

A Presentation
on
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NBSAP in
THE GAMBIA

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DESCRIPTION: NBSAP, The GAMBIA

- ❑ Launched in 1999
- ❑ Seven years of implementation complete 1999-2005
- ❑ Proposed review by 2005, NOT accomplished
- ❑ Coordination and systematic implementation by Agriculture & Natural Resources working Group (ANR) assuming National Biodiversity Coordinating Unit (NBCU) NBCU functions

❖ THE 1997 COUNTRY STUDY –DEVELOPING NBSAP

- ❖ Is the framework document for national implementing actions (inline with goal 3 & 2)
- ❖ It highlights policy, legal and institutional instruments relevant to conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity
- ❖ The NBSAP also emphasized on both sectoral strategies and cross-cutting issues

- ❖ Clear schedules of its implementation, institutional arrangements and approaches

Importantly: 10 project profiles have been developed in NBSAP as priorities for biodiversity conservation,

PREPARATORY PROCESS: NBSAP

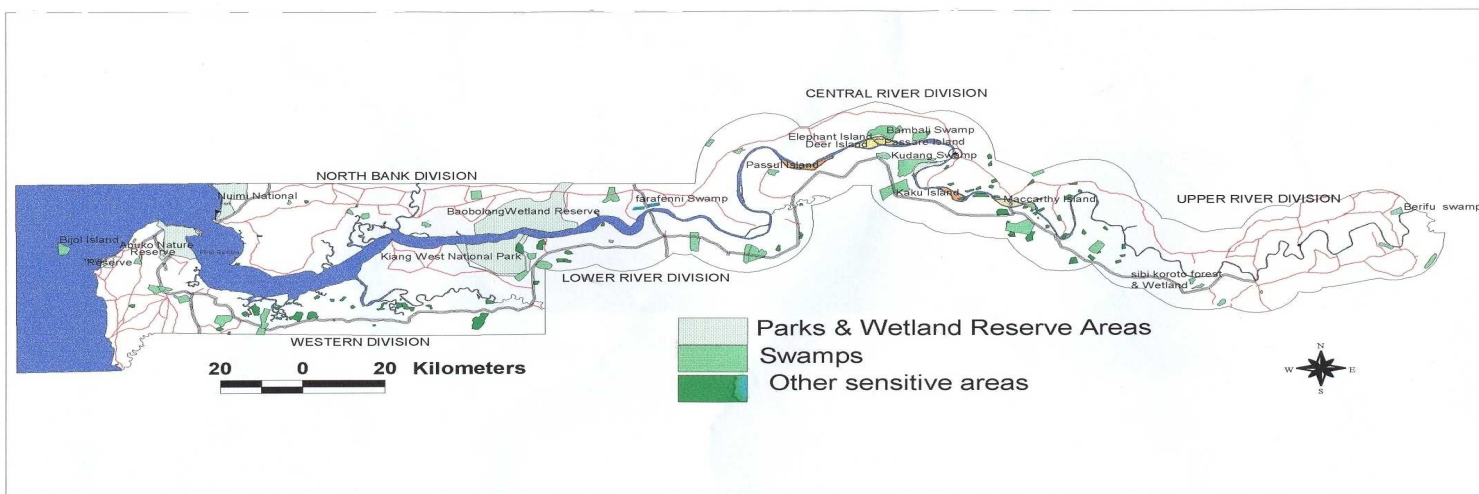
Extensive stakeholder consultation with financial, and technical support from GEF and WWF

Thematic working groups constituted to conduct expert studies and data collection

The DPWM provides overall coordination

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

- ❖ PA coverage increased from 3.7% to 4.1 from 1999 to 2007.
- ❖ Signed bilateral transboundary and regional cooperation agreements
- ❖ Recent review of national policies (Parks and Wildlife, and Forestry policies 2003, 2007)



Achievements Cont.

GEF biodiversity projects

- ❖ NCSA
- ❖ ICAM
- ❖ Adoption of Ecosystem Approach for Integrated implementation of MEAs at regional and local levels
- ❖ Protection of the Canary Current Large Marine Ecosystem Project
- ❖ WOW- African/Eurasian Flyways
- ❖ SIP – Sustainable Land Management Project
- ❖ Conservation of Endemic Livestock Species
- ❖ Protected Areas Project POWPA project,

Mainstreaming Biodiversity

- ❖ Legally binding for Draft policy review to be conducted by relevant stakeholders spearheaded by National Environment Agency (NEA)
- ❖ Sectoral Dialogue conducted within the Agriculture & Natural Resources (ANR) Working Group meetings
- ❖ Biodiversity conservation being Identified as an opportunity for Income-generating possibilities for local communities under the Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (PSRP)

Mainstreaming contd.

- ❖ Priority setting of biodiversity conservation during Development of GEAP (Gambia Environmental Action Plan)
- ❖ Biodiversity prioritized in development of LEAPs (Local Environmental Action Plans) and CAPs (Community Action Plans)
- ❖ Promotion of ECOTOURISM at community level
- ❖ Introduction of GEF Small Grants Programme (Jan. 2007)

Major Challenges & Proposed Actions

- Capacity constraint
 - further training of staff to Msc
- PA local community conflict
 - Increased sensitization, MOU
- Institutional conflict on policy (LADEP)
 - improve institutional consultations
- Protected Areas & Species inventory
 - some efforts on target species
- Language barrier in bilateral agreements
- Regional cattle & other livestock migration

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