

SADC TFCA Financing Facility

Overview

The SADC TFCA Financing Facility (TFCA FF) is a regional financing mechanism established in 2020 to provide sustainable funding for conservation and management actions in SADC Transfrontier Conservation Areas (TFCAs).

The SADC TFCA FF is fully aligned with the objectives of the SADC Programme for TFCAs and aims to contribute to various objectives and goals in other relevant SADC strategies and protocols such as the SADC Protocol on Wildlife Conservation and Law Enforcement, the SADC Protocol on Forestry, the SADC Protocol on Shared Water Courses, the SADC Regional Biodiversity and Wildlife Based Economy Strategies, the SADC Regional Infrastructure Development Master Plan and the SADC Law Enforcement and Anti-Poaching (LEAP) Strategy.

The Training Facility for Wildlife Rangers and TFCA Managers is a regional financing mechanism under the TFCA FF established to provide needs-driven, workplace-related training for wildlife rangers and TFCA managers for conservation of shared natural resources.

The TFCA FF is currently funded by the German Government. The German government has funded the TFCA FF in multiple phases, totaling EUR 44 million so far. This funding is channeld via Germany's Development Bank, KfW. For the Training Facility, an additional EUR 15 million have been provided by the German government. Further funding of 10 million Euros has been committed by the European Union under the NaturAfrica Program and will be implemented later in 2025.

The IUCN Eastern and Southern Africa Regional Office is the TFCA FF's Fund manager.

Purpose




The main purpose of the TFCA FF is to invest in tangible measures that strengthen ecological, economic, cultural and institutional connectivity within SADC TFCAs. The SADC TFCA FF addresses the critical needs for conservation by integrating the three dimensions of "species", "habitat" and "people", and aligning with the overall socio-economic development and regional integration goals of SADC TFCAs.

The Training Facility includes on-site and off-site training for junior managers and rangers on key topics identified in the Training Needs Assessment Review, including refresher basic ranger training (using human rights based approaches), strategic SMART patrol planning & data use (including aerial surveillance and use of K9 units), community conflict resolution & benefit-sharing, cross-border collaboration, use of technical tools (GPS, drones, crime scene and courtroom processes) and Human-Wildlife Conflict management. The project will promote the SADC TFCA programme by investing in human capital and ultimately improving conservation and livelihood outcomes.

The initial geographic focus of the SADC TFCA FF will be the following three TFCAs: Kavango Zambezi (KAZA), Malawi-Zambia and Great Limpopo (GLTFCA), and approximately 80% of the grant funds will be allocated to these three. However, at least 20% of the available grant funds will be allocated to other SADC TFCAs on the basis of clear selection criteria. In the medium to long term, it is envisaged that all TFCAs will benefit from the SADC TFCA FF, aligned with their overarching strategies and plans and in line with the SADC TFCA Programme.

