

Development Effectiveness Toolkit for Transboundary Conservation Areas in Southern Africa

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Because Transboundary Conservation and Transboundary Natural Resources Management are fast becoming beacons in a conservation debate in southern Africa, it is becoming increasingly important to strike a balance between creating and protecting protected areas on the one hand, and giving local communities access to the benefits of these initiatives.

In southern Africa alone, seven transboundary protected areas are in varying stages of planning, and they have already been established and a number are under consideration.

With this scenario, measuring the effectiveness of TBCA is a necessarily difficult task. To what extent will they fulfill their stated objectives? Are their stated objectives relevant and appropriate, or should other considerations be incorporated?

To address this, Measuring Success: Development Measurement Toolkit for Transboundary Conservation Areas in Southern Africa attempts to develop a methodology and practical toolkit to assist TBCA managers and decision-makers to evaluate the development effectiveness of specific TBCAs and TBCAs in general, and to provide valuable policy input into decision-making on national and regional level. The toolkit consists of guidelines for a methodology, a questionnaire and balance scorecard.

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