

Linking Biodiversity Conservation and Water, Sanitation and Hygiene: *Experiences from sub-Saharan Africa*

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Presentation Outline

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what is WASH?

- WASH = water, sanitation and hygiene



- Core WASH activities
 - Community and household water supplies (drinking water, cooking, bathing laundry, general cleaning)
 - Household sanitation (excreta disposal, trash disposal, drainage)
 - Hygiene promotion (awareness raising, and behavior changes in personal hygiene practices and household cleanliness)



Rationale for Integration of WASH and Conservation in SSA



Working together to find joint solutions

World Water Day 2011

- Events held in DC, hosted by the Water and Sanitation Program, a multi-donor partnership lead by the World Bank
- WASH and Healthy Ecosystems: Advancing Freshwater Management through Integrated WASH Programming



InterAction Forum 2011

- One of the largest meetings of humanitarian and international development professionals
- The Power of One: Integrating the work and the message of WASH and Conservation



Objective of Report

Build the evidence base for how projects that integrate freshwater ecosystem conservation and WASH interventions in sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) achieve simultaneous goals through more holistic approaches.

Case Study Findings



Pangani Basin Environmental Flow Assessment – Tanzania (IUCN/EU/GEF)

Case Study Findings (cont.)



Working for Wetlands – South Africa (GoSA/SANBI)

Case Study Findings (cont.)



Ranon'ala Project – Madagascar (CI and CRS)

Lessons Learned



Next Steps

- We have some evidence, but need to go deeper.
- Develop guidelines and best practices for integrated project planning and indicators for measuring successes.
- Reach out to new partners, donors, and other sectors to expand upon learning and tools.
- Promoting our successes and build bridges between conservation and development in Africa.
- Establish a dialogue with governments and foundations that fund WASH activities to increase the understanding and implementation of integrated approaches.