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## SADC TFCA Portal Present Situation



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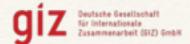






## Situation Overview

- \* Portal is locked and not accessible to the public
- \* Limited information available to the public about the TFCAs
- \* Portal does not link to other sources of data and tools
- \* Many other sources of information available
- \* Various tools scattered all over the place









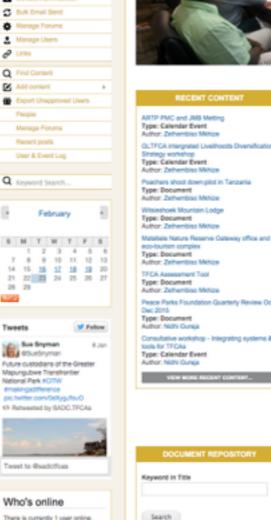
#### Closed Portal

- http://www.tfcaportal.org/
- \* A collaborative platform for the network practitioners not accessible to the general public
- Provides a number of tools for collaboration: document repository, directory, discussions, calendar of events, project management, etc.











months 2 weeks add

weeks ago

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. On the TTC meeting 11 months 2 weeks

 TTC Definition 11 months 2 weeks ago what does TTC stand for? 11 months 2

TTC Meeting, Gaborone, Botswana 11 months 2 weeks ago



interactive Google map showing geographics ocations of the member Transfer

DOCUMENT REPOSITORY	
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PROJECTS BY ACTIVITY		
Title	Project Status	Project Progress
Tourism concession conference and guidelines for TFCAs in SADC	Completed	100%
SADC Regional Training Programme on Integrated Fire Management (FM)	Ongoing	99%
2. Cross Border Law Enforcement - Standard operating Procedure	Ongoing	16
Mobile cross-border TFCA trainings	Completed	100%
AHEAD-GLTFCA Network	Ongoing	70%
WEW ALL PROJECTS		







## Closed Portal Challenges

- No links to many available sources of data and information that could be useful to TFCA practitioners
- No integration or links to other tools and systems that could be useful to TFCA practitioners
- \* No private information and data storage for one TFCA needs
- Not optimised for access using mobile devices











#### Public Website

- http://www.sadc.int/ themes/natural-resources/ transfrontier-conservationareas/
- \* Used to disseminate information about the SADC TECAs to the general public



FEATURED PUBLICATIONS

Enforcement (1999)

SEE ALL

Nagoya Protocol -Biodiversity Convention

Protocol on Wildlife Conservation and Law



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Enforcement (1999) as a component of a large ecological region that straddles the boundaries of two or more countries encompassing one or more protected areas as well as multiple resource use areas. TECAs are founded with the aim of collaboratively managing shared natural and cultural resources across international boundaries for improved biodiversity conservation and socio-economic development. The United Nations Environment Programme World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC) and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) list all conservation areas world-wide. In 2007, UNEP-WCMC published a list of 227 Transfrontier Conservation Areas across the globe covering over 4.6 million km<sup>3</sup>. In the SADC region, there are eighteen (s8) existing or potential TFCAs in both terrestrial and marine environments covering over 700,000km2 which have been grouped into three categories based on the level of development: Category A. (TFCAs with a Treaty or other form of legally binding and mutually recognised agreement), Category B (TFCA with an MoU), and Category C (TFCAs at a conceptual stage).

SADC acknowledges that TFCAs can be effective vehicles for fostering regional cooperation and integration, and enhancing socio-economic development in rural areas through the sustainable use of shared natural and cultural resources. Many renowned tourism destinations are already situated within SADC TFCAs and developing tourism at a regional, TICA level augments their potential to generate employment in rural and marginalised areas, thereby contributing to poverty reduction. The role of the SADC Secretariat is to facilitate the efforts of the Member States in the establishment and development of TFCAs. The SADC TFCA Programme (2013) envisions the region to become "a model of community centred, regionally integrated and sustainably managed network of world class transfrontier conservation areas" and highlights seven key component areas which need to be addressed in order to achieve this vision:

- i. Policy harmonisation and advocacy:
- ii. Sustainable financing:
- iii. Capacity building:
- lv. Data and knowledge management;
- v. Local livelihoods:
- vi. Climate change vulnerability; and
- vii. TFCAs as marketable tourism products.

#### SADC Conservation Areas











## Public Website Challenges

- Not enough information for general public and tourists only one page available on SADC website (<u>www.sadc.int</u>)
- Not enough openly accessible tools for researchers and TFCA practitioners
- No ability to manage or change content
- Limited resources available within SADC to host and technically support the website









# Way Forward

- \* Develop a one-stop shop for all audiences
- \* Integrate with other tools and information available
- \* Enable simple and easy access to aggregated information
- \* Create a public website for the SADC TFCAs
- \* Became a true "Portal" and starting point for everyone











## Questions...









#### Online Audiences

- \* TFCA Practitioners (Store and share information, collaborate and communicate, learn from each other's experiences, manage and share own TFCA information, use various tools to improve TFCAs management)
- \* Researchers (See more detailed information from the TFCAs via maps, graphs, charts and extract raw data for research)
- \* Tourists (Find out more about attractions, destinations and activities in TFCAs)
- \* General public (Learn more about SADC TFCAs)

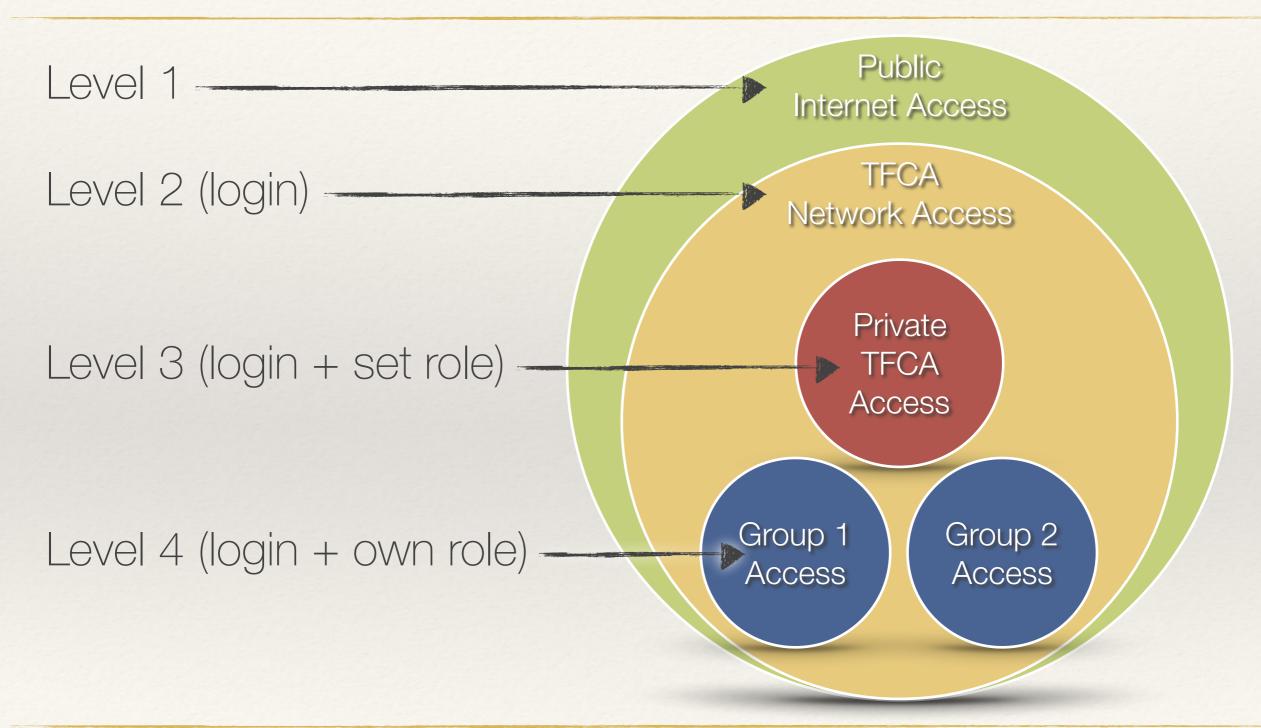








## System Architecture - Levels



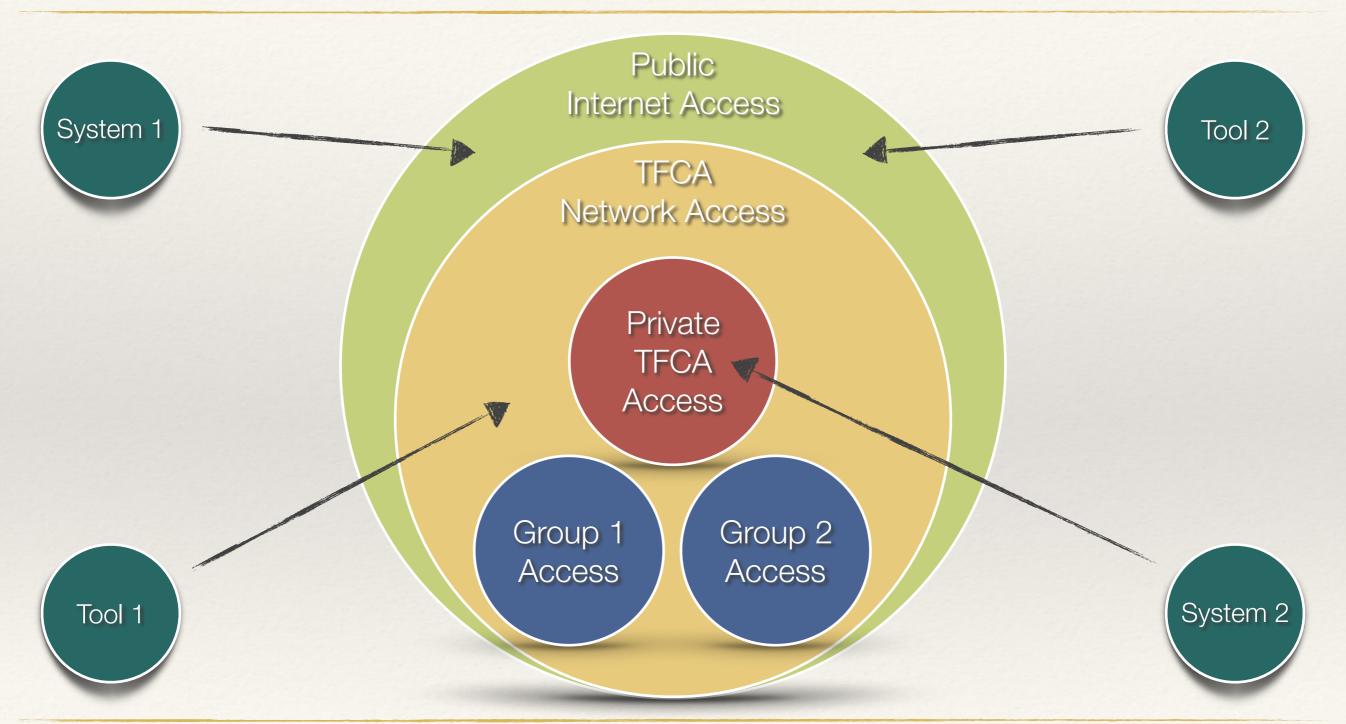








## System Architecture - Tools











## Questions...











# Thank you.







