



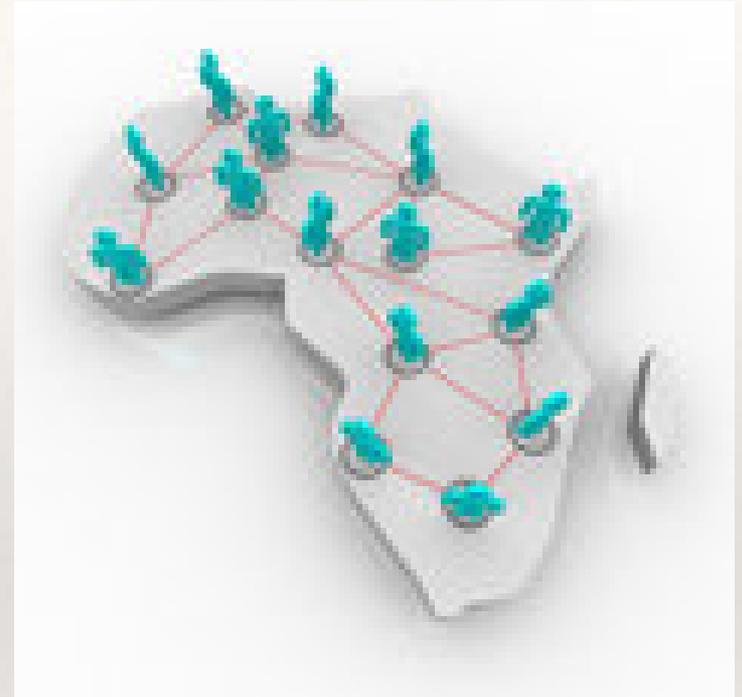
SADC TFCA Network

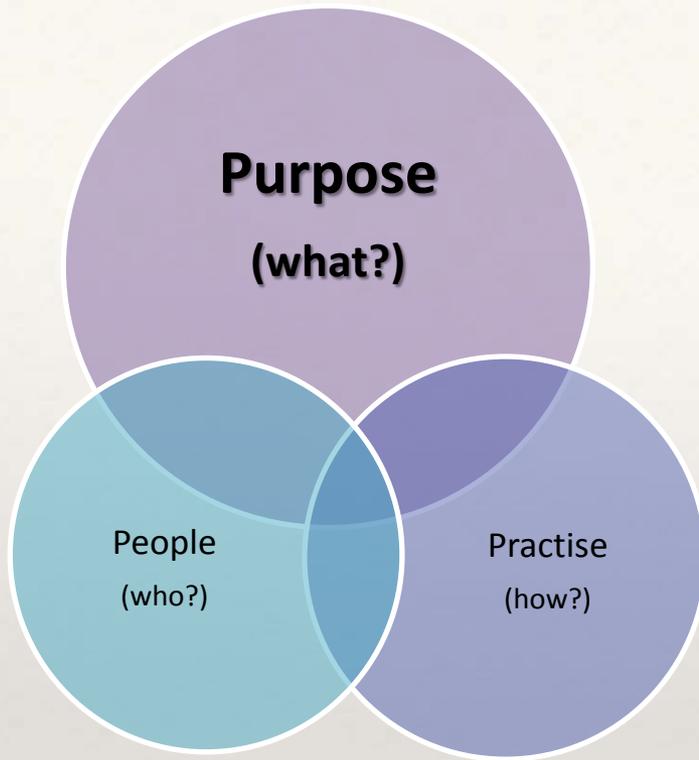
Setting the Scene

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Background

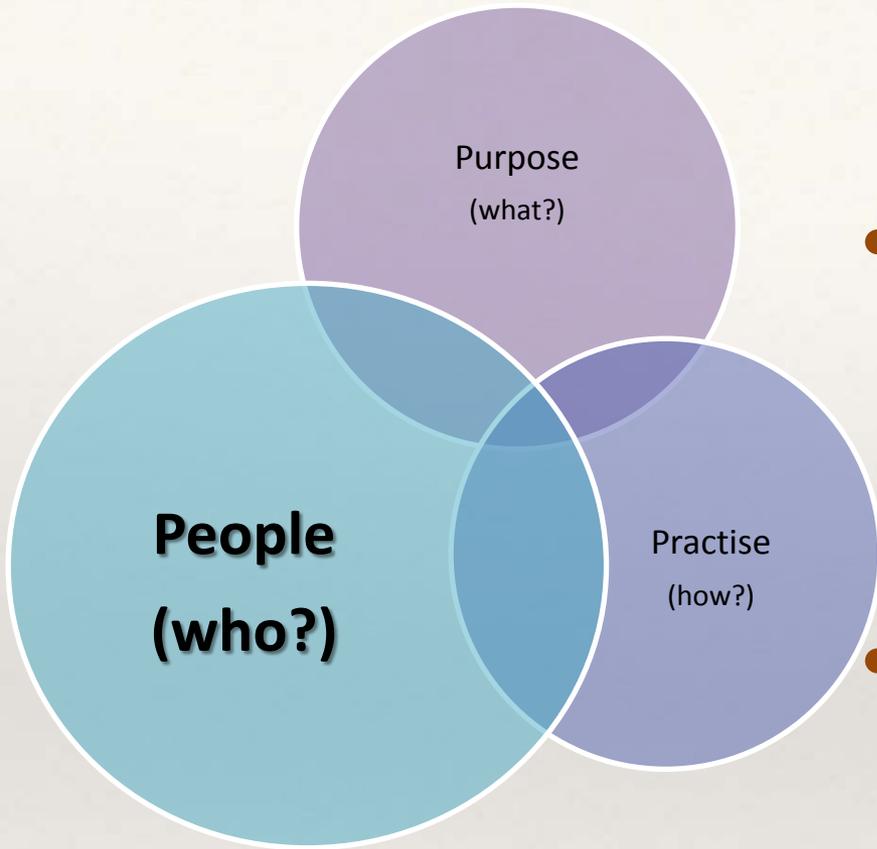
- Established at Inception workshop, Sept 2013, in Jhb, RSA attended by 9 SADC MS
- In response to SADC TFCA Programme Component 4
 - Establishment of Data and Knowledge Management Systems
 - Information exchange, learning and innovation network which facilitates the gathering, processing and dissemination of TFCA related information





To overcome TFCA challenges through shared learning, knowledge management and collaboration

