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1	Tanzania: SGF/11/TZ/2	Wildlife Division, Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism	12	23,220	<p>Title: Zonation of Lake Natron Ramsar Site for the Conservation of the Lesser Flamingo</p> <p>The Lake Natron Basin is the only known breeding site for the 2.5 million East African Lesser Flamingoes. The already fragile, drought-prone and semi-desert environment faces increasing pressure due to growing human activities in both Kenya and Tanzania, including planned large-scale economic development projects (hydro-power generation, irrigation, soda mining and tourism).</p> <p>The project aims to support on-going activities aimed at implementing the national SSAP for the Lesser Flamingo (<i>Phoeniconaias minor</i>) and eventual zonation of the Lake Natron Ramsar Site and its surrounds to ensure its wise-use, as well as contribute to the ongoing Integrated Management Planning process which will be incorporated in the District Development Plan of the two relevant districts governments, in accordance with the 2008 Ramsar Advisory Mission to this site. The project will provide the knowledge basis for informed decision-making on the zonation for current and future local livelihood and economic investments, with the eventual creation of Wetland Reserve Areas (in accordance with the 2009 Wildlife Act) to protect the breeding grounds from developmental activities. Key activities include: a workshop to complete a draft Wetlands Inventory and Resources Assessment Guide; training workshops to develop capacity for conducting resources assessment, application of the Wetlands Reserves guidelines and sharing/validating of results with key stakeholders; development of legislation guidelines for designation of Wetlands Reserve Areas; processing of the Lake Natron Wetlands Reserve through Cabinet; development of CEPA¹ materials (in Swahili) to raise awareness on the zonation plan, Wetland Reserve and Ramsar Site.</p> <p>The Wildlife Division will collaborate with local, national and international key stakeholders and partners such as the National Wetlands Working Group, Leicester University, the Ngorogoro and Longido District Facilitation Teams, Wildlife Conservation Society of Tanzania, the Malihai Clubs of Tanzania, African Wildlife Foundation, BirdLife International, etc.</p>

¹ CEPA: Communication, Education and Public Awareness

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2	Ghana: SGF/11/GH/2	Centre for African Wetlands (CAW), University of Ghana	18	24,610	<p><i>Title: Priority setting and conservation of migratory waterbird species at key coastal wetland sites in Ghana</i></p> <p>The project aims at establishing waterbird population trends, through analysis of over 20 years of waterbird count data, as well as determining changes in habitat conditions through analysis of demographic data for the Sanderling (<i>Calidris alba</i>). The Sanderling breeds in the highest Arctic (which is susceptible to the effects of global warming), and relies on shoreline habitats (which are under stress from sea level rise), thus making it a unique model for understanding the changing environment. These analyses will permit the re-definition of key wetland sites and buffer sites and the results will permit well-informed advocacy for their protection and adaptive management under protected climate change scenarios and impacts on coastal wetlands. The project will also advocate for enhanced management of designated Ramsar Sites and protection of additional key sites.</p> <p>Activities include completing the data entry process and updating already-entered data; training personnel on techniques for long-term population counts and survival analyses and use of relevant software; completion of Sanderling survival data collection; conducting studies on Sanderling feeding ecology at selected sites; preparing a policy document on the current status of Ghana's coastal wetlands for use by the Ghana Wildlife Division; organizing two information workshops to inform representatives from the local and national government on waterbirds and wetlands.</p>