

## AHEAD - GLTFCA

AHEAD – GLTFCA programme  
launched in 2003 at WPC

Mixed group of people – vets,  
economists, ecologists,  
conservationists etc

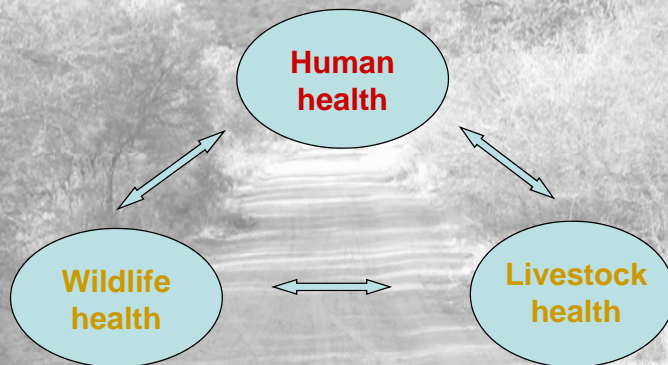
From Sn Africa, E Africa, Europe, USA

Several working groups present

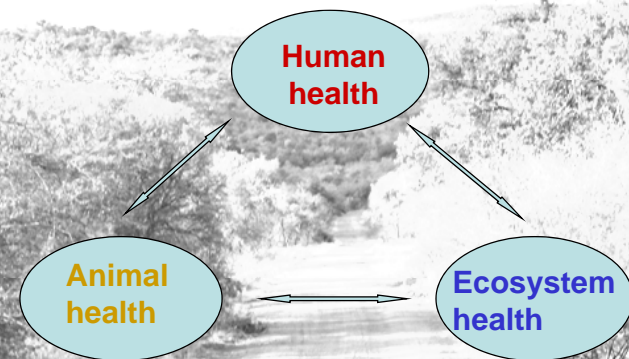
GLTFCA identified as priority area due  
to size, population and local history

Linkages and interface issues between wildlife  
health, livestock health and human health

AHEAD = Animal Health for the Environment And  
Development



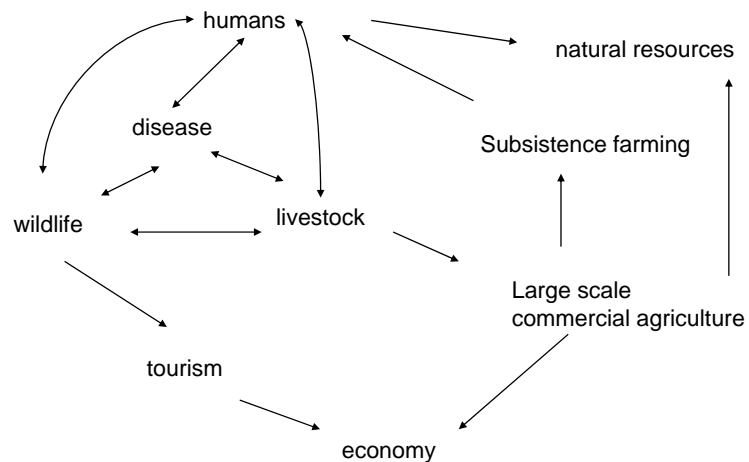
AHEAD – GLTFCA has evolved into:



Human health – livelihoods and wellbeing

Animal health – wildlife and livestock health  
and disease

Ecosystem health – goods and services



### Impact of:

- Land use
- Fencing
- Domestic animal stocking rates
- Encroachment of territory
- Human wildlife contact/conflict

### New concept: “One Health”

**New paradigm:**  
 “healthy people [with healthy livestock] are more likely to support conservation initiatives and be good environmental stewards”

Kock 2007

AHEAD is network based

250 members in database

LoU with 10 organisations incl: WCS, UC Berkeley, DNAC, WWF-SARPO, DVS-Zw

7 Working Group meetings since 2003

Smaller core group meetings inbetween

**Last year: 7<sup>th</sup> Working Group Meeting in Mozambique**

**54 attendees**

**Policy makers, vets, social scientists, park community reps, medical doctors, zoologists etc**

**From USA, Germany, and 3 GLTP countries**

**Topics varied from risk of bTB infection in humans, to role of trees in the community, to lessons for permaculture in arid landscapes**

Since the last WG meeting:

**“Linking Projects” initiative** – arose from suggestions in the meeting

Database of project summaries and abstracts – kept by co-ordinator – actively seek linkages of people working on similar projects/ able to assist in project

Responses from 12 individual /organisations + several others ?forgotten

A few links/matches have been done – early days..

