



Summary Report of the Fifth SADC EWG PFM Meeting 3 to 7 September 2018, Lilongwe, Malawi

September 2018

1. Background

With the support from the SADC-JICA Project for Forest Conservation and Sustainable Management of Forest Resources in Southern Africa (“the Project”), the Joint Coordinating Committee (JCC) formed the Southern African Development Community Expert Working Group on Participatory Forest Management (SADC EWG PFM) and its associated Operational Guidelines in September 2016. The 1st SADC EWG PFM was done in Moshi Tanzania from 28 Nov. to 2 Dec. 2016. The main objectives of the meeting were to discuss the overview project plan. At the end of the meeting EWG PFM agreed on an annual plan for 2017. The 2nd EWG PFM meeting was conducted jointly with the Center for People and Forests - RECOFTC in Thailand from 1 to 12 Feb. 2017 to follow-up the activities discussed during the 1st meeting and to examine and appreciate PFM concepts, strategies and principles applied in Thailand. The 3rd EWG PFM meeting was conducted in Johannesburg, Republic of South Africa from 23 to 25 May 2017. The meeting discussed and agreed on reporting system for SADC PFM good practices. The meeting determined next steps for drafting the SADC PFM guideline. The 4th EWG PFM Meeting was held in Arusha, Tanzania. EWG PFM members got opportunities to review the PFM Regional Guidelines part 1, shared comments on PFM practices and drawing key lessons across the region. EWG members agreed on revised main objectives of the regional guideline, provided comments on structure, and gave suggestions how to link with regional PFM guidelines part 2. Field visit inspired members to learn more about PFM funding mechanism and benefits sharing presented different countries and a co-management case. At the end of the meeting members agreed on annual work-plan 2018/19. The 5th EWG PFM meeting was organized with supports from the Department of Forestry of Malawi and JICA Malawi office, from 3 to 7 September 2018 in Lilongwe, Malawi.

2. Meeting objectives

Within the 5-day meeting, SADC EWG PFM aimed to

- 1) Get comments for improvement the PFM Regional Database prototype version 1
- 2) Develop action plan idea note to mobilize external funding support
- 3) Get comments to strengthen SADC PFM Regional Guideline part 1 draft 1
- 4) Develop the annual work plan 2018/2019

3. Highlights of the 5th EWG PFM meeting

Below is the summary of what has been discussed in the 5th EWG PFM meeting.

1) Opening session

The meeting got warm welcome remark by Mr. Koichi Kaito, a resident representative of JICA – Malawi. He acknowledged the vital role of forests in the economic development in SADC countries and forests are key components of the environment. The discussion from 5th EWG PFM will certainly articulate how we should promote PFM in our respective countries. The remark from Ms. Deborah Kahatano, from SADC Secretariat, delivered by Mr. Takashi Nanaumi reiterated that SADC recognized great importance of forests by developing and implementing a number of forestry programmes and projects and has further developed the Forestry Strategy (2010-2020) to guide and facilitate the

implementation of the Protocol on Forestry. The strategy provides a framework for a concerted effort of SADC Member States in the management, conservation and sustainable use of their forests. She also highlighted key decisions made in last meeting February 2018 by the Joint Coordinating Committee including

- 1) Approval of annual work plan for PFM for April-March 2018;
- 2) Moving one EWG meeting from November 2018 to September 2019 due to budgetary constraints.
- 3) Decision to have the Regional Guidelines in PFM done by December 2018.

These decisions set main agenda for discussion during the 5th EWG PFM Meeting.

2) Messages from Madam Chair

After individual introduction from each member state, the Madam Chair of the 4th EWG PFM meeting, Ms. Mmakwena Maleka from the Republic of South Africa shared appreciations of the project support to make EWG PFM function and active. So far we have made progress on the regional PFM guideline, identification of training topics, database for regional PFM practices, and ideas for further exploration on external funding support within member states.

