

PROJECT BRIEF

Buzi, Pungwe, Save Tri-Basin Project



Project Objective

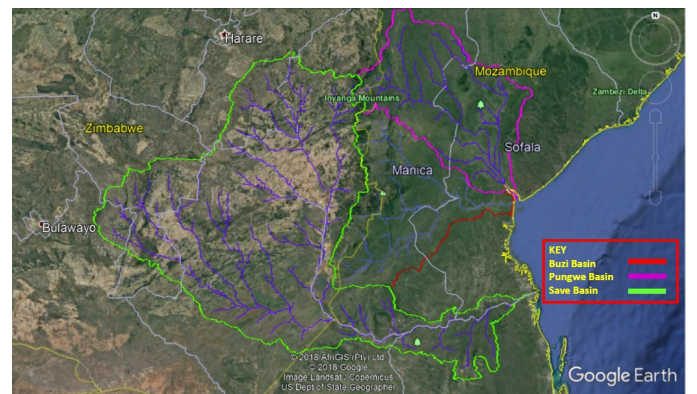
The objective of the Buzi, Pungwe and Save (BUPUSA) Tri-basin Project is to support a bridging phase that strengthens cooperation and institution building in the Buzi, Pungwe and Save river basins.

The project will mainly focus on supporting the ongoing negotiations on the Buzi and Save River Basin Water Sharing Agreements, and establishment of the BUPUSA Tri-basin Institution.

Key Components of the Project

The specific objectives of the project are to:

- Facilitate the elaboration and finalization of the Buzi Water Sharing Agreement.
- Facilitate the negotiations and drafting of the First Draft Save Water Sharing Agreement.
- Conduct preparatory work for the establishment of the BUPUSA Tri-basin Institution, which will oversee the implementation of the Buzi, Pungwe and Save Water Sharing Agreements.



Name of the Programme	Buzi, Pungwe, Save Tri-Basin Project
Financing partner	GIZ, German Cooperation and UKAID
Duration	2018-2019
Implementing Agency	Global Water Partnership Southern Africa on behalf of the SADC Secretariat

Introduction

Mozambique and Zimbabwe share at least five river basins (or sub-basins), namely Limpopo, Zambezi, Buzi, Pungwe and Save. The Buzi, Pungwe and Save basins are exclusively shared by the two countries and drain into the Indian Ocean. Cooperation in the Buzi, Pungwe and Save River basins is driven by water resources planning, development and management projects which require the two countries to cooperate. Mozambique and Zimbabwe, in managing shared river basins, are guided by the Revised Protocol on Shared Watercourses in the Southern African Development Community (SADC), signed in 2000 with the objective of fostering closer cooperation for judicious, sustainable and coordinated management, protection and utilization of the shared watercourses, and to advance the SADC agenda on regional integration and poverty alleviation. The Protocol entered into force in 2003 and calls for the need to establish river basin institutions, such as river basin commissions, joint water commissions and water sharing agreements.

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In 2016, Mozambique and Zimbabwe signed the Pungwe Basin Water Sharing Agreement to institutionalize transboundary water management in the Pungwe Basin. Adoption of the Pungwe Basin Water Sharing Agreement paves the way for the establishment of a bilateral institution that will be responsible for the implementation of the Bilateral Agreement on the Pungwe Basin. However, there are serious considerations to bring the Buzi, Pungwe and Save basins under one transboundary water management institution, forming a tri-basin organization.





Implementing Arrangements

This initiative by the governments of Mozambique and Zimbabwe, supported by the SADC Directorate of Infrastructure and Services, Water Division, is being implemented for approximately one year (starting in November 2018) and managed through a Grant Agreement between GIZ and GWPSA. A Project Implementation Unit (PIU) has been established to assist the main basin integrated water resources management (IWRM) institutions to plan, coordinate, implement, manage and monitor the activities supported by the project in collaboration with national and international partners. The project is being managed by GWPSA on behalf of the ministries responsible for water resources in the governments of Mozambique and Zimbabwe. Project implementation is being carried out by the PIU, housed in the

Administração Regional de Águas do Centro (ARA) Centro Office in Beira, Mozambique.

Project Outcomes and achievements

The main outcomes of the project were:

- Finalisation and signing of the Agreement between Mozambique and Zimbabwe on the Co-operation on the Development, Management and Sustainable Utilization of the Water Resources of the Buzi Watercourse. The Agreement was signed on 29th July, in Mutare, Zimbabwe by the ministers responsible for water for the two countries.
- Preparation of a Road map and Financing strategy for the establishment of the Buzi, Pungwe, Save Tri-basin Institution

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