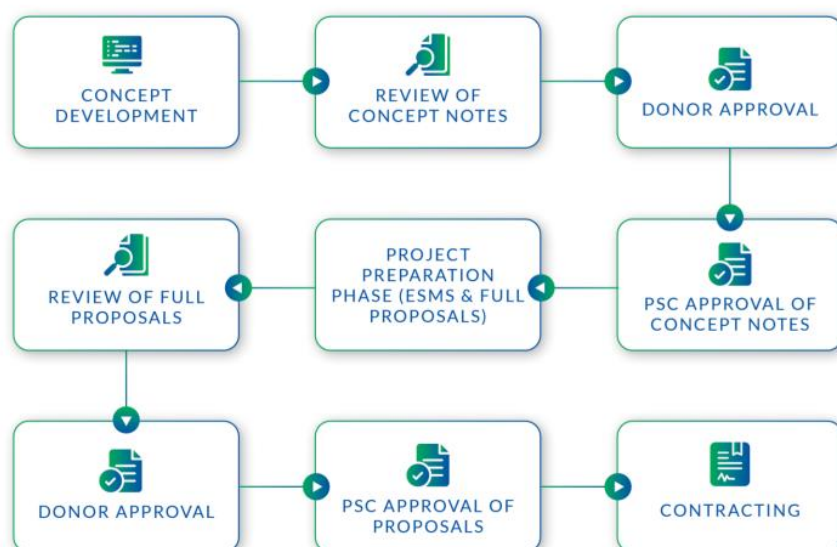
Eligibility for Financing

- Projects funded by the TFCA FF are selected mainly through an open Call for Proposals. Further a fast-tracking mechanism is available as well in cases of emergencies such as the Covid 19 pandemic, direct awards for earmarked commitments such as the Zambian window or the grant to Gonarezhou in Zimbabwe.
- Grants will be open for applications by governmental organisations, Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) and Community Based Organisations (CBOs) with expertise in relevant sectors (e.g. conservation, rural development, agriculture, livestock and veterinary services, tourism etc.).
- Partnerships between governmental and non-governmental organisations will be actively encouraged. Partner countries collaborating on a particular TFCA can submit transboundary proposals (one proposal covers all partner states and activities), or individual proposals (each partner state submits their own proposal for activities they are responsible for within that TFCA).
- Only projects aligned to the TFCA FF objectives, criteria and specifications will be eligible for funding. All project proposals must present a clear theory of change and a logical framework linked to a detailed budget.
- The success indicators followed by the SADC TFCA FF include Key Species Abundance, Protected Areas Management Effectiveness, Harmonized Policies, Law Enforcement, Community Income, Human Wildlife Conflicts.
- The following types of costs related to eligible activities will be eligible for funding through the SADC TFCA FF: equipment, infrastructure, mapping, advisory services, training, workshops, co-funding of operation and management costs, hard- and software for monitoring and information management.

Eligible Grant Types		
Small Grants	Medium Grants	Large Grants
EUR 300,000 – 500,000	EUR 500,000 – 1.5 million	EUR 1.5 million – 3 million
Site-specific projects	Operational activities (i.e. joint operation across TFCAs)	Tangible infrastructure investments
 GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS	 NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS	 COMMUNITY BASED ORGANISATIONS

Project Development Process

The following approval process will be followed to obtain support from the TFCA FF



Grant overview of the TFCA FF

Grants	Countries	TFCA	Status
Covid-19 Response Grants			
Securing The Livelihoods Of Communities And Biodiversity Conservation In The Kgalagadi Trans-Frontier Park (KTP)	Botswana	KTP	Completed
Lubombo TFCA Response To COVID-19 And Alternative Community Livelihoods	Eswatini	Lubombo	Completed
Biodiversity Conservation For Improvement Of Community Livelihoods In Response To COVID-19 In The Maloti Drakensberg TFCA MDTFCA	Lesotho	MDTFCA	Completed
Assisting Communities In Maputo National Park Through Cash-For-Work Projects	Mozambique	Lubombo	Completed
Covid 19 Impact Mitigation Measures In The Conservation And Tourism Sector In The Namibian Component Of /Ai /Ais- Richtersveld Transfrontier Park ARTP And Iona Skeleton Coast Transfrontier Park	Namibia	ARTP & Iona Skeleton Coast	Completed
Reinstatement Of The Iconic Giants Cup 5-Day Hiking Trail	South Africa	MDTFCA	Completed
Neighbouring Community Upliftment: Mapungubwe National Park Greater Mapunbugwe TFCA	South Africa	GMTFCA	Completed
ARTP Tourism Improvement	South Africa	ARTP	Completed

Water Security For The Batlokoa Community Owned Witsieshoek Mountain Lodge	South Africa	MDTFCA	Completed
Safeguarding Wildlife Resources In The Sichifulo And Mulobezi Game Management Areas, Zambia in KAZA TFCA	Zambia	KAZA	Completed
Preserving The Integrity Of Chimanimani, Greater Mapungubwe, Kavango-Zambezi And Lower Zambezi Mana Pools TFCAs	Zimbabwe	Chimanimani, GMTFCA, KAZA, Loza - Mana Pools	Completed
First Open Call			
Park Operations And Road Infrastructure Development Support For Mapungubwe National Park	South Africa	GMTFCA	Active
Livelihoods Improvement Programme, Limpopo National Park	Mozambique	GLTFCA	Active
Namibia-KAZA TFCA Conservation Priorities: Khaudum- Ngamiland WDA	Namibia	KAZA	Active
Ngamo Livestock Farming Project	Zimbabwe	KAZA	Active
Securing The Selous Niassa Wildlife Corridor To Enhance Wildlife Conservation In The Selous - Niassa TFCA	Tanzania	Niassa - Selous	Active
Enhancing Law Enforcement And HWC Mitigation In The Niassa Special Reserve, Mozambique	Mozambique	Niassa - Selous	Closed
Scale-Up Human-Wildlife Co-Habitation Measures In The Malawi-Zambia TFCA	Malawi And Zambia	MAZA	Active
Second Open Call			
Scout Family Housing, North Luangwa National Park	Zambia	MAZA	Active
Direct Award			
Gonarezhou National Park Infrastructure Support Program	Zimbabwe	GLTFCA	Active

SADC TFCA Map



Pictures from from selected Covid-19 response grants ([brochure-tfca_finalversion-04_12_24_rd_compressed.pdf](#))





Videos from grantees

- SANPARKS South Africa <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nGl0s2VZfTA>
- PELUM eSwatini https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hJ_rQfu4FlQ
- WILDTRUST South Africa <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dAvPXc9OHEI>
- Birdlife Botswana <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wiVUgJqLdgo>