

Capacity for African Resource Management

CARMa-Afrika

In a nutshell

CARMa-Afrika develops the capacity of African natural resource managers to conserve nature with communities, using cutting-edge methods and technologies

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The way we work

CARMa supports African conservation professions through learning by doing. We do this through:

- Participatory learning & action
- Developmental monitoring & evaluation
- Training courses
- Decision support systems & tools
- Hands-on mentoring

Change the World

The CARMa-Afrika collaboratory is part of Nelson Mandela University



The gap

Local communities are the primary custodians of Africa's wildlife

..but they are seldom in the front seat with conservation professionals

Knowledge and skills for innovative resource management in Africa is available

..but available capacities are not being harnessed

Practical models and tools exist...

..yet models and tools are often unsuitable for African conditions, ineffective and outdated

Science-based frameworks are abundant..

..but collaboration, learning and knowledge co-production is lacking

The opportunity

Practical solutions:

Leading the way in innovative natural resource management, using practical, cutting edge tools and technologies

Harnessing & enhancing African capacity:

Creating synergies, facilitating connections, sharing knowledge,mentoring & learning together

Innovation:

Developing & testing unique models and tools, grounded in local knowledge, practical experience, science and evidence

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Co-produced knowledge:

Partnerships between local people and indigenous communities, scientists, professionals, authorities and policy makers

CARMa-Afrika seeks innovative solutions for Africa's ecological future. We harness capacities for evidence-based adaptive management, monitoring and learning that links communities, researchers and practitioners on the ground.