

## Project for Forest Conservation and Sustainable Management of Forest Resources in Southern Africa

### Overview

In Southern African region, approximately 10% of the world's forest is found and have significant value for living and commercial use of local communities. On the other hand, forests in the region continue to diminish each year due to logging and forest fires. Many Southern African states, however, have not been able to execute effective measures against the issues because of limitations in national budget or the lack in forest resource management capabilities.

This project will support capacity building in forest information, forest fires, and participatory forest management with the Southern African Development Community (SADC).

Such efforts will contribute to improvement in capabilities of the 15 SADC nations and the SADC Secretariat to promote sustainable forest resource management.

### Purpose

To develop the capacity of the SADC Secretariat and Member States for promoting forest conservation and sustainable management of forest resources.

### Activities/Outputs

This is the first project of JICA's technical cooperation with the SADC as its executing counterpart agency. The project is assisting the Secretariat of the SADC in implementing activities in three priority areas, i.e., forest information management, forest fire management, and community-participatory forestry. The project is aimed at contributing to the region's sustainable forest management through organizing training and workshop seminars in these areas, in order to enhance institutional capacities of 15 SADC member countries, as well as developing regional guidelines. The project's expected outcomes are:

#### **Organizing regional forest information systems.**

Enhancing the institutional capacity building of each SADC member country in the area of forest information systems through regional training programs, and support in organizing basic forest information systems in each member country.

#### **Supporting the integrated control of forest fires.**

Enhancing the institutional capacity building of each SADC member country in the area of forest fire management through regional training programs, and developing regional guidelines for dealing with forest fires.

#### **Supporting participatory forest management.**

Enhancing the institutional capacity building of each SADC member country in the area of community-participatory forest management through regional training programs, and developing regional guidelines and database on community-participatory forestry management.

**Capacity of the Secretariat of SADC's to coordinate the above three activities supports its reinforcement.**



#### **Project Site**

Southern African region

#### **Implementing Organization**

Southern African Development Community (SADC)

#### **Duration**

Jun. 2015—Jun. 2020