

Integrated Management for Biodiversity Conservation and Community Resilience in the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park (KTP)

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Period of implementation: 2026-2029

Location: Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park (KTP) Area

Implementing organisation(s): African Parks Network, partnering with SANParks, KRC, Khomani San, Birdlife Botswana, Kalahari Conservation Society.

Project objectives and description: The Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park (KTP) is a captivating conservation area spanning the borders of Botswana and South Africa, covering an impressive 38,000 square kilometres. This unique arid environment is not only a sanctuary for a diverse range of species but also plays a vital role in regional biodiversity and ecosystem resilience sustaining migratory corridors, regulating scarce water resources, and underpinning sustainable community livelihoods. The proposed EU NaturAfrica program emerges from an urgent need to confront significant conservation challenges while simultaneously fostering sustainable livelihoods for the local communities that inhabit this area. This project aims to restore ecological integrity and socio-economic resilience in the KTP through integrated landscape management, infrastructure revitalization, species protection, wildlife monitoring, community-driven conservation, green economy initiatives, and the development of sustainable financing mechanisms.

Achievements / expected results: Activities will include establishing an Integrated Land-use and Management Plan (ILUMP), implementing AP's Monitoring and Evaluation Framework, conducting baseline aerial surveys, deploying Domain Awareness Systems, promoting eco-tourism ventures, mitigating human-wildlife conflict, and setting the foundation for a Collaborative Management Partnership (CMP). The project will directly benefit approximately 10,000 community members, improve biodiversity outcomes, and secure long-term park sustainability.

Incoming public / visibility events: A launch event was held on 12 May 2026.

Project website / Social media account links:

- <https://www.sadc.int/project-portfolio/sadc-tfca-financing-facility>