the Tri-National Ministerial Committee, a deadline of three months was given for completion of the Plan.

The Joint Management Plan addresses only those issues which are of a joint nature, leaving the internal operation and management of the three component parks – Coutada 16 hunting concession in Mozambique, Kruger National Park in South Africa, and Gona-re-Zhou National Park in Zimbabwe – to the respective management authorities in each country.

The task assigned to the DAI team specified “acting on behalf of the Joint Management Plan Working Group under the Technical Coordinating Committee.” However, the team strongly believed that a better plan would result from broader stakeholder consultation. The need for the consultation became evident after initial tri-national planning meetings in South Africa were under-represented by extra-governmental stakeholders from Mozambique and Zimbabwe, primarily because of travel costs.

Valuable input coming from national consultations within South Africa indicated that the other two countries should have similar opportunities to reach outside of the Lead Implementing Agencies to other governmental, nongovernmental, community, and private sector stakeholders for input to the Plan. Facing a tight schedule for stakeholder input before the Plan deadline, country consultations were quickly organized for Harare and Maputo.

This document is the proceedings of a consultation held in Mozambique for the purpose of getting broader input. Recognized by all concerned as limited due to time and resource constraints, the consultation brought together key stakeholder interests from the south-eastern lowveld, to ensure that their field experiences and perspectives were incorporated into the Plan.

The DAI team strongly recommends that consultation with these stakeholders continue throughout the establishment process for the Transfrontier Park and subsequent development of the Transfrontier Conservation Area.

2. OPENING REMARKS BY Dr. AFONSO MADOPE

Dr. Afonso Madope from the National directorate for conservation areas (DNAC) of the Ministry of Tourism, Mozambique started the workshop with a brief introduction of the Gaza-Kruger-Gonarezhou (GKG) Transfrontier project. He explained that in November of 2001, the governments of Mozambique, South Africa and Zimbabwe, would sign a document

At the time of the workshop reported in this document, the Transfrontier Park was referred to by its interim designation GKG TFP. On 4 October 2001, the Tri-National Ministerial Committee renamed the protected area the “Great Limpopo Transfrontier Park.” The Joint Management Plan for the park has adopted the new name.

for the establishment of the GKG, which will connect Coutada 16 to the Kruger National Park in South Africa and Gonarezhou in Zimbabwe.

He further explained that Coutada 16 is found in the Gaza Province (in the districts of Massingir, Mabalane and Chicualacuala). The area is approximately 10.000 Km2. The Gaza Transfrontier area includes the Zinave National Park, the Banhine National Park, the Coutada 16 and the connecting area of these conservation areas next to the Kruger national park. According to Director Madope, on the Transfrontier project, Coutada 16 is integrated in the joint initiative between Mozambique, South Africa and Zimbabwe, and the main objective is the conservation of ecosystems and tourism management.

3. COLLABORATION STRUCTURES

As for the implementation activities of the project, those were made through an international collaboration by means of three agreements: Libombo Development initiative, Coutada 16 development in November 2000 and of Chimanimani in 2001. One of the international collaboration actions (between the three governments) was the decision of creating an international park denominated Gaza-Kruger-Gonarezhou and it's respective development.

Collaboration structures (see structure below) were defined through meetings in three levels:

1. Ministerial level with representatives from the ministries of the three countries – Ministry of Tourism in Mozambique, and the Ministry of Tourism and environment of Zimbabwe and the Ministry of Environmental Affairs and Tourism of South Africa;
2. Technical level and;
3. Work groups level.

These meetings have the objective of placing important questions in relation to the international park. The inauguration was supposed to be in November 2001; however, it is foreseen to be on the first months of 2002.



4. PARTICIPATING ORGANISATIONS/ INSTITUTIONS

A list of participants is found in annex A, and an overview of the organisations and institutions is as follows:

1. DNAC/MITUR (Direcção Nacional de Áreas de Conservação/ Ministério do Turismo)
2. DNFFB (Direcção Nacional de Florestas e Fauna Bravia)
3. DAI-IMPACTO (Development Alternatives Incorporated/IMPACTO)
4. IMPACTO
5. USAID (United States Agency for International Development)
6. FADM (Forças armadas de Moçambique)
7. DNAP (Direcção Nacional de Pescas)
8. KPMG (Accounting, Tourism and Business Consulting Company)
9. WORLD BANK
10. MITUR (Ministério do Turismo)
11. DNAP-RSA-UEV
12. DPADER (Direcção Provincial de Agricultura e Desenvolvimento Rural)
13. SISE
14. IUCNThe (World Conservation Union)
15. DPIC Tourism
16. DN Migration (Direcção Nacional de Migração)
17. MICOA (Ministério de C ordenação para a Acção Ambiental)
18. PROMOTUR (Sociedade Promotora de Desenvolvimento Turístico)

5. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

In relation to the objectives of the cooperation, amongst them:

- to establish fundamental and common mechanisms in relation to Coutada 16, in partnership with South Africa and Zimbabwe;
- Common procedures of fiscalization in partnership with South Africa and Zimbabwe;
- Compatibility of common policies of management in the region.

Mozambique is expecting to get the treaty approved in October and signed in November 2001, and then it will be submitted to the governments and debated on the first session of the Republic of Mozambique's Assembly to be held in February 2002, were the presidents of the other two countries will also be present.

6. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Before starting with the division of the work groups, Dr. Madope told the rest of the participants to intervene with comments, suggestions, opinions or questions.

Mr. Pacheco Faria from PROMOTUR said he had doubts about the work mode, in relation to tourism, the economy and the environment. He further stated that he is not against the international park but it is necessary to have a national agenda before an international one. He wanted to know if the perspective of the project was economic or protection of the environment. In relation to the international negotiation, what is being evaluated in Mozambique and what are the South African and Zimbabwean governments offering us?

Soon, Dr. Madope answered saying that the objective of the park is the conservation of the environment and the opportunity of economic development. He recognised the need of more inputs in relation to the project.

7. BREAK-OUT GROUPS DISCUSSIONS

The participants of the workshop were then divided into three groups, check Annex B, the work groups were divided according to three topics, namely:

7.1. Tourism management:

- Level of tourism quality
- Level for common trends;
- Entrance points in the area;
- Entrance fee;
- Infrastructure;
- Communication;
- Security;
- Custom systems;
- Immigration;
- Construction;
- Logistic help;
- Fencing;
- Border post.

7.2. Environmental management and fauna:

- Level of realized management;
- Hunting safari perspectives;
- Relocation of various species;
- Reposition of fauna stocks;
- Fencing;
- Mines;
- Quality of the environment;
- Fauna veterinary;
- Introduced species;
- Land management;
- Habitat protection;
- Clearing;
- Fires;
- Mine clearing;
- Ecosystems.

7.3. Community involvement and economic development:

- Issues of fencing and population;
- Advantages of Coutada 16 for the population;
- Perspectives of economic development;
- Natural resources utilization;

- Participation;
- Access to land and to natural resources;
- Enterprise;
- Cultural issues;
- Domestic animals;
- Agriculture;
- Use of natural resources by the population;
- Access to employment;
- Historical issues;

Each work group had a facilitator, or a coordinator that spoke in the name of the group during the meetings.

ANEXO I:

PROJECTO TRANSFRONTEIRIÇO GKG

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