



South Sudan Wetlands

Special Focus Seminar: South Sudan and the Sudd Wetland

Introduction and Welcome Remarks

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South Sudan Wetlands

South Sudan is endowed with Wetland Resources;

1. Sudd (Ramsar Site since 2006), encompassing three protected areas (Shambe NP, Fanyikang GR and Zeraf Game Reserve)
2. Machar Marshes etc.

Regionally critical for River Nile Hydrology, regional climate

Nationally critical for Biodiversity, livelihoods, water supply, fisheries and other aquatic resources, local micro-climate, nomadic lifestyles etc



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South Sudan Wetlands/Sudd Wetland facing many Challenges:

- ❑ Encroachment; overgrazing, farming
- ❑ Extractive Industries
- ❑ Climate Change
- ❑ Jonglei Canal
- ❑ Limited funding from national budget
- ❑ Inadequate Knowledgebase
- ❑ Inadequate capacity/personnel
- ❑ Frequent Civil Instability; **this is changing for better**



Ongoing work supported by NBI

- ❑ Nile Basin Wetlands Baseline Studies (Sudd Diagnostic Analysis Study, Sudd Eco-hydrological study, Sudd Options Study, Sudd Wetland Management Study)... **Ongoing**
- ❑ Machar Marshes Eco-Hydrology Study which focuses on an in-depth assessment of the hydrology, ecology, biodiversity and socio-economics of Machar Marshes to lay the foundation for strategic planning ...**Ongoing**
- ❑ Nile Basin Wetlands The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB) Study for Sudd and Machar Marshes ...**Done**
- ❑ Nile Basin Wet(Peat)lands Carbon Study (Done)...**Done**



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CONSERVATION ACTION PLANNING

Sudd Wetlands Conservation Strategy and Action Plan

Kick-Start Workshop Held:

11th- 13th March, 2019

James Hotel, Juba, South Sudan

Conservation Action Planning

It will provide **Concrete Roadmap** in terms of effective conservation strategies and actions for **Sudd Wetland**

- ❑ Who are the critical stakeholders
- ❑ Definition of Scope and Strategic Conservation Targets
- ❑ Situational Context and Critical Threats
- ❑ Develop Strategies and Measures
 - Adaptive Management
 - Resource Mobilization
 - Monitoring and Learning



Stakeholder Process

- ✓ Stakeholder consultation and development process of Sudd Wetlands Action Plan is being facilitated by SS Wetlands Working Group –**Ongoing**



SS Wetlands Working Group Members I

- Regional Wetlands Working Group Members
- Wetlands Department, Ministry of Environment and Forestry
- Machar Representatives from local Government in the right department
- Sudd Representatives from local Government in the right department
- University of Juba, relevant department (s)/Faculty
- Upper Nile University relevant department (s)/Faculty
- Nile Basin Discourse (NBD) Representative
- Agriculture and Food Security

Indicative SS Wetlands Working Group Members II

- Livestock and Fisheries
- Environment and Forestry
- Energy and Dams
- Wildlife Conservation and Tourism
- Land, Housing and Urban Development
- Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management
- Other Strategic State Actors
- Other Strategic Non-State Actors



Next Steps

- ✓ The Sudd Wetlands Conservation Action Planning is **ongoing**;
 - Scope, Target and Stakeholders Mapping...**Done**
 - Situational Analysis...**Ongoing**
 - Stakeholder Consultations...**Ongoing**
 - Action Planning-**Ongoing**

- ✓ Join and Support Us in this process. THANK YOU

