



Global Wildlife Program Annual Conference 2019

Investing in the Wildlife Economy for Livelihoods and Conservation
October 29–November 1, 2019|Pretoria/Kruger National Park, South Africa



The Global Wildlife Program (GWP)

The GWP is a Global Environment Facility (GEF) funded, World Bank Group-led US \$213 million program. The GWP consists of 29 countries across Africa, Asia, and Latin America and the Caribbean. The GWP includes projects under implementation in 19 countries that since 2016 (using GEF-6 funding) joined forces under an integrated framework to support wildlife conservation and crime prevention for sustainable development. In June 2019, 10 additional countries joined the program (using GEF-7 funds) and are currently preparing their GWP projects. The GWP national projects invest in activities ranging from anti-poaching, community engagement, human-wildlife conflict (HWC) management, nature-based tourism, protected area management, integrated landscape management, anti-trafficking, and demand reduction. A GWP Global Project, implemented by the World Bank in partnership with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), facilitates knowledge exchange, coordination, and collaboration across national projects and other stakeholders. The Government of South Africa, in partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), is implementing a US \$4.9 million GEF-6 project *Strengthening institutions, information management and monitoring to reduce the rate of illegal wildlife trade in South Africa*. South Africa is also preparing a GEF-7 project (US \$13.4 million), in collaboration with UNEP and the World Bank to promote the biodiversity economy and combat illegal wildlife trade (IWT). The *Investing in the Wildlife Economy for Livelihoods and Conservation* conference is a joint effort by the Government of South Africa, World Bank, UNEP, and other GWP partners to promote knowledge sharing and collaboration amongst national projects.



Conference Background and Objectives

The 2019 GWP South Africa Conference is the 3rd annual conference the program has held since 2017 (information on prior events, including in India and Zambia, can be found [here](#)). The 2019 Conference will feature a mix of technical discussions, interactive working groups, and field visits. The conference objectives are to: (i) increase awareness of experiences from Africa, Asia, and Latin America and the Caribbean, on building and growing a wildlife-based economy (WBE); (ii) enhance the understanding of the range of projects participating in the GWP and share good practices in project design and implementation; and (iii) discuss opportunities to engage with the GWP Global Coordination Platform and provide input into GEF-7 project design activities.

This event is intended to strengthen collaboration across government focal points and implementing partners, support GWP project implementation activities, and stimulate new thinking and opportunities for conservation and development.

Intended for

Government focal points and project management units from the 29 GWP countries, implementing partners, South African government officials working with wildlife economy (including Department of Environment, Forestry, and Fisheries (DEFF) staff working on nature-based tourism), NGO representatives and technical experts. The conference will have simultaneous translation for English and French speakers.

Format and Content

The GWP South Africa Conference will have two components:

1. **Pretoria - GWP working sessions, high-level events, and technical discussions (Oct 29 – 30, 2019):** This component features poster presentations by GWP national project teams to highlight project-specific challenges and opportunities and for the GWP GEF-7 national project partners to present and obtain feedback on their project concepts. It will also feature inspirational talks, technical sessions and working groups on wildlife economy. Topics covered will focus on wildlife-based tourism, public private partnerships for conservation and development, catalyzation community entrepreneurship and private sector investment, use of natural capital accounting and innovative financing, and technology solutions to address illegal wildlife trade.
2. **Kruger National Park - Field visits (Oct 31 – Nov 1, 2019):** Participants will conduct field visits to innovative joint operations/technology centers and marketplaces and meet with community members engaged in public-private partnerships to promote sustainable development. Field visits will be conducted in or near Skukuza, Sabi Sands, and Nkambeni.



Day 1		Tuesday 29 October	
0800 - 0830	Registration		
0830 – 0930	SA/GWP Welcome <i>Opening remarks from high level officials from South Africa, WB, UNEP, GEF</i>	Opening and Welcome (Opening Ceremony) Programme Director Shonisani Munzhedzi, Deputy DG, DEFF, South Africa Presenters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Erwin De Nys, Program Leader, Southern Africa, WBG Cecilia Njenga, Head of South Africa Office, UNEP Jaime Cavelier, Senior Biodiversity Specialist, GEFSEC Honorable Minister Ms. Barbara Creecy, Minister of Environment Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF), South Africa 	
0930 – 1000	Coffee Break/Media Engagement (Facilitated by Albi Modise, Head of Communications)		
1000 – 1030	Introductions <i>Interactive activities for GWP national focal points to meet and connect</i>	Welcoming Remarks: Garo Batmanian, Lead for Forests and Landscapes, WBG + GWP video Moderators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sabastian Adams, Project Coordinator, DEFF, South Africa Hasita Bhammar, Analyst, GWP GWP national project representatives 	
1030 - 1100	GWP Overview – <i>Presentation of GWP pillars</i>	Presenters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elisson Wright, Senior NRM Specialist, WBG/GWP Lisa Farroway, Regional Technical Adviser, UNDP 	
1100 - 1200	GWP National Project Panel –GWP <i>Facilitated discussions</i>	Moderator: Iretomiwa Olatunji, Sr. ENV Specialist, WBG <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mateus Mutemba, Director General, ANAC Mozambique Abdoul Bechir Andi, GEF Operational FP, Chad Somkiat Soontornpitakkool, Director, CITES Management Authority; Project Director, IWT-GWP project, Thailand Frances Craigie, Chief ENF, DEFF, South Africa 	
1200 - 1330	Lunch		
1330 – 1400	Keynote Speeches: <i>The case for a biodiversity-based economy + Communities as Shareholders</i>	Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masego Madzwamuse, CEO of Southern Africa Trust Francois du Toit, CEO of African Conservation Trust 	
1400 – 1530	Panel Session 1: Wildlife – why it matters <i>Presentation to set the stage for key IWT and wildlife economy issues</i>	Moderator: Garo Batmanian, WBG Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brian Child, Associate Professor, University of Florida Nick Ahlers, Project Leader, Wildlife TRAPS, TRAFFIC Hannah Fairbank, Sr. Biodiversity Specialist, GEF Nils Meyer, Principal PM, KfW Memory Machingambi, National Treasury, South Africa 	
1530 – 1600	Coffee Break		
1600 – 1630	Closing remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shonisani Munzhedzi, Deputy DG, DEFF, South Africa 	
1830 – 2100	Reception + Launch of South Africa GEF 6 GWP Project (Albi Modise + Project Partners)		
END OF DAY 1			



Day 2		Wednesday 30 Oct	
0800 - 0900	Breakfast		
0900 - 1030	<p>Panel Session 2: Creating Value in a Wildlife Economy <i>Presentation of building blocks for wildlife economy (nature-based tourism, value chain, partnerships)</i></p>	<p>Moderator: Cecilia Njenga, UNEP</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nick Stone, FS Investors Sue Snyman, Senior Program Officer, IUCN Shri. Soumitra Dasgupta, IFS, IG Wildlife, India Brighton Kumchedwa, Director DNPW, Malawi Sibusiso Bukhosini, CEO, iSimangaliso 	
1030 – 1100	Coffee Break		
1100 - 1230	<p>Breakout Session 1: <i>Participants explore session topics in detail; discuss opportunities and challenges; and report out on key recommendations</i></p>	<p>Group Moderators</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yuval Tchetchik, Technical Advisor, Private Sector, DEFF + Cecilia Njenga, UNEP (private sector value chains) Olga Kumalo, CITES Focal Point, South Africa + Haruko Okusu, Chief, (effective management of wildlife trade/CITES) Phatsimo Morwamang, Supreme Audit Institution (SAI), Botswana + Patrick Kabuya, Sr FIN Specialist, WBG Xola Mkefe, Manager, SanParks + Sue Snyman (NBT) SA FIU + Nigel Bartlett, Sr. FIN Specialist, WBG (AML) 	
1230 – 1330	Lunch		
1330 – 1530	<p>Break out Session 2 - Thematic Deep-Dives: <i>Each group will brainstorm solutions for their themes and report priorities to plenary. Participants will participate in two thematic groups during session.</i></p>	<p>Thematic Circles: (i) NBT: Ms. Sonam Tshoki, Bhutan; Mr. Stephen Manegene, Kenya; (ii) WBE: Mr. Bennett Kahuure, Namibia; Mr. Erastus Kancheya Zambia; (iii) CBNRM: Tanyaradzwa Mundoga, Zimbabwe; Loralie R. Salvador, Philippines (iv) HWC: Mr. Lesole Montshiwa, Botswana; Mr. Sanjay Kumar, India (v) anti-poaching: Mr. Dadang Suganda Indonesia; Pejul Sebastiao Calenga, Mozambique (vi) anti-trafficking: Somkiat Soontornpitakkool, Thailand; Mr. John Ngowi Tanzania; (vii) protected area (PA) management: Zenebe Arafaine Kebedew, Ethiopia; Jalaludin Naseri, Afghanistan (viii) PA Sustainable Financing: Ms. Wadzi, South Africa; Mr. Jorge Ulises Garcia Dominguez Panama; (ix) policies/ legislation: Brighton Kumchedwa, Malawi; Van Anh Nguyen Thi, Vietnam; (x) Francophone countries (all circles will have SA/GEF Agency support)</p>	
1530 – 1600	Coffee Break		
1600 - 1700	<p>Breakout Session 3 - Disrupting Illegal Trade & Demand Session</p>	<p>Facilitators: James Bampton (WCS); Nick Ahlers/Gayle Burgess, Consumer Behavior Change Coordinator (TRAFFIC); Danie Pinaar, HOD Savanna Ecology, SanParks; Dave Balfour, Chair IUCN Rhino specialist group + GWP national project representatives</p>	
1700 – 1745	<p>Youth Entrepreneurship</p>	<p>Speakers: Charles Reed, Youth Employment Services (YES); Bongani Baloyi, Regional Coordinator, Wilderness Safaris; Christopher Kafoteka, Manager, Kelly Nendouvhada, SAWC</p>	
1745 – 1800	<p>Closing remarks</p>	<p>Shonisani Munzhedzi, South Africa</p>	
1800 – 2100	Dinner		



END OF DAY 2

Day 3	Thursday 31 Oct – Kruger National Park	
0700 – 0800	Breakfast	
1000 - 1100	Travel to Skukuza Rest Camp in Kruger	
1100 - 1300	Check-In and Lunch	
1300 - 1600	GWP Global Project + National Projects Deep Dive: <i>Mix of presentations and guided discussions to share information on current GWP efforts and brainstorm additional opportunities to collaborate and enhance program outcomes. Information sharing on key project activities, knowledge needs, and opportunities to enhance collocation.</i>	GWP National Project Presentations and Group Activities: Hasita Bhammar (WBG) + national project representatives
1600 - 1800	Field visit (demonstration by MAJOC) to learn from SanParks law enforcement efforts	
1900 – 2100	Dinner	
END OF DAY 3		
Day 4	Friday 1 Nov – Kruger National Park	
0800 – 0900	Breakfast	
0900 – 1000	Travel to Sabi Sands	
1000 – 1200	Field visit to see public private partnerships activities	
1200 - 1300	Lunch + team discussions	
1300 - 1400	Travel to Nkambeni	
1400 – 1700	Field visit to community representatives	
1900 - 2100	Dinner	
END OF DAY 4 / END OF CONFERENCE		
Day 5	Saturday 2 Nov – Return travel to Johannesburg	
0700 – 0800	Breakfast	
0800 - 1200	Travel to Johannesburg	
DELEGATES DEPARTURE		