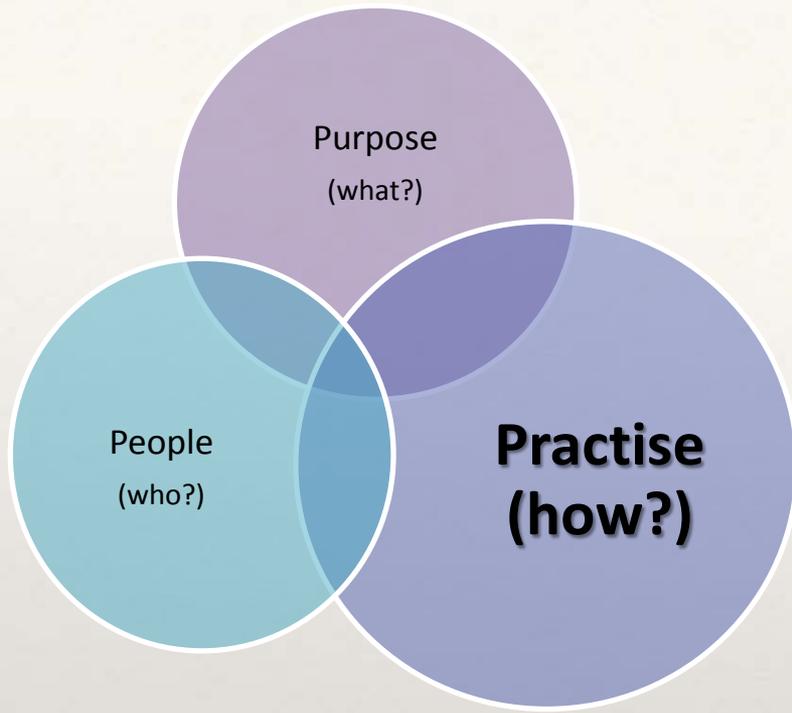




- Open to all stakeholder groups
- Guided & led by a Steering Committee (SC) comprising TFCA Focal Points from all SADC MS + SADC Secretariat
- Chairing of SC will change as per SADC Troika
- Members: renew their membership every 2 years – otherwise auto-lapse

Steering Committee

- Sets priorities and determines strategic direction
- Prioritises linkages to other stakeholder groups;
- Considers requests for membership
- Facilitates resolution of any disputes amongst members
- Considers calls for revocation of membership based on sound reasoning
- Report to & advises SADC TC on Wildlife on key recommendations and activities of the Network.



1. Information exchange:

- Sharing experiences within and across TFCA
- Conducting field visits to enhance understanding of local contexts

2. Joint learning and knowledge management:

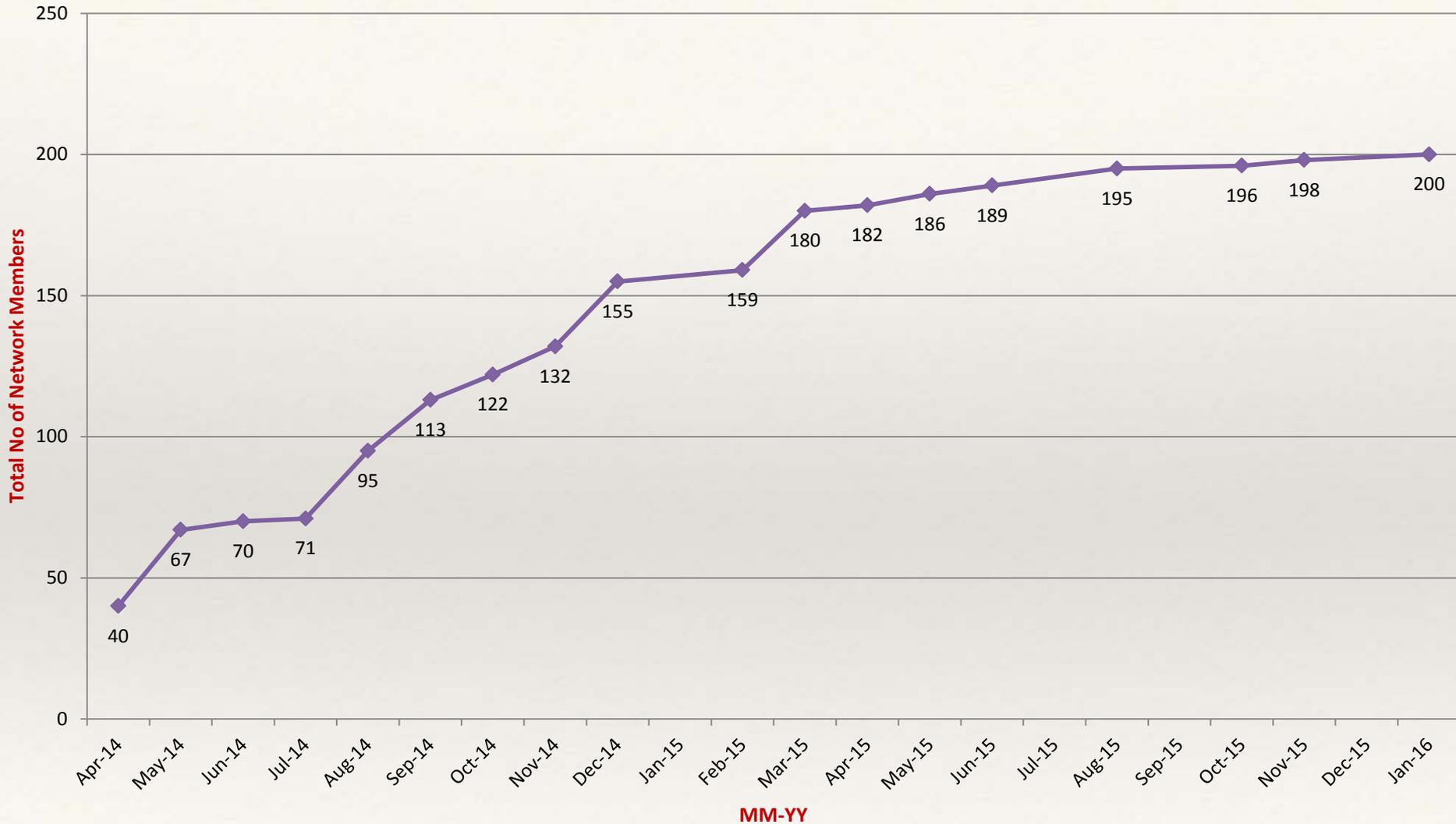
- Developing a portal as a platform for joint learning, information exchange and knowledge management
- Developing a regional repository of TFCA related information
- Innovation and idea testing through joint experimentation and documentation
- Knowledge product development
- Enabling peer review and feedback

