

PROJECT PLAN ON WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND TOURISM RESEARCH PROJECT



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1. BACKGROUND

During the WGEA meeting which was held in June 2010 in Guilin – China, AFROSAI held a side meeting to discuss topics that were presented for the purpose of research. It is in this meeting that Lesotho SAI was chosen to lead the research on Wildlife Conservation and Tourism. Swaziland was chosen as a co- leader and sub-committee member SAIs were as follows: Chad, Ethiopia, Tanzania, Egypt, and Botswana.

1.1 WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND TOURISM

Wildlife conservation and tourism which is interchangeably called wildlife watching and tourism basically deals with the conservation of wildlife with the aim of ensuring sustainability of wildlife, attracting tourism and alleviating poverty. Wildlife watching involves watching mammals, birds, corals, fish, reptiles and insects. There are wildlife establishments in different countries and these were established to conserve and ensure sustainability of wildlife, to impart knowledge to tourists about the natural behavior of different species of wildlife and to create employment for local communities.

Fees collected from tourists that have watched wildlife are used to develop and strengthen wildlife conservation establishments in different ways such as:

- Involving the communities living within the vicinity of where the wildlife conservation establishments are thereby alleviating poverty;
- Creating awareness on the importance of conserving wildlife for the benefit of future generations;
- Ensuring that wildlife is reproductive and sustainable and controlling the wildlife watching activities to prevent adverse effects on wildlife and local communities.

Key stakeholders in this issue are local communities, Public and private sector wildlife managers, National and Local governments, tour operators, Local operators and excursion providers, accommodation sector and Tourists.

2. PROJECT OBJECTIVE AND OUTCOME

The objective of the research is to facilitate preparation of a research paper material on auditing the government's Management of Wildlife and Tourism and the related impact on the environment.

3. SCOPE

The research paper will highlight the background information on wildlife and tourism sector, Impacts on flora, fauna and human beings, unsustainable tourism practices, Related international environmental agreements on wildlife conservation and tourism; and Public policy tools used by governments such as physical land use planning, resource management plans, regulatory programmes and private sector participation and oversight.

The draft work plan of the research paper will be discussed and approved during the 10th WGEA steering meeting that will be held on 8-11 March 2011 in Morocco. This means that the draft should be completed before end of February. The draft research paper will be discussed during the 14th INTOSAI- WGEA meeting that will be held in November, 2011- Argentina.

PROPOSED STRUCTURE OF THE RESEARCH PAPER

The research paper material will have the following chapters:

- Chapter 1: Introduction
- Chapter 2: Background on Wildlife and tourism
- Chapter 3: National and International responses on wildlife
- Chapter 4: Audits of wildlife conservation and tourism activities
- Chapter 5: Good practices on wildlife conservation and tourism
- Appendices

Chapter 1: Introduction

This chapter will cover the following issues:

- Importance of wildlife and tourism resources;
- Overview of the expansion of wildlife and tourism activities over the years in the world;
- International awareness regarding wildlife and activities;
- The essence of conducting Environmental Audit on wildlife and tourism as INTOSAI WGEA recommends; and
- Content and structure of document.

Chapter 2: Background on Wildlife and tourism

- By its inherent nature, wildlife impacts on land, water and air which are the essential components of the environment. The paper will therefore describe the main types and causes of pollution and its related audit processes.
- The paper will also focus on the social and economic impacts.
- The paper will describe the nature of wildlife and tourism – (world protected areas)
- The paper will focus on government's regulation and management of the environmental impact of tourism on protected areas.
- The paper will focus on tools such as licensing, wildlife off -take and trading which are utilised by governments in identifying, assessing, managing and mitigating impacts of wildlife.
- Impacts on flora, fauna and human beings

Chapter 3: National and International responses to dealing with wildlife and tourism

The paper will include possible agreements such as:

1. CITES: Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna
2. Aarhus Convention: Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters
3. World Heritage Convention: Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage

4. Antarctic Treaty
5. Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)
6. Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS)
7. Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna, (CITES), Washington
8. Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance, especially as Waterfowl Habitat
9. Convention to Combat Desertification (CCD)
10. Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats

Chapter 4: Audits of wildlife activities

- Audits on wildlife activities, if available will be described as case studies, including their main findings and methods used.
- Financial, compliance and performance audits will also be included, if available.
- The INTOSAI members will be asked to furnish to Lesotho (the project leader), completed audits on Wildlife and Tourism
- The following information will be sought from those INTOSAI members:
 - Type of the audit (financial, compliance, environmental and/or performance audit;
 - Scope of the audit (auditee(s)), time period covered
 - Objective(s) of the audit;
 - Main Findings;
 - Main Conclusions;
 - Recommendations.

Chapter 5: Good audit practices on wildlife conservation and tourism

If possible, good practices in governance and/or auditing of wildlife and tourism and audit will be described.

4. PLANNED METHODOLOGY

By use of e-mails, The Project leader will involve all Sub-committee members in all aspects pertaining to the research. In return sub-committee members will give inputs/feedback. This will be communicated through CAG Tanzania as Regional WGEA Coordinator. A meeting of the sub-committee members will be arranged by the Regional coordinator with the Project leader and Sub-committee members to discuss some crucial matters concerning the research paper, progress made by each member.

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