

Governance Stakeholders and their Engagement

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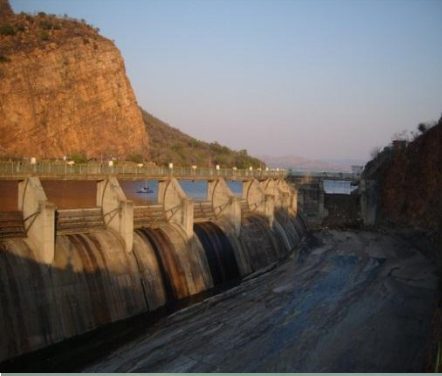
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Water Governance Group

- The group conducts research on the context and drivers for action that impact on the **interaction between people and the natural resource base**.
- Key elements of these dynamics are **ecosystem services, policy options, societal perspectives** and **issues of scale**.
- Capabilities within the Group
 - Anthropology
 - Environmental Law and Management
 - Ecology
 - International Relations
 - Political Science
- Research focus
 - Ecosystems goods and services
 - Environmental policy
 - Ecosystems and society
 - Institutions and sustainable development
- To develop a thorough understanding of the concepts and components that comprise “governance” and develop an approach to strengthen governance in water resource management agencies and decision-making processes.
- We are at times quite critical of current practices in science and procedures – advancing knowledge.



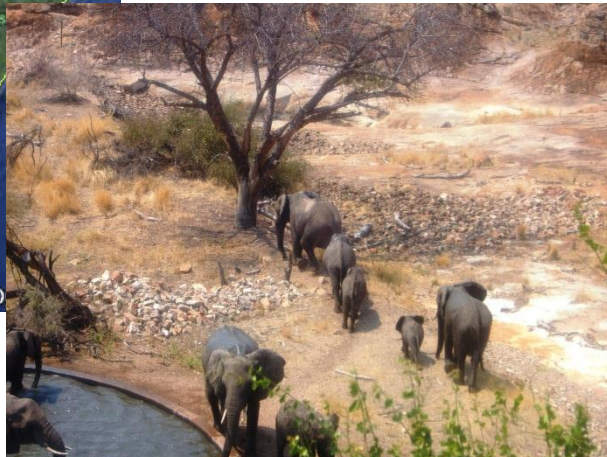
Governance



- Scale is important: household, tribal, communal, local, national, transnational or global levels.
- Not the same as government, or policies, or regulations, or agreements, or treaties, or the state.
- Governance is not only practised by the state.
- Both formal (governmental) and informal (non-governmental).
- Society has created complex problems that goes beyond the capacity of the state to solve.
- Governance is about the relationships between society's actors and the various aspects guiding their interaction.
- Governance issues is important in socio-ecological systems' resilience.
- Governance dynamics revolve around who decides what should be made resilient, for who is resilience managed and for what purposes?
- For whom something should be made resilient is also important.
- Governance is not always harmonious.
- Steering and pulling of oars.

