

BOTSWANA

Management

Fire Management: reducing the extreme wildfire threat in the winter fire season of 2006 (TCP/BOT/3103)



Scope

1. to reduce the extreme wildfire threat to:
 - food security
 - rural livelihoods and
 - the natural environment
2. to contribute to SADC-level cooperation on wildfire management.

Approach

Need for a fire management organization that spans multiple government levels and agencies

Recognition of fires in Botswana as:

- part of the evolution and ecology of the savannah and grassland vegetation
- a potential tool to achieve land management objectives (improvements and restoration of rangeland conditions)

Need for community based fire management



Weaving knowledge into development

- 150 fire-fighters trained/refreshed in basic fire fighting skills,
- 30 persons trained in crew leadership for tactical implementation of fire operations,
- 2 senior fire managers acquainted with best practices in fire management.