3. Resource mobilisation

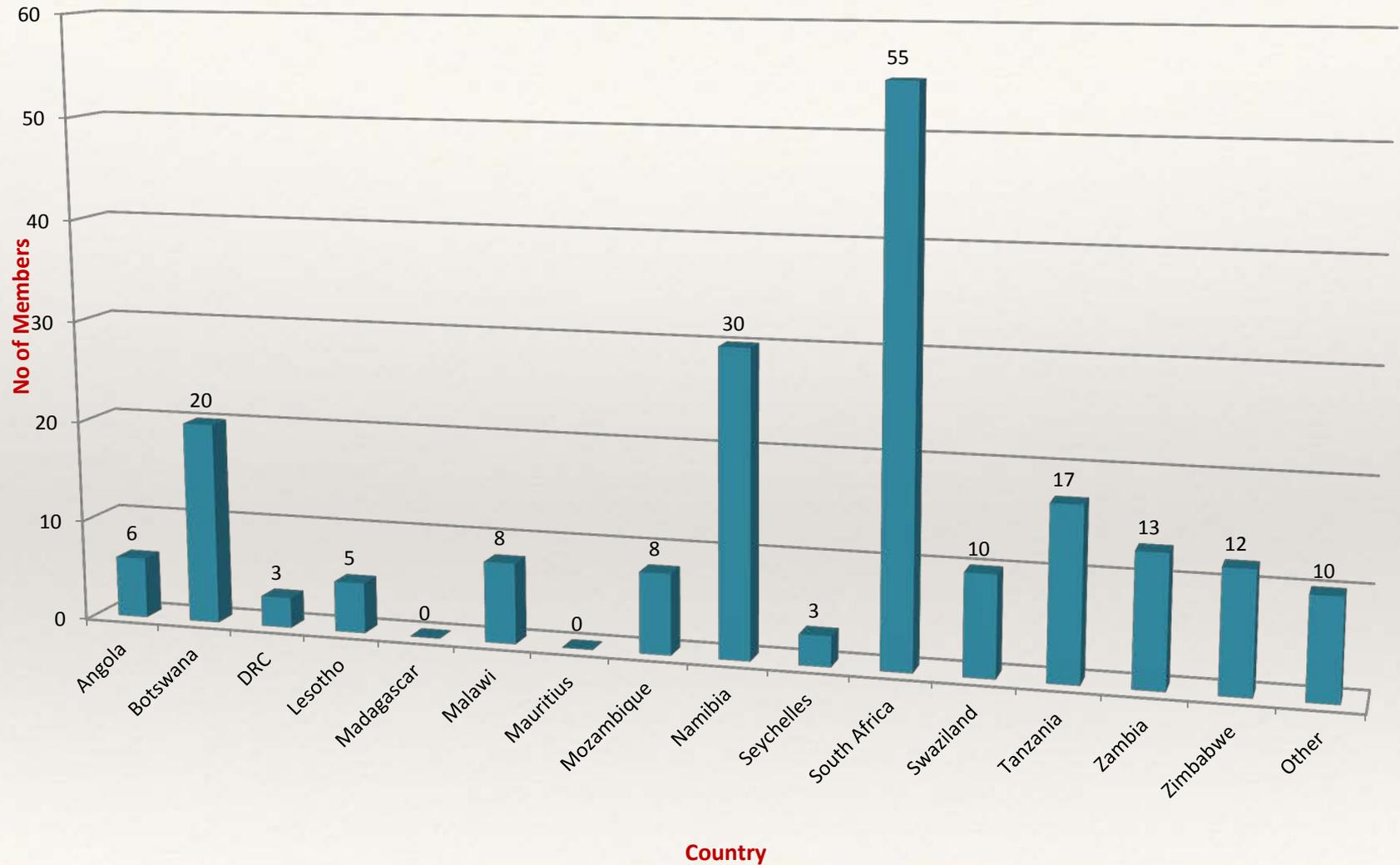
4. Strengthening collaboration and relationships:

- Conducting face to face meetings
- Developing linkages with TFCA stakeholder groups
- Facilitating empowerment at the level of the TFCA

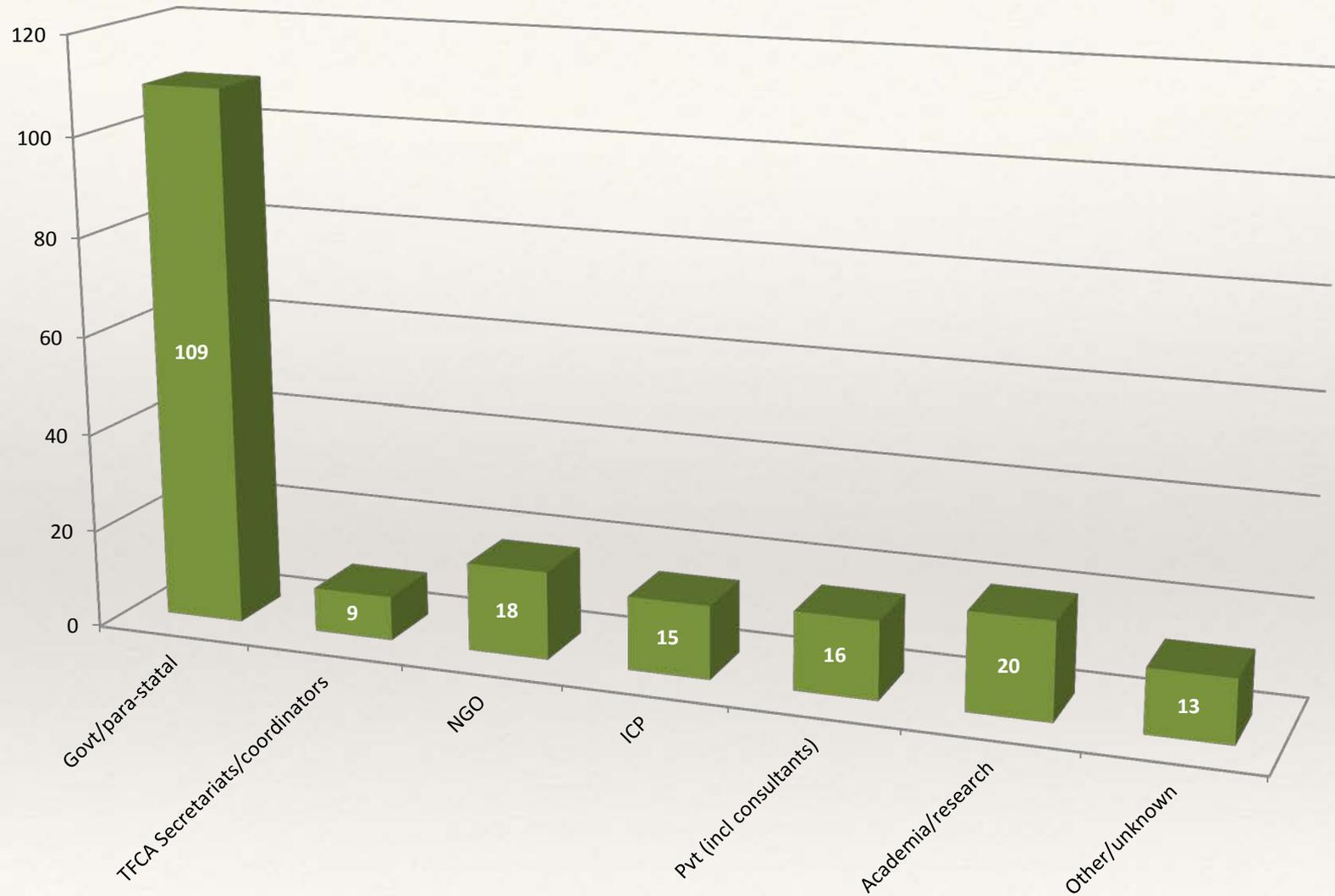
Growth of the Network over time



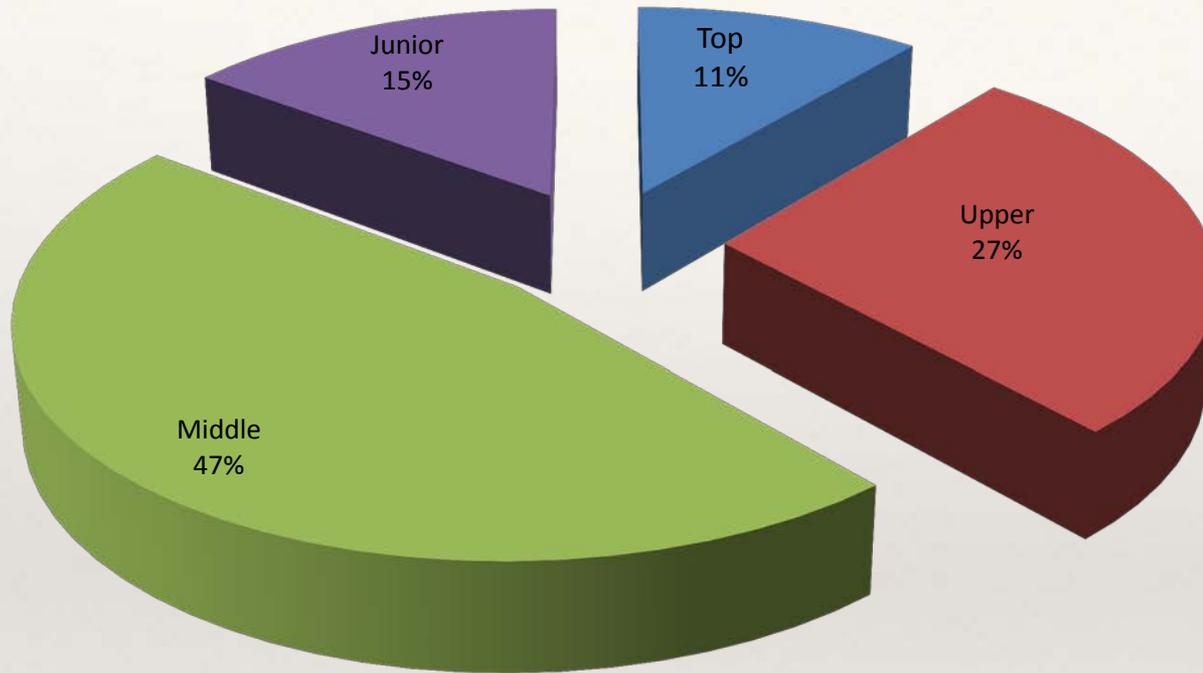
SADC Member State Representation in Network



