

Empowering local communities in protected area management in West & Central Africa

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Coping with challenges



Context

Governance of PAs: from a top-down approach

inducing conflicts between local stakeholders and central government that prevent achievement of conservation goals

....to a new and more constructive approach empowering local communities in conservation actions.

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- Involving local communities in the development of conservation management tools
- Taking action: day to day management of PAs by local stakeholders
- Generating revenues from natural resources conservation



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Considering local knowledge and know-how



Participative mapping

- Drawing a handmade **map of natural resources uses** with local communities
- **Training local technicians** on GPS use and data collection methods
- **Field data collection** by local technicians
- Developing a **numeric participatory map** based on GPS data collected



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Involving local communities in the development of conservation management tools



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Participatory management plans for marine PAs

- **Identifying local stakeholders** involved in natural resource use
- **Training** those stakeholders in participatory planning tools
- **Participatory assessment** of the PA and validation of the outputs of the assessment
- Development of the resulting participatory **management and action plan** and validation of the management plan

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Taking action: day to day management of local marine PA



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Community based management of a marine PA in Casamance

- **Voluntary process of designation** of the PA to cope with over use of marine resources
- **Joint agreement** on the rules to put in place
- Development of participatory **management plan and zonation**
- **Monitoring of management impacts** on the PA resources

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Community based protected areas around a transboundary complex of National Parks in Benin-Burkina-Niger

- Control and monitoring of small game hunting on community land
- Income generated by local ecotourism
- Monitoring harvesting of non-timber forest products and promoting commercialisation in local markets

Achievements



- Diversification of PA governance models
- Empowering new stakeholders in PA management and creating new partnership and collaboration with local governments
- Alternatives sources of income from conservation activities
- Expanding the protected areas network (marine and terrestrial PAs)

« Strong involvement of local stakeholders in PA management ensures better chance of achieving conservation goals together with local development objectives »

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