

Country Overview

The Gambia

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Overview of Protected Area (PA) system

National Categories of PAS	TOTAL	
	No.	Area (hectares)
National Parks	4	28, 198
Nature Reserve	3	22, 717
Community Reserve	1	325
Total	8	51,240
	4.2% of National Territory of The Gambia	

In addition, there are 66 Forest Parks covering 11% of total land area of The Gambia

Overview of PAs Contin.....

- Processes to designate additional protected areas including Jokadu National Park and Niumi Jokadu Biosphere Reserve are at advance stage.

Populations living within/next to Pas?

- Tanji Bird Reserve:
- Tanbi Wetland National Park
- Abuko Nature Reserve
- Baobolon Wetland Reserve
- River Gambia National Park
- Kiang West National Park
- Niumi National Park
- Gunjur Community Wildlife Reserve

Main threats to PA system

1. Logging
2. Infrastructural Development
3. Land Conversion
4. Bush Fires

As the most persistent threats to PA systems in the
Gambia

Capacity Gaps in PA Management?

1. Protected area Planning
2. Data Base Specialist
3. Global Information System (GIS) Specialist
4. Risk identification on impacts of CC

Current level of support to PAs

- Strong Legal and Institutional Frameworks exist for Protected Area Management in the Gambia
- However, Protected Areas is not a **Priority** to Central Government unlike Agriculture and Education.
- Government funding towards PAs is not sufficient (with annual budget range of 1.5 to 2 million Dalasis).
Centralized Vs. Program budgeting

Current Donor Projects (4 Projects)

- Integrated Coastal and Marine Biodiversity Management Project (ICAM Phase Two) Funded by PRCM (2009-2012)
- The Gambia Biodiversity Management and Institutional Strengthening Project (GEF /World Bank funded project, 2010-2013)
- Socio-Economic and Shell Resources Monitoring in the Niumi Marine Protected Area (3 years)
- UNDP Support for Energy and Environment Project

Planned Donor Activities?

- Proposed Institutional Reform of DPWM to an Authority Called Gambia Wildlife Authority (GAWA)
- The Gambia is Developing a Road Map for the Implementation of CBD COP10 Decisions
 - Involving the Development of Bankable Projects

Overview of National Climate Change Activities

- Department of Water Resources is the UNFCCC Focal Point and CC Secretariat, therefore coordinates CC issues
- National Climate Committee Established
- Designated National Authority also established

Some capacity exist but there is still need to improve capacity to monitor , collect data, assess risk on(e.g agric. natural resources, H/Health)

Main challenges to integrating climate change into PA management

1. Weak Institutional Collaboration
2. Inadequate skills to Identify & Monitor CC Impacts
3. Inadequate Policy and Institutional Frameworks



THANK YOU