Network membership by institution type



Management levels represented in the network from government/para-statal institutions



Top:	Policy making decisions, programme decisions. Includes Ministers, PS's, Directors, Deputy Directors, Regional Managers, Research Chiefs
Upper	Interpretative decisions Includes Senior Park Manager, Senior Wildlife Officers, Chief Wildlife Wardens,
Middle	Interpretative decisions Includes Park Wardens, Principal Wardens, Park Managers
Junior	Process decisions/operational decisions Rangers, Conservancy managers, Research Assistants

Activities & Milestones

- **Inception workshop** held in September 2013, attended by 9 MS, 3 TFCA coordinators/secretariats.



- **Network meeting** held in Mar/Apr 2014, attended by 12 MS, 5 TFCA coordinators/secretariats



Interactive portal, primary communication platform - multitude of functionalities: event calendar, member directory, resource repository & discussion forums. www.tfcaportal.org



SADC TFCA Network Portal

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- 4 March 2015 to 8 March 2015**
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- 11 March 2015**
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- 12 March 2015 to 13 March 2015**
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Activities & Milestones

- **Country portal training workshops**

1. **South Africa** (incl attendance from Moz & Swaz) - Nov '14.
 - 14 participants
 - Mostly DEA HQ, SA
 - All SA TFCAs represented



2. **Namibia** (incl attendance from Zam) – Dec '14

- 21 participants
- Many from park level
- AARTP, KAZA, Iona-Skeleton Coast, Luiwa Plains-Mussumo, Malawi-Zambia TFCAs represented



- **Training of portal administrators & facilitators**

- March 2015, 8 attendees from TFCAs
- Training on use & administration of the portal
- Brainstormed on how to address challenges facing network & way forward

Activities & Milestones

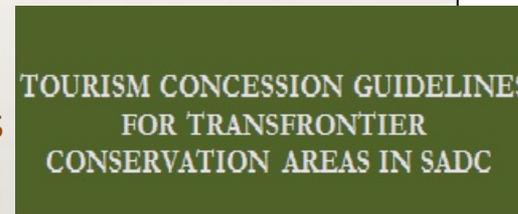
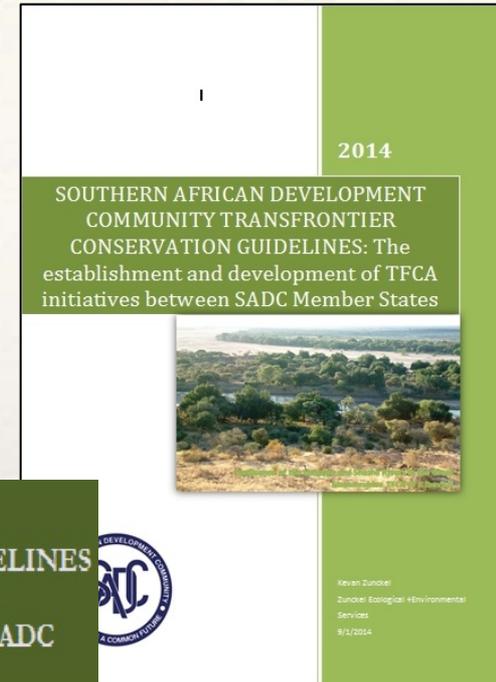
- Participation in the **development of regional guidelines**

- ▶ Establishment & development of TFCAs

- Attended 2 validation workshops- Luanda (Apr '14) & Maseru (Jun '14)
- Provision of case studies
- Rigorous commenting & review process

- ▶ Tourism concession guidelines:

- Validation workshop in Sept '14
- Provision of case studies
- Rigorous commenting & review process