Then she proceeded for the new chair selection process for the 5th EWG PFM meeting by asking any volunteer. None volunteered for being the chair. Then Madam Chair asked all representatives to nominate the country where the chair should come from. EWG PFM members finally voted for Mr. Kaambu Teodor Ndilinane from Namibia to take the chairpersonship for 5th EWG PFM meeting.

3) PFM Database

PMU explained the need of PFM database system and shared what we have done so far. Key features/terms we identified during the fourth meeting were very useful. The prototype version 1 has been developed with inputs from members and now the project wanted to get feedback from EWG PFM members. PMU demonstrated the new version of prototype and how to use the data. Participants got opportunity to access and experienced it. Due to internet connection, not all participants could finish all update in the database system. There were some comments raised in discussion

- The project implementing period is still ongoing, we can't input the [End date] of the project. We all reached the consensus that is to keep the [End date] blank
- By mistake our inputs may not be correct; we need to ensure what inputs we have in the system must be accurate. We will have one week time to make correction after the input takes place
- Members prefer to preview photo before having final share. However, the system may not allow us to preview at this stage
- There are chances that key words do not appear properly. The project team will check the error and find proper solution
- In the case we want to have multiple choices in database system, project team will work on this issue but this requires suggestion from all MSs to indicate which specific item in the database system we need multiple choices.

The PMU will outsource a consultant for data collection and asking MSs to approve the data by May 2019. Later PMU will register approved 100 records into the database system for further use.

4) Examples of PFM from Sendwe field visit and Dzalanyama forest conservation project

Participants spent a day making field visit to Sendwe Village Forest Area. Sendwe local people have started managing Sendwe Village Forest Area (VFA) since 1997 with initial funding support from FAO and later from African Development Bank under Lilongwe Forestry project. Local communities got technical supports from the District Forest Office for tree planting, bee keeping, and forest patrolling. People can collect firewood for domestic consumption.

From reflection exercise, participants shared their appreciation in the effort local people put forward for forest restoration under supports from government agencies and relevant organizations. There are key lessons discussed including

- There are opportunities for forest management as well as sivilculture practices to enhance benefits from village forest for local people.
- It seems the Village Forest Management Committee has set good mechanism to allow local people including women to participate. However, getting youth group should also be considered.
- Local forest extension officers are playing prominent role in supporting the village forestry program. To create more incentives for local people to engage actively in sustainable forest management, the extension officers may provide technical support on sivilculture, energy saving, efficient cook stove, alternative source of energy, and different techniques for forest restoration.
- Rights and tenure over forest resources still are not clear and this needs more clarification among local people so that they can avoid conflict in using resources.

Participants also got opportunity to learn about the Conservation and Sustainable Management of Dzalanyama Forest Reserve as another example of PFM. Interactive discussion with resource person was around;

- Local people benefits in conservation and forest restoration
- Facilities and incentives for private investment in PFM through CSR, PPP, PES and more
- Mechanisms for sustainable charcoal making within the reserve area
- Integration of conservation mechanism with other development sectors

5) Comments for SADC PFM Regional Guideline

PMU shared the PFM regional guideline part1 draft ver. 1 prepared to all EWG PFM members from one month before the 5th meeting. And some useful comments were provided from EWG Members to PMU.

During the session, Facilitator leaded and requested to EWG members to share the update information, for example new policy, law, mega program, or constitution in each state. Then, facilitator mentioned the importance of consistency of term used in the guidelines and the risk of any controversial or sensitive issue. Examples of these terms are stakeholder versus partner, local people, versus indigenou people and rural development versus community development.

Next steps:

- Participants were asked to share update information by 15 September to PMU-Mr. Nonaka.
- PMU will make the final draft till end of December based on provided information and comments from EWG members.
- PMU share the final draft to JCC and EWG PFM members in end of December 2018. JCC and EWG PFM members will evaluate it and provide comment for final version before March 2019.

