

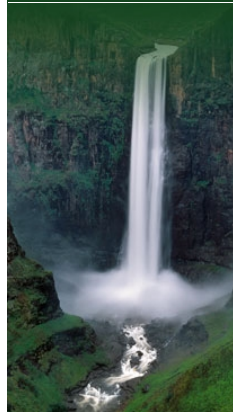


# Orange-Senqu River Awareness Kit

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### Southern African Development Community (SADC): SADC Regional Strategic Action Plan

The Regional Water Policy and Strategy is to be implemented through a series of short-term water sector programs via the Regional Strategic Action Plan (RSAP) on Integrated Water Resources Development and Management. To date, there have been three iterations of the RSAP, as described below:

#### RSAP 3

The RSAP 3 (2011- 2015) is the current implementation plan that aims to support implementation of IWRM through strengthening the enabling environment for water resources governance in the region(SADC 2005b)

The plan presents a series of interventions and activities which have been devised to meet three strategic objectives found within the three strategic areas(listed below) that are considered the key pillars of IWRM.

- Water Governance
- Infrastructure Development
- Water Management

The plan presents a list of 15 programmes each with a set of comprehensive interventions and a guide to the level at which these will be implemented with clear roles and responsibilities outlined.Plans are also in place for a monitoring and evaluation system to be developed tracking the progress of each of the interventions and their contribution to achieving the strategic objectives. As has been the case with the two previous plans, a mid term review will be conducted for the RSAP in 2013.

A copy of RSAP 3 can be found in the [Document Library](#).

#### RSAP 2

RSAP 2 (2005–2010) was the second implementation plan which had its focus on water and development through projects and initiatives in four strategic clusters (SADC 2005b):

- Regional Water Resources management, planning and development (assessment, monitoring, planning, operation)
- Infrastructure Development Support (Regional Strategic Water Infrastructure Development Programme (RSWIDP); over 140 projects assessed – 38% in bulk water supply, dams, transfers, and hydropower (Ramoelli 2006 and SADC 2006b)
- Water Governance (implementation of Protocol, stakeholder participation, implementation of policy and strategy)
- Capacity Building (skills training, academic IWRM training and research, support to WD, strengthening RBOs)

The RSAP 2 is available in the [Document Library](#).

#### RSAP 1

RSAP 1 was implemented over the period 1999–2004 (SADC 2005a), to establish an enabling environment for the integrated management of water resources in the region, in support of the achievement of other regional objectives. SADC implemented 31 of the 44 projects (see Table 1) in the categories of:

- Legislation, Policy and Strategic Planning
- Capacity Building and Training
- Awareness Creation, Consultation and Public Participation
- Information Collection, Analysis, Management and Dissemination and Improved National and Transboundary River Basin Management, Planning and Co-ordination
- Infrastructure Investment
- Stand Alone – Special Priority Areas

Implementation of RSAP 1 clearly demonstrated that international cooperation is possible in the management of scarce resources. A good example is the revision and ratification of the Protocol on Shared Watercourses (1995–2003) which provided a framework within which to reach more detailed agreements such as the Incomaputo Agreement. Another good example of international cooperation is the preparation of the Regional Water Policy. RSAP 1 furthermore revealed that local communities can be mobilised and can have an impact on water resources planning.

Find the Implementing the [Regional Strategic Action Plan \(1\) for Integrated Water Resources Management \(1999 to 2004\): Lessons & Best Practice \(2005\)](#) Document in the [Document Library](#).

## Interactive

### Basin Map

Explore the sub-basins of the Orange-Senqu River

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Explore the principles of Integrated Water Resource Management applied to the Orange-Senqu

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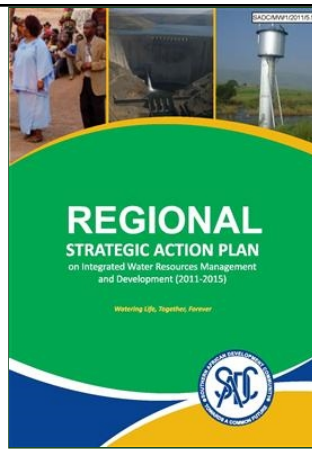
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**RSAP 3.**

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**Table: Projects within the Regional Strategic Action Program 1 and 2**

