

LOCAL LEVEL SCENARIO PLANNING, ITERATIVE ASSESSMENT AND ADAPTIVEMENT MANAGEMENT

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7th AHEAD Meeting

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- ✓ within the context of the Great Limpopo Transfrontier Conservation Area (GLTFCA)
- ✓ Module of AHEAD
- ✓ targeting selected pilot sites in the three countries involved (Mozambique, South Africa and Zimbabwe).

Background

- ✓ Professor Marshall Murphree's brainchild
- ✓ 2001 Berkeley seminar 'Experiments with the future'
- ✓ 2004 'Negotiating the future' WWF-SARPO seminar
- ✓ 2005 'Local level scenario planning, iterative assessment and adaptive management' AHEAD meeting

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Overall Objective

- ☞ To enhance the collective ability of rural communities to better manage their natural resources so as to maximize the conservation and livelihood benefits they obtain from those resources and location in the TFCA through the use of scenario planning and the resulting social learning, self assessment and adaptive management

Specific objectives

- ☞ To improve the understanding of the GLTFCA planners of the needs and aspirations of the resident populations in the Area, and
- ☞ Ensure their consideration in over-all planning and implementation.

Specific objective

- ☞ to refine a research/learning and development methodology that places professional and local civil science into a new relationship,
- ☞ Where the professional is less intrusive and local civil science less marginal

Pilot Site Search and Selection

- ☞ Focus is on local – the local as the fulcrum
- ☞ Self selection
- ☞ Initiation and implementation should be driven by the local
- ☞ Peer learning and self assessment
- ☞ “Light touch” facilitation

Implementational modalities

- ☞ Communities collectively construct their preferred visions
- 1. Zimbabwe – 5 sites
- 2. Mozambique – 2 sites
- 3. South Africa – 1 site
- ☞ Facilitators (Field Assistants) in each site

Milestones

- ☞ CASS/INR Project Liaison Meeting (INR – SA)
- ☞ Initial concept/project workshop
 1. National Level Stakeholders (Harare, UZ)
 2. Local Level Stakeholders (Chiredzi RDC)
 3. In-country Stakeholders Meetings (SA and Mozambique)
- ☞ Pilot Site Visits – on going
- ☞ Facilitators Workshop – PMT, lead in-country facilitators and local facilitators
- ☞ Annual review workshop – refining methodology

Key Sequential Components

- ☞ Scenario modeling exercises
- ☞ Implementation (on-site experimentation)
- ☞ Self assessment
- ☞ Adaptation
- ☞ Iteration