Activities & Milestones

- Participation in **first moderated online discussion** (August 2014)
 - Moderated by technical experts
 - Topic: **Free movement of wildlife across TFCAs: Moving from theory to practise**

Week:	Sub-topic:	Discussion Moderator:
1	How can “functional” corridors be identified and secured in TFCAs?	Simon Munthali – KAZA TFCAs Secretariat
2	How can non-geographic approaches to FMD management help achieve the vision of free movement of wildlife in TFCAs?	Gavin Thomson & Mary-Lou Penrith – TAD Scientific
3	How can integrated land use planning translate into effective integrated land use implementation?	Chris Brooks – Southern African Regional Environmental Programme (SAREP)
4	What are other the socio-economic, political and security implications of fence removal and how can these be overcome?	Andrew Nambota – Zambian Ministry of Tourism & Arts

Activities & Milestones:

- Participation in IUCN World Parks Congress

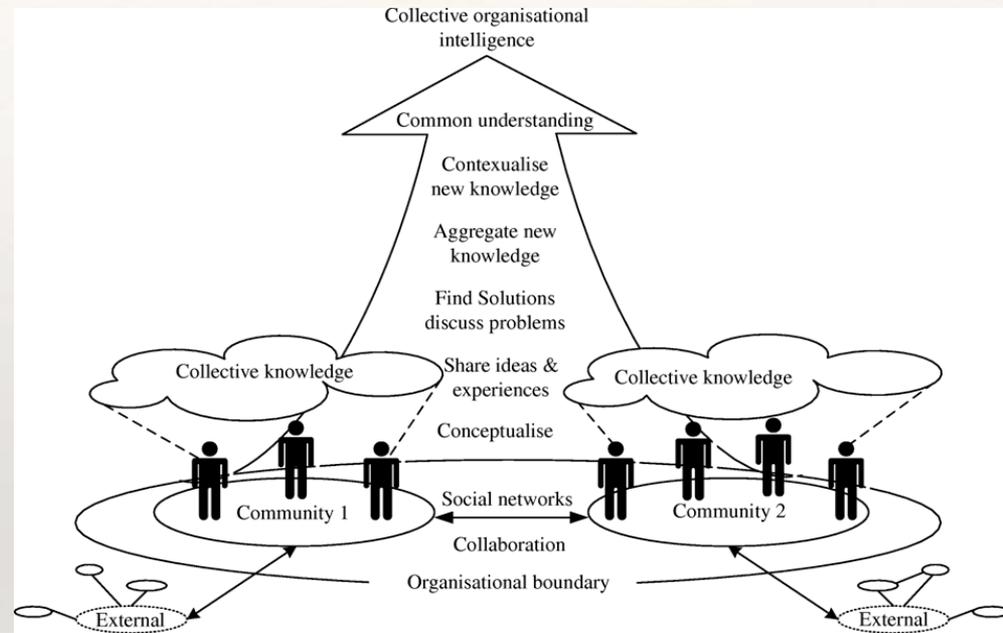


- Live twitter feed set up from WPC to the portal

From Network to a Knowledge Hub

March 2015 – workshop for volunteer portal administrators & facilitators

- Potential to develop the network into a **knowledge hub**
- Beyond just a portal or a resource repository.
- It encompasses the concept of human capacity through *communities of practice*
- Allows for *innovation testing*, & the *aggregation and synthesis* of existing data/information on specific topics.
- Communities of practise around thematic areas could be conceived, which aggregate & analyse existing data, suggest solutions to challenges & offer expertise.





Objectives of this workshop

1. Receive feedback on the design & functionalities of the public access site & develop a shortlist of external systems & tools which require linking and/or integration to based on Member States' needs.
2. Consider an approach for the uptake of the various tools to enable their use within relevant institutions.
3. Consider sustainability & governance aspects of the TFCA Network, portal & integrated tools.
4. Explore data standards & data sharing in the context of TFCAs & in relation to the functioning and use of the various tools.
5. Explore the need for standardised frameworks for monitoring & evaluating TFCA progress.