6) Action plan for external funding

PMU explained the rationale of this exercise and shared the process how to work together within this meeting. Each country needs to identify key issues and potential funding sources such Global Environmental Facility (GEF) and Green Climate Fund –Simplified Approval Process (GCF-SAP). The project proposal has to indicate potential for scaling up or transformation to adaptation/mitigation to climate change, not more than 10 million USD, and minimizing social and environmental risks and impacts.

Member from each country had opportunity to identify their priorities for PFM and determine the focus for new proposal. International consultants have been hired to provide support and make the draft version for preliminary concept note.

Next steps: Before having next JCC meeting in December 2018; PMU, with support from international consultants, expects to have a number of concept notes to share and get approval. This requires inputs and commitments from each state member to go for the next steps.

7) Annual work plan for 2019-2020

PMU shared the draft annual work plan 2019/20 for any comment. Due to some management issue, many activities planned for 2018/19 will be postponed to 2019/20. The work plan for 2019/20 includes next main activities,

- Development of PFM database system and operation training
- Skill up training program
- Development of action plan idea note used external funding and follow-up

PMU proposed two options to enhance the follow-up activities of action plan in each MSs. Then MSs discussed about it. EWG members selected second option (Cancelling 7th EWG PFM) as a better for MSs. Then some member proposed the expectation of over 1-week meeting including skill up training as the 6th EWG PFM.

4. Conclusion

The 5th EWG PFM meeting was done well with supports from the Government of Malawi, RECOFTC, and valuable contributions from EWG PFM members from 3 to 7 Sept. 2018 in Lilongwe, Malawi. EWG PFM members got opportunities to experience database system version 1 and provide feedback how to improve. They also enjoyed opportunities to learn more about PFM in Malawi through field visit and short presentation from the Department of Forestry: Malawi. Each state member had good chance to start thinking and drafting idea for action plan idea note for external funding support. There are next steps shared and agreed for further database system development, regional PFM guideline development, external funding programs, and annual work plan for 2019-2020. The next EWG PFM meeting will be in Botswana around Sept. 2019.



Annex 1: Participants List of 5th EWG PFM Meeting

Participants List of 5th EWG PFM Meeting

No	Country	Participants list
1	Botswana	Mr. Onalenna Manene
2		Mr. Tlamelo Hermans Matsapa
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4		Mr. Kompi Rasekoli
5	Madagascar	Ms. Felanirina Rabevazaha
6		Ms. Randriambao Nivo Malalatiana
7	Malawi	Mr. Titus Zulu
8		Ms. Lonny Nancy Jamali
9	Mozambique	Ms. Fatima de Sousa Kanji Bonete
10		Mr. Obasanjo Salvador Dembele
11	Namibia	Mr. Kaambu Teodor Ndilinane
12		Ms. Kamuhelo Lisao
13	Seychelles	Mr. John Quilindo
14		Mr. Terence Athanase
15	South Africa	Ms. Mmakwena Maleka
16		Ms. Tshifhiwa Ramatshimbila
17	Eswatini	Mr. Nkosinathi Ndumiso Masuku
18		Mr. Evart Bhodloza Motsa
19	Tanzania	Mr. Emmanuel Msoffe
20		Mr. Juma R. Mwangi
21	Zambia	Ms. Joyce Munkombwe
22		Mr. Davison Mwela
23	Zimbabwe	Mr. Stephen Zingwena
24		Mr. Rodwell Diwura
25	SADC JICA PMU	Mr. Takashi Nanaumi JAFTA
26	SADC JICA PMU	Mr. Issei Nonaka JAFTA
27	SADC JICA PMU	Mr. Sota Harako JAFTA
28	SADC JICA PMU	Mr. Jinliang Mi (Mai) JAFTA
29	SADC JICA PMU	Mr. Kei Suzuki JAFTA
30	SADC JICA PMU	Mr. Hiromitsu Kuno JAFTA
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32	SADC JICA PMU	Ms. Miho Hanamura JAFTA
33	SADC JICA PMU	Ms. Masego Maphage
34	CIFOR	Mr. Kaala Moombe
35	RECOFTC	Mr. Ronnakorn Triraganon

Annex 2: the Fifth SADC EWG PFM Meeting Agenda



The SADC-JICA Project for Forest Conservation and Sustainable Management of Forest Resources in Southern Africa
5th Expert Working Group Meeting
Participatory Forest Management (PFM)

Lilongwe, Malawi, 03rd – 07th September 2018
PROGRAMME

Time	Item	Format	Responsible
Day 1: 3 Sept.			
08:00-08:30	Registration		
08:30-08:40	Welcome Remarks by Member States	Plenary	Host Country (Malawi)
08:40-08:50	Remarks by JICA	Plenary	JICA Malawi
08:50-09:00	Remarks by SADC	Plenary	SADC Secretariat
09:00-09:20	Review of Previous 4 th EWG-PFM and 4 th JCC	Plenary	Previous Chairperson
09:20-09:40	Nomination for new chairperson	Plenary	Previous Chairperson
09:40-10:00	Objectives of the 5 th EWG-PFM	Plenary	PMU (JICA expert)
10:00-10:20	Tea Break		
10:20-12:00	PFM Database: Introduction of PFM DB prototype ver. 1	Presentation	PMU (JICA expert)
12:00-13:00	Lunch Break		
13:00-15:00	PFM Database: Discussion for improving point of prototype and data collection/registration step	Workshop	EWG & PMU (JICA expert)
15:00-15:20	Tea Break		
15:20-16:20	Introduction for Sendwe forest conservation activities by local communities	Presentation	DOF
16:20-16:30	Introduction for field visit	Presentation	PMU (JICA expert)
Day 2: 4 Sept.			
Full day	Field visit:: Sendwe forest conservation activities by local communities (Objective: To learn knowhow of long term PFM activities by local people)	Field Visit	EWG

Day 3: 5 Sept.			
08:30-10:00	Introduction for Dzalanyama forest conservation project (Objective: To learn advanced activities for forest conservation)	Presentation Discussion	DOF
10:00-10:20	Tea Break		
10:20-12:00	Review of field visit: "What is excellent point of the project?"	Discussion	EWG
12:00 -13:00	Lunch Break		
13:00- 14:00	Comments for GL part 1 ver. 2	Discussion	PMU (Ron and Kaala)
14:00- 15:00	Action plan & External fund: Purpose of Action plan	Presentation	PMU (JICA expert)
15:00-15:20	Tea Break		
15:20-16:30	Action plan & External fund: Purpose of Action plan	Presentation	PMU (JICA expert)
Day 4: 6 Sept.			
08:30-10:00	Action plan & External fund: Making Action plan	Workshop	EWG & PMU (JICA expert)
10:00-10:20	Tea Break		
10:20-12:00	Action plan & External fund: Making Action plan	Workshop	EWG & PMU (JICA expert)
12:00 -13:00	Lunch Break		
14:00-15:00	Action plan & External fund: Making Action plan	Workshop	EWG & PMU (JICA expert)
15:00-15:20	Tea Break		
15:20-16:30	Action plan & External fund: Making Action plan	Workshop	EWG & PMU (JICA expert)
Day 5: 7 Sept.			
08:30-10:00	Action plan & External fund: Making Action plan	Workshop	EWG & PMU (JICA expert)
10:00-10:20	Tea Break		
10:20-11:00	Drafting for Annual work plan on 2019/20	Presentation	PMU (JICA expert)
11:00-12:00	Wrap-up and making Chairperson summary for JCC	Discussion	EWG
12:00-13:00	Lunch Break		
13:30-15:00	Wrap-up and making Chairperson summary for JCC	Discussion	EWG
15:00-15:20	Tea Break		
15:20-15:30	Closing Remarks	Plenary	Chairperson

Annex 3: Annual work-plan 2019/20

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