

# Semaine internationale des zones humides Ramsar

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# Introduction to the Southern African Ramsar Regional Initiative (SARRI)

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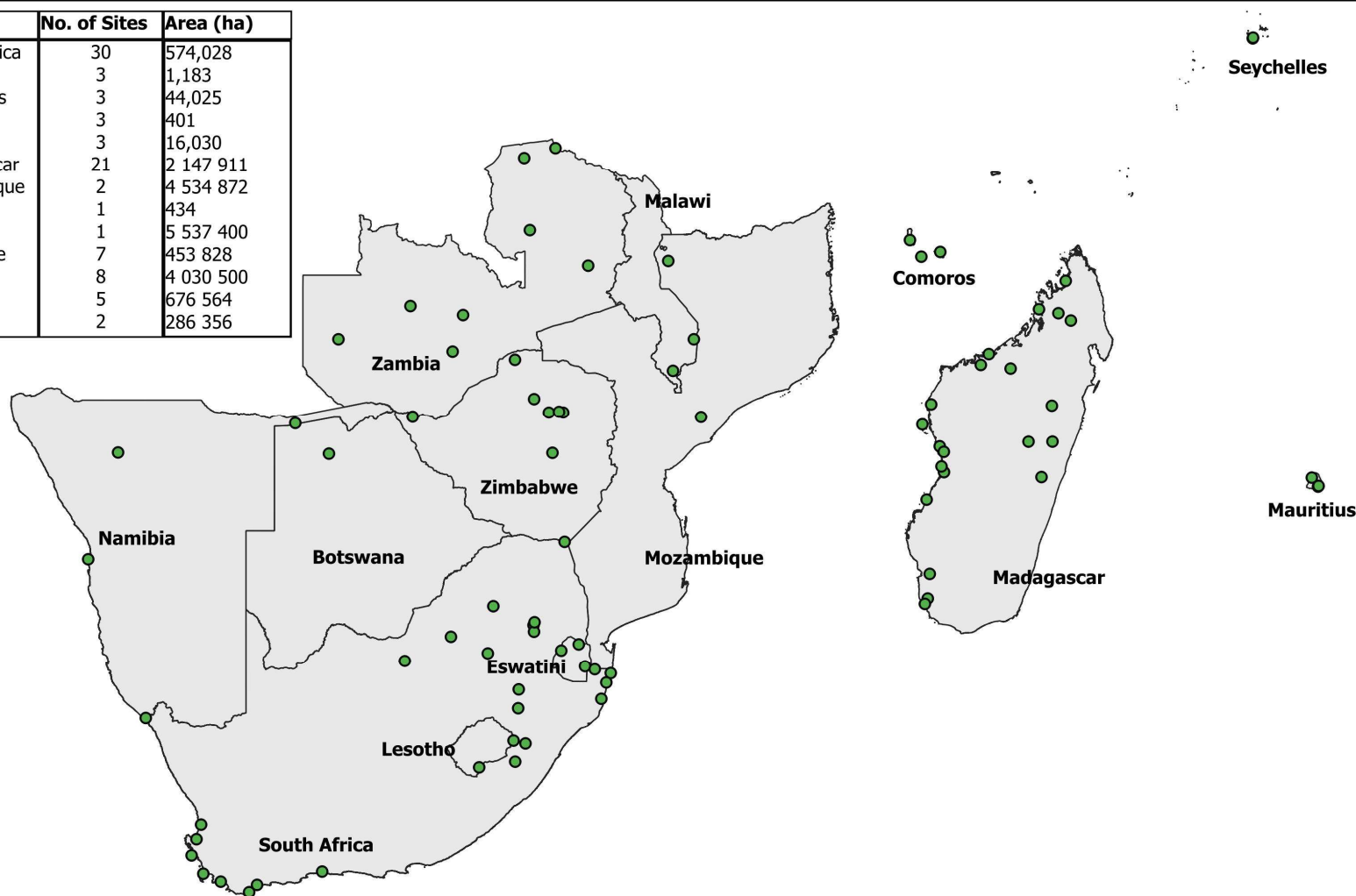


The Southern African Development Community consists of 16 Member States.



## DