

# IMPLEMENTATION OF NBSAP IN BOTSWANA – LESSONS AND EXPERIENCES

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# NBSAP Process

- Botswana ratified in 1995
- National consultations at DDC, sectoral planning structures
- NBSAP developed in 2004
- Reviewd in 2007
- MEA Coordination Draft Strategy 2008
- Mainstreaming biodiversity into the NDP and DDP 10 through an Environment Keynote Paper

# Sharing experiences - challenges

- Integrating environment in to development process
  - Currently development and biodiversity conservation are two parrallel processes
- Financial resources dedicated for ecosystem mangement is inadequate
- Implementation coordination is still weak
  - Coordination mandate is with a department within a ministry
  - Functional NBDA with strategic guidance on key programmes BUT requires capacity enhancement
  - Institutional capacity is limited in recognising and implementing the NBSAP

# Sharing experiences - achievements

- Incorporation of biodiversity into plans, programmes and projects through the use of the following tools:
  - Strategic Environmental Assessment and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA Act of 2005)
  - Natural resources Accounts (water, minerals and livestock)
  - Economic Valuation of some key resources (Okavango Delta Ramsar Site and Makgadikgadi Wetland Systems)
  - Botswana Environment Outlook and State of the Environment Report

# Sharing experiences - achievements

- Increasing beneficiation from natural resources e.g. Community Based Natural Resources Management programme (CBNRM)
- Environment Support Programme – capacity building initiatives for environmental management (policies; legislation; empowerment of civil society)

# Lessons learned

- Integration of NBSAP Implementation into the broader environmental management is still limited – action plan implementation happened incidentally
- Conscious to ensure that biodiversity objectives are taken up when initiating development programmes. Examples of such programmes are:
  - Poverty Eradication Drive;
  - Food production initiatives under agriculture;
  - Rural Development; and
  - Economic Diversification Drive