Cluster Name	RSAP 2 Project Ref.	Project Title	
		(project #) RSAP 1	RSAP 2
3Regional Water Resources Planning and Management	RWR 1	15 Expansion of SADC-HYCOS Project 18 Upgrade and Modernise Water Monitoring Systems for Lake Malawi 19 Rehabilitation of Joint Monitoring Systems – Angola and Namibia	Consolidation and expansion of SADC-HYCOS
	RWR 2	14 Assessment of Surface Water Resources	Standards assessment of surface water resources
	RWR 3	6 Groundwater Management Programme in SADC	Groundwater Management Programme in SADC
	RWR 4	12 Economic Accounting of Water Use	Support of Strategic and integrated Water Resources Planning
	RWR 5	2 Regional Guidelines for Dam Safety Legislation and Procedures	Dam Safety, Synchronisation and Emerging operations
Infrastructure Development Support	INF 1	13 Study for Expanding Private Sector Participation in Water and Sanitation Services 27 Control and Development of Lake Malawi and Shire River 28 Study of the Navigability of the Zambezi and Shire Rivers 29 Stabilisation of the Course of the Songwe River 30 Lower Orange River	Regional Strategic Water Infrastructure Programme
	INF 2	5 Programme on Water Supply and Sanitation for SADC Region	Implementation of the Water Supply and Sanitation Programme for SADC
Water Governance	WG 1	8 Implementation Programme for SADC Protocol on Shared Watercourses 30 Lower Orange River 31 Integrated Basin Management Plan for the Okavango River	Implementation Programme for SADC Protocol on Shared Watercourses
	WG 2	4 Consultative Forum on Water Issues 20 Awareness-Building for Decision-Makers 21 Involving the Media in Water Issues 24 Promotion of Stakeholder Participation in Water Resources Management 25 Feasibility Study for Creating Fund to Support NGO/CBO Participation in Water Resources Management Activities 26 Programme on Means to Empower Women in Water Issues	Promotion of public participation in water resource development and management
	WG 3	1 Regional Guidelines for Review and Formulation of National Water Legislation 9 Regional Guidelines for Water Policy and Review in Member-States 10 Develop and implement National Water Sector Strategies 11 Establish Regional Water Sector Policy and Strategy	Promotion of Implementation of Regional Water Policy and Strategy

Capacity Building	CB 1	22 Human Resources Development Programme 17 Training in Surveying, Mapping and Geographic Information Systems	Skills training for water policymakers, managers and practitioners
	CB 2	23 WaterNet	WaterNet
	CB 3	7 WSCU Capacity Building Project	Capacity Building Support to the SADC Water Division
	CB 4	3 Capacity Building for Joint Integrated Basin Management	Strengthening River Basin Organisations
	CB 5	WARFSA	Regional Water Research Fund
<b>Total No. of Projects</b>	<b>15</b>		

To learn more about the Regional Strategic Action Programs, please refer to the [SADC website](#).

The third strategic action plan has a slightly different structure to the two previous plans. The table below shows a summary of the list of programme objectives the RSAP 3 aims to achieve, these have been grouped into the strategic areas and objectives under which they fall. Specific activities and interventions fall within each of the overarching programme objectives.

Strategic Objectives	No.	Category	Strategic Area		
			Water Governance	Infrastructure Development	Water Management
Capacity Development	1	River Basin Organisations	Strengthen the organisational and institutional mechanisms for river basin management		
	2	Regional Instruments	Strengthen the enabling environment for the coordinated management and development of water resources		
	3	Management & support	Develop the capacities of the SADC Water Division to ensure the sustainable and coordinated management of the RSAP		
	4	Communication & Awareness	Raise awareness and share information on integrated water resources management		
	5	Research & education			Develop the skills and knowledge of water professionals on integrated water resources management
	6	Stakeholder Participation	Involve stakeholders in the management of transboundary water resources		
	7	Infrastructure project preparation		Prepare bankable water infrastructure projects	
	8	Resource Mobilisation for Infrastructure Development		Improve grant and investment infrastructure funding	
	10	Water Supply & sanitation			Improve access to water supply and sanitation services

	11	Ground water management & development			Improve coordination over the management of groundwater resources
	12	Water Economics			Account for the contribution of water to the economy.
	13	Hydrology & Basin management			Develop planning mechanisms and operational procedures for managing water resources
	14	Environmental water management			Institutionalize water quality Management in the region.
<b>Social Development</b>	9	Infrastructure pilot projects			Demonstrate the benefits of joint infrastructure development initiatives.
<b>Climate Change</b>	15				Integrate climate change adaptation into water resources planning and management.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>				

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