

The OACPS Research and Innovation Programme:

## Strengthening R&I in Waste Management and Natural Resources Management in Southern Africa Region

The OACPS R&I Programme works in African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries through the ACP Innovation Fund (IF) - for R&I capacity building, research uptake and policy advocacy, and the Policy Support Facility (PSF) - to enhance R&I policies and ecosystems



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**SADC Region** 





## **Achievements – November 2024**

In the Southern Africa Region, IF finances one project: Strengthening R&I in Waste Management and Natural Resources Management (RINaWa)

**RINaWa** 2022 – 2025 Implemented by: The Southern African Development Community (SADC) Secretariat, Colleague of African Wildlife Management Area (CAWM) and World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) Mozambique Country Office (MCO), partnering with universities, research centres and local groupings acting as local multipliers from Malawi, Mozambique, Tanzania and Zambia.

**Objective:** Improved sustainable waste and natural resources management in the targeted countries of Southern Africa. The project integrates research and tertiary education institutes, government entities, and local and national groupings from society (IPLCs, CBOs, CSOs) in evidence-based training, policy development and management actions in Waste Management (WM) and Community-based Natural Resource Management (CB-NRM), enhancing local skills and developing information exchange mechanisms.

## **Selection of Products:**

- 1 baseline report for the program
- 110 people participated in 8 training events conducted on WM and CBNRM
- 9 long course curriculum programs developed; **75 modules** in WM and 41 in CBNRM developed; **13 short** term courses in WM and NRM developed
- Participation of project team at the 14th Tanzania Wildlife Research Institute (TAWIR) International Conference, in Arusha – Tanzania, where poster was presented, and 100 flyers, 200 brochures and 100 leaflets were distributed
- 39 stakeholders engaged on identifying and prioritizing R&I on WM and NRM to be promoted by the program
- 43 stakeholders participated in a technical workshop to identify capacity Needs in the drafting, implementation and monitoring of policies in NRM and WM
- **Expected:** 1 comprehensive policy gap review database and report
- Expected: WM National Strategy reviewed in Mozambique

## RINaWa-supported multiplier partners

Country	Local Multiplier	Achievements
Tanzania	Community Wildlife Management Areas Consortium	<b>36 representatives</b> from research and tertiary institutes and value chain actors participated in a workshop for exchange on the role of local and Indigenous knowledge in WM and NRM
		<b>30 representatives</b> from value chain actors, local government, and research & tertiary institutes participated in one national group workshop to develop priority areas for influencing research and innovation in WM and NRM
		<b>286 representatives</b> from value chain actors and local governments were engaged in an awareness event aimed at promoting the adoption and adaptation of existing effective innovations in WM and NRM
Mozambique	Cooperativa de Educação Ambiental REPENSAR	<b>510 representatives</b> from government authorities, value chain actors, and local groupings participated in 1 awareness event about CBNRM in Mozambique
		237 people participated in an exhibition on Innovative WM and CBNRM solutions based on local ecosystems in Mozambique
		2 training manuals for environmental educators on WM were developed
		Expected: A Campaign Strategy for awareness raising on identified R&I on WM and NRM
South Africa	Southern African Wildlife College (SAWC)	20 representatives from research and tertiary institutes (Malawi, Mozambique, Tanzania, and Zambia) participated in a workshop to explore the current gaps and potential solutions within educational institutions in relation to R&I to better support NRM and WM in the Southern African Region
Botswana	Skyberry Botswana (PTY) LTD	98 value chain actors from Malawi, Zambia, Tanzania, and Mozambique trained in action research methodology
		8 panel experts to review concept notes submitted by local and national groupings selected