

Transboundary Water Management in Southern Africa

EU contribution: € 10,000,000 (approx. 145 million Pula)

Period of implementation: 2024 – 2027

Location: SADC region, particularly Cubango-Okavango River Basin

Implementing organisation(s): Food and Agriculture Organisation

Project objectives and description:

This action aims to protect inland water ecosystems and safeguard water resources across the SADC region, with a particular focus on the Cubango-Okavango River Basin. It will support financing and resource management to sustainably preserve biodiversity, ecological health, and water supplies, ensuring long-term benefits for local communities and livelihoods. Additionally, it seeks to enhance evidence-based water governance by improving coordination and management mechanisms, guaranteeing water security in priority river basins across the region.

Expected results:

- The CORB Fund, a transboundary conservation trust fund, is strengthened to deliver on its core competency of increasing the resilience of the basin by implementing interventions that are balanced to sustain its ecosystems, people, communities and economy.
- Cross-border strategies, agreements and procedures appropriate to the riparian states, UNESCO and OKACOM are developed to expand the Okavango Delta World Heritage Site (WHS) to achieve full ecosystem coverage.
- Data management practices and cooperation are improved and a common Decision Support System (DSS) is developed to provide River Basin Organisations (RBOs) and transboundary basin managers with actionable science based information on water resources to achieve water security for social, economic and environmental stakeholders across the SADC Region.
- The capacities of decision-makers and water managers are strengthened in Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM)/ Integrated Catchment Management (ICM) principles and practices to ensure and enforce water security across transboundary river basins of the SADC region.

Incoming public / visibility events: -

Project website / Social media account links:

- <https://www.okacom.org/corb-fund-factsheet>