TFCA FINANCING FACILITY

GUIDANCE NOTE TO APPLICANTS FOR PREPARTION OF PROJECT PROPOSALS

2025

BACKGROUND

The SADC TFCA Financing Facility is a regional fund which supports the development of TFCAs in the SADC region. It is part of the SADC TFCA Programme, which aims to contribute towards sustainable financing mechanisms for transboundary natural resources management in the SADC region. The TFCA FF is administered by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Eastern and Southern Africa Regional Office (ESARO); and currently mainly funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), with funding facilitated through KfW Development Bank.

OBJECTIVES AND PROGRAMME OUTCOMES

The SADC TFCA FF will address the critical needs for conservation by integrating the three dimensions of Species, Habitat, and People. Successful applications to the Facility should therefore address one of the main expected outcomes of the SADC TFCA FF described as follows:

- Meta-populations of key species remain stable or increase (Species dimension);
- Improved habitat connectivity, land-use, and management effectiveness of TFCAs and PAs (Habitat dimension); and
- Improved livelihoods outcomes for communities (People dimension)

KEY ELEMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED:

- A clear problem statement, goal, objectives, planned activities, outputs, outcomes, target area, beneficiaries, and partner organisations involved.
- Contribution to the overall goal, outcomes, indicators of the SADC TFCA FF
- Prior consultation and endorsement letter by respective TFCA government authority, through a signed letter of endorsement.
- Complete and submit the due diligence forms. The forms can be submitted prior to finalised and submission of the project proposal.

- Completed Project Logframe; Budget (template attached and available for download on the Grants Portal); Procurement plan; Workplan; and ESMS requirements applicable to the project (Environmental and Social risks).

- Sustainability of proposed activities beyond the duration of the project.

- Kindly note that for Large Grants of EUR 2-3 million, grant applications must include a significant infrastructure component of an equivalent of at least 60% of the grant??

SADC TFCA FF Grant Portal

Kindly note that the project proposal will be prepared and submitted on the grants portal – to be accessed on the link: https://sadctfcaff.praxisgms.co.za

As you already registered and submitted your concept during the first application stage, you will be able to use the same login details to access your application and documents to download, i.e. budget template.

Budget Considerations

- Applicants are required to contribute at least 10% of the TFCA FF contribution in co-funding – in cash or kind. For example, for a million euro requested to TFCA FF, you need to provide at least €100,000 of co- funding.

- Cost-efficiency and value for money will be considered in reviewing your proposal and budget

- Please complete the provided template and submitted in Excel format.

- The budget template includes notes on SADC TFCA FF requirements, however, should you require further guidance, please feel free to contact the SADC TFCA FF team.

DEADLINE:
The deadline for submission of proposals is **by close of business (5PM SAST: 30 June 2025)**. It is envisaged that the final decision and communication to the successful applicants will be made within 12 weeks from the closing date.