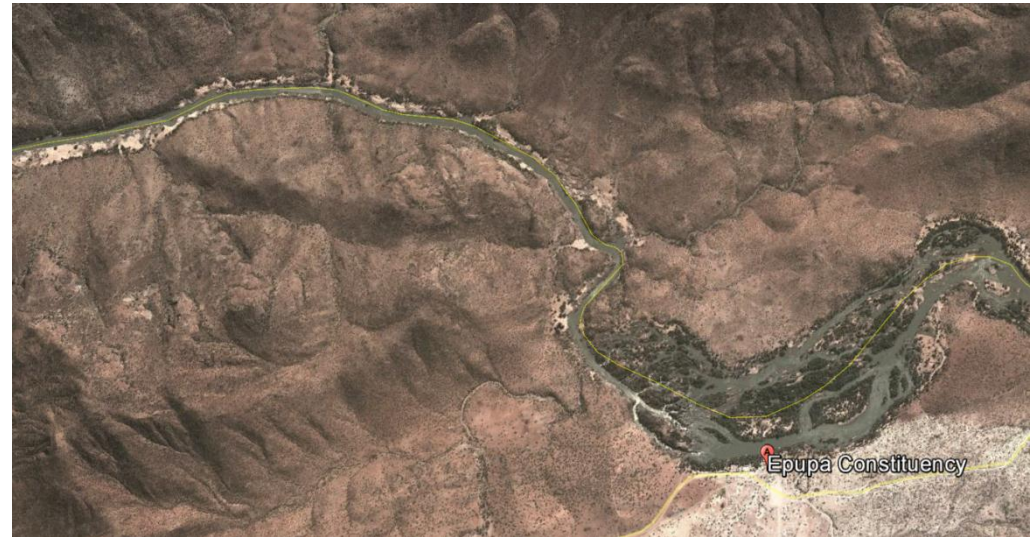
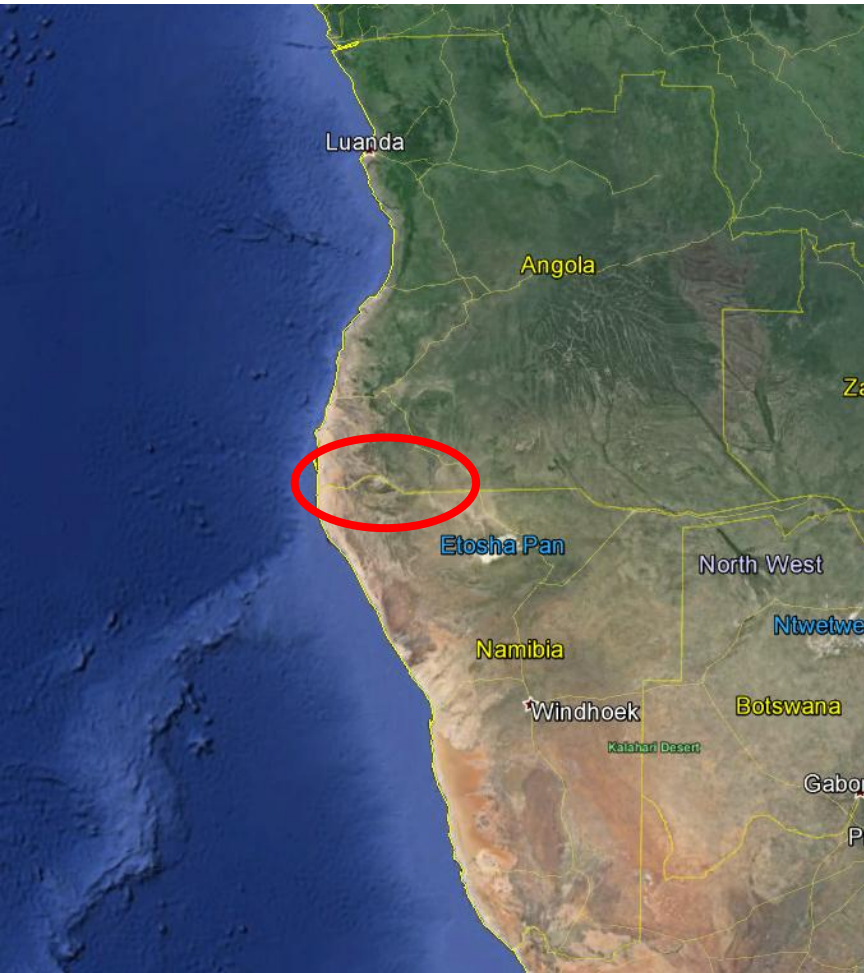
Stakeholders and Stakeseekers

- Stakeholder – any individual, group or organisation with a stake (e.g. interest, value, opinion etc.) in a matter.
 - Quaternaries A63E and A71L



Stakeholders and Stakeseekers

- Stakeseeker – any individual, group or organisation seeking a stake (e.g. interest, value, opinion etc.) in a matter.
 - Epupa Dam on the Kunene River



Engaging Role Players

- Water Sustainability Flagship
- Waste water treatment plants Greater Sekhukhune Municipality
- Different ideas about the role and importance of waste water
- Workshop and guideline to sensitise municipal officials
- Downstream community - GaManoke



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Concluding Remarks

- Scale is important – the river basin is not always the most appropriate level of analysis.
- Don't always focus on politicians – they are not the only governance role players and they are not always influential.
- Governance is not always harmonious.
- Stakeholders can be there automatically.
- Stakeholders could be stakeseekers before they become stakeholders.
- States and governments can also be stakeseekers.
- Stakeseekers can be vandals and thieves.
- Governance should also look at the 'ugly' side of human behaviour and not only focus on the good and the bold.
 - Scientists would like to neutralise the emotions and politics to such an extent that we have become our own worst enemies.
- Instead of asking who governs (e.g. governments) and who benefits (e.g. citizens), rather ask who acts and what are the consequences of their actions?



Thank you for listening

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