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WE WORK HARD TO DELIVER

**THE GREATER LIMPOPO TRANS FRONTIER CONSERVATION AREA
(GLTFCA).**

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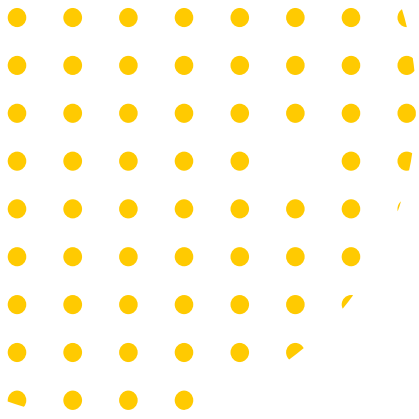
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INTRODUCTION

The **Great Limpopo Trans frontier Conservation Area (GLTCA)** project is a joint initiative between **Mozambique, South Africa and Zimbabwe** to establish transboundary conservation area between the three (3) countries involved.



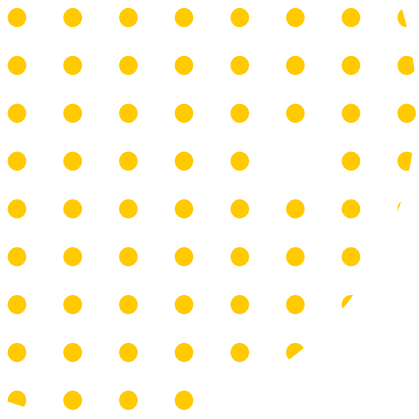
BACKGROUND

- An International Treaty for the establishment of the Greater Limpopo Trans Parks (GLTP), was signed by the Heads of State of Mozambique, South Africa and Zimbabwe on 9 December 2002 in Xai-Xai, Mozambique.
- The Treaty provides for the establishment of the Great Limpopo Transfrontier Park as the core area, followed by the establishment of the broader Great Limpopo Transfrontier Conservation Area (GLTFCA), which is defined, as “the area adjacent to the Transfrontier Park, comprising compatible conservation areas but not lending itself to formal integration with the Transfrontier Park, shall be managed as a Transfrontier Conservation Area”.
- This process was initiated in 2017 with the establishment of the Greater Libombos Conservancy, which is the first privately managed area that has been formally added to the GLTFCA by the Government of Mozambique in terms of the Treaty signed by the Heads of State in 2002.



OBJECTIVES OF GLTFCA

- The strategic objectives of the GLTP & GLTFCA as set out in the International Treaty are as follows:
- Foster transnational collaboration and cooperation among the parties which will facilitate effective ecosystem management in the area comprising the GLTP;
- Promote alliances in the management of biological natural resources by encouraging socio-economic, and other partnerships among the parties including private sector, local communities and Non-government Organizations;
- Enhance ecosystem integrity and natural ecological processes by harmonizing environmental management procedures across international boundaries and strive to remove artificial barriers impeding the natural movement of wildlife;
- Facilitate the establishment and maintenance of a sustainable sub-regional economic base through appropriate development frameworks, strategies and work plans;
- Develop trans-border ecotourism as a means of fostering regional socio-economic development; and
- Establish mechanisms to facilitate the exchange of technical, scientific and legal information for the joint management of the ecosystem



INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENT

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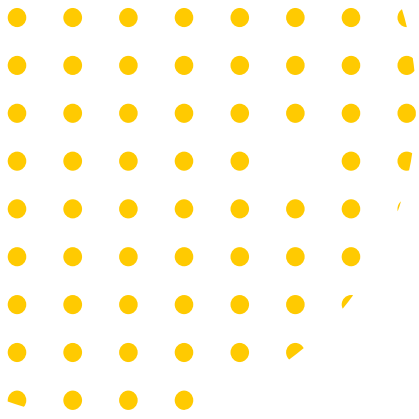
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- The Joint Management Board (JMB) in turn translates the political and policy directives into operational guidelines, programmes and action plans, and supervises their implementation through four geographically focused Joint Park Management Committees;
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PROVINCIAL SUPPORT TO GLTFCA

Strengthening GLTFCA Institutional reform and governance arrangements - Progress to Date

GLTFCA Joint Frameworks and Operational Plans

The GLTFCA has developed, and is in the process of developing, a number of joint frameworks, lower level plans and operational plans to support the further support the implementation of its programmes and initiatives. These include the following:

- *Lower Level Plans, Frameworks and Strategies*
- GLTFCA Institutional Reform Strategy (completed)
- GLTFCA Integrated Livelihoods Diversification Strategy (completed)

GLTFCA Landscape Level Elephant Management Framework (in progress)

GLTFCA Wildlife Translocation Policy (in final draft format)

One of key outstanding GLTFCA strategic frameworks is a Joint Strategic Management Plan (JSMP) to cohesively guide the GLTFCA Programme implementation over the next 10-year.

This Plan will have a ten (10) year horizon that will be operationalised through implementation and action plans spanning two consecutive five (5) year periods.

The JSMP, its implementation and business plans will further be implemented through the development of detailed annual action plans,

The JSMP will in turn guide the activities of various committees constituted as part of the GLTFCA and fall within an integrated framework for performance review and assessment.



IMPLEMENTATION MODEL BY THE PROVINCE: GLTFCA PLANS

Mpumalanga will implement Joint Operational Plans, Frameworks and Strategies as follows:

- Alignment of constituent plans:
- Provide functional and effective institutional arrangements;
- Defining the extent of both the GLTP and the broader GLTFCA;
- Provide sustainable financing for joint and cooperative actions;
- Facilitate synergies between the legislation and policies utilised by the partner countries yet cognisant of the sovereignty of the individual countries;
- Sustaining and restoring the ecosystem integrity of the GLTP and GLTFCA;
- Setting out possible climate change adaptation strategies;
- Ensure Integrated management and implementation of issues of joint interest and mutual impact;
- Monitor and evaluate the development and on-going management of the GLTFCA;
- Implement joint development strategies, plans and programmes;
- Provide scientific research objectives, policies and protocols; and
- Providing benefits to the region and its people.



GLTFCA INSTITUTIONAL REFORM PROCESS

GLTFCA Institutional Reform Strategy

The Province has embarked on an institutional reform process, which aims to strengthening the governance arrangements of the GLTFCA in support of more effective and sustainable implementation of the initiative. This process will be underpinned by the following key principles:

- Balance between political will, strategic overview and effective implementation (i.e. policy development & implementation);
- Overall goal of sustainability, efficiency & effectiveness;
- Continuity in institutional arrangements, including membership;
- Focus on park level collaboration & implementation;
- Inclusivity and development of strategic and effective partnerships;
- Focus on both the collaborative management of GLTP and future development of GLTFCA.

The implementation of the institutional reform strategy will be a phased process initially focussing on the following:

- Increased focus on policy development and advocacy through the JMB; and
- Establishment of Joint Park Management Committees to facilitate the effective implementation of both the GLTP and GLTFCA on an operational level.



REVISED GLTFCA GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