**AHEAD-GLTFCA Scenario planning projects:**

**“Kruger Scenarios” – M Murphree**

**“CASS Community-based scenarios” – Muyengwa & Chirozva**

Steering committee:

Last 3 WG meetings

Call sent out for volunteers

Response mainly vets, mainly South Africans

Time commitment issue

Meeting called last August

Mistakenly labelled “Steering committee” meeting

Realised that it actually was a “Core Group” meeting –don’t confuse!

**Immediate / short term objectives:**

- 1) To facilitate and stimulate active participation and interaction between members of the programme and potential partners (while ensuring creative space)
- 2) To develop a strategy for sustaining the AHEAD-GLTFCA programme, incl financial and communications strategy
- 3) To develop formal links with the Joint Management Board of the GLTFCA and establish further partnerships with participating agencies (e.g. LoUs)
- 4) To lead conceptual development and growth of the research and development programme and network



**In summary,**

**There is no steering committee**

**Requires personal commitment from individuals**

**?voluntary / ?stipend**



**Lastly,**

**Funding via WCS from:**

**The Rockefeller Foundation**

**USD 350, 000**

**John D and Catherine T MacArthur Foundation**

**USD 100,000**

**THANK YOU!**



**Objectives of the 8<sup>th</sup>  
AHEAD-GLTFCA  
Working Group  
Meeting.  
5,6,7 March 2008**

**Overall objective of the AHEAD –  
GLTFCA programme:**

**Facilitate development and conservation  
success thro' integrated understanding  
based on innovative, inter-disciplinary  
applied research, monitoring and  
surveillance at the interface between wild  
and domestic animal health, ecosystem  
goods and services and human livelihoods  
and wellbeing.**



**3 specific objectives**

**1) Look for opportunities for innovation**

**2) What? So what? Now what?**


**3) 5 years on in AHEAD, 3 things to consider**

Harvard Snowflake Model:

**6 traits for creativity**

1. Personal aesthetic
2. Problem finding
3. Mental mobility
4. Risk taker
5. Objectivity
6. Inner motivation

Creativity >>>>innovation



**What? So what? Now what?**

**What – basic facts, what happened , what was said etc ?**

- So what?
- USA “so what...?” 😊

SA “SO WHAT! @ % \$#&%!!”

“So what about it?” – consequences,  
relevance?

Now what? – what to do next, what  
lessons learned for the future?



**What?**

**So what [about it]?**

**Now what?**



**AHEAD-GLTFCA – 5 years on...**

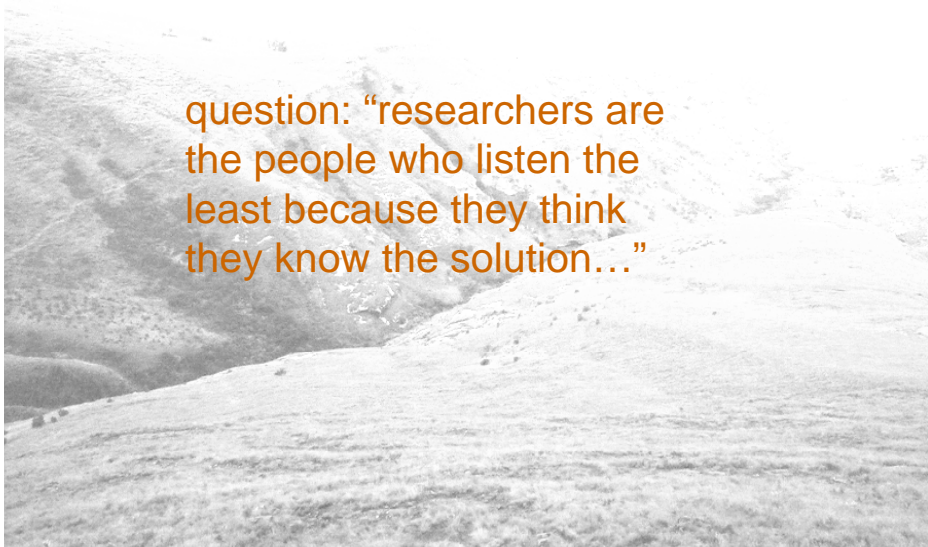
**Sustainability?**

**3 things to consider in the discussions:**

**Environmental impact/relevance**

**Economic impact/relevance**

**Social impact/relevance**



question: “researchers are the people who listen the least because they think they know the solution...”



**Thank you!**

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