



THE ADVENTURE OF COVANE COMMUNITY

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CONCEPT



- In 2004, the Government of Mozambique/MITUR, implement the (TFCATDP) with finance of World Bank:
- Japanese Grant (\$3.7 million)
- Global Environment Facility Trust Fund (GEF) Grant (\$10 million)
- IDA Credit (\$20 million).

Project methodology

Coordination Unit: TFCA based in MITUR-Maputo linking Libombo, Lipompo and ChimanimaniTFCA

Time frame: 7 years, 2004-2012

Two main objectives:

- Project Development Objective (PDO) is to *increase community revenues from growth in environmentally sustainable tourism in the three TFCAs.*
- Global Environmental Objective (GEO) is to *increase in the area, connectivity and effectiveness of biodiversity conservation in the three TFCAs.*

• **8 outcome indicators** to measure the implementation success of the project.

5 components:

- I. Strengthening Policy, Legal and Institutional Framework for TFCAs
- II. Integrated district development planning (IDDP)
- III. **Community and Private Sector-Led Conservation and Tourism Development**
- IV. Biodiversity conservation and protected area management
- V. Project Management, Monitoring and Communications





Covane Community Lodge Project

The “Covane Community Lodge” is underway project in the Limpopo TFCA, partnering with Mitur/TfPD

Buffer zone of LNP-GLTCA-GLTP, Massingir, Canhane community closed to Massingir Dam
212 families, 1055 individuals, 557 women
School 350 pupils, 7 teachers (3 women)

- No Water, Health post, others facilities or public services



ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

Cattle rising/livestock subsistence agriculture, fishery hunting/guide before establishment of LNP, charcoal production and trading before forest devastation in Massingir

Revenues from employment in South Africa

Massingir /Maputo charcoal Truck @V.Acha 11/2010



Investment

- Associação Covane C Lodge \$70,000.00
- Ford Foundation \$250,000.00
- TFCA/Mitur \$500,000.00
- Initial Investment \$750,000.00
- TFPD \$150,000.00
- Final invest \$900,000.00



Budget use

Rebuilding	40,000.00
12 tents & furniture	204,000.00
Water/Electricity	25,000.00
• Construction restaurant	90,000.00
Catering Equipament	20,000.00
Camping facilities	20,000.00
Entrance, Parking & service	78,000.00
• Jetty	8,000.00
Boat, Fishing Equip.	214,200.00
Contingency & fees	35,960.00
TOTAL	755,160.00



Budget use

- **Source :Ford Foundation 250.000USD**
- Boat e equipment(linen, cutlery, crockery, safety jackets etc) of houseboats R1 600 000,00
- The architects & project ma
- 210 000 USD used
- 40 000,00 USD =R480 000,00
- **Source:MITUR 500.000USD**
- 100.000USD used
- 400.000USD remain



PLANNED

12 Chalets = 24 beds
 6 Traditional Chalets 12 beds
 2 Houseboats = 4 x2 beds
 Aprox 44beds

Camping :

3 overland sites,
 8 sites for 4x4 groups
 4 ha for camping area





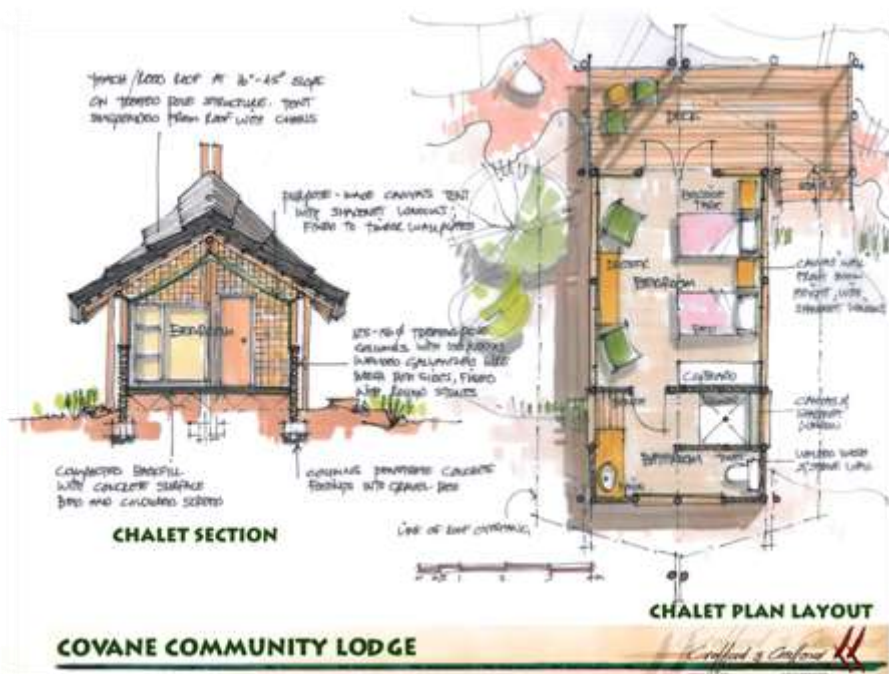
PROGRESS

- Rebuilding traditional houses
- Jetty construction for mooring boats
- Purchase and boat delivering
- Water Supply
- EIA concluded
 - The water reticulations system outside & inside traditional units was upgraded
 - 1st unit the roof was completely rebuilt
 - 2nd unit the roof was upgraded
 - Hot and cold water system was fitted on all units
 - Sewer system was upgraded to be on standard
 - Some small changes still needs to be made
- **PHASE 2 UPGRADING**
 - Upgrade unit for management
 - Upgrade unit for family unit
 - Upgrade & extension of camping facilities, roadway and boat launching slipway
 - Jetty construction for mooring of boats
 - Upgrade entry gates, perimeter fencing and office
 - Workshop for vehicles/boats and renovate existing dining/kitchen area for crafts and activities sales
 - Convert existing ablutions to storage facility

PROBLEMS

- Lack experience/skills to operate tourism business.
- Construction delaying/ Community revenues
- Water/basic sanitation for the community
- The community integration in Management system
- Illiteracy , poverty how to manage the currency in ZAR, USD to MZ under World Bank rules
- The bids/procurement format is hard in Massingir

Licenses: Operation, Dam, Taxes, foreigners/job permits, legalization, customers, equipment import, construction and EIA, (...sadc integ. Is so far in Massingir)



Challenges

- The steps from informal institution to formal world
- Non profit association to business company following the rules or tourism market
- Procurement, Contracts, shopping, Bank accounts, clearances letters, invoices, statement report ,WB rules adaptation in Covane Community
- New timeline for 8 months to finalize the project,
- 12moths lost: teaching /resolving matters within the Community
- Registration of the boats in to the name of community
- How to give the guests good quality services if in their own homes there are no basic conditions?



WAY FORWARD

- Community members was integrated in management & key decisions
- Steering committee on basis of two moths established for all involved in Covane Project
- The community win another CEF (US20.000) for livelihood (add 7km pipes/water pump to community)
- All legal matter will be addressed to specialized agency with non additional cost for the project.

IN END OF DAY

**COVANE IS NOT LONGER INDIGINOUS COMMUNITY
SURVIVING AROUND GREAT LIMPOPO TFCA**

**COVANE WILL BE IN THE FUTURE STRONGEST COMMUNITY
ENTERPRISE RUNNING TOURISM BUSINESS IN OLIPANT RIVER**



The two scenarios in one place



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