

Growing Greener

Objectives

The project will promote community-led, market-oriented agro-pastoral land-use systems that prevent landscape degradation while fostering sustainable rural development. This will increase the resilience of open land systems and associated rural livelihoods to desertification and climate change whilst promoting biodiversity. Primary beneficiaries are smallholder agro-pastoralists often with weak access to markets.

Activities

The project's transformative approach includes:

- Working with agro-pastoralists to adopt innovative land-use practices and nature-based solutions,
- Developing soil and landscape restoration economies through public and private investments, market access, ecosystem valuation and green Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMME) support,
- Strengthening an enabling policy framework for sustainable land use, and
- Enhancing capacity to scale up sustainable management practices across Southern Africa.

Impacts

Scaling up is promoted through furthering enabling regional and national policy frameworks. Learning exchanges between SADC Member States will be facilitated through the CCARDESA Knowledge Hub. Capacity building for extension services and policy makers will institutionalize nature-based solution skill sets. The approach has potential to be adopted in other SADC Member States for example through the Great Green Wall Initiative.



Implemented in South Africa, Botswana, Madagascar, and Zambia

Project Details

Main Partner:

Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) - South Africa; Ministry of Agricultural Development and Food Security - Botswana; Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development - Madagascar; Ministry of Green Economy and Environment - Zambia; Southern African Development Community (SADC) - Botswana

Other Project Partner:

Centre for Coordination of Agricultural Research and Development (CCARDESA), Conservation International (CI), Peace Parks Foundation

Implementing Entity/Organisation:

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

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Botswana, Madagascar, South Africa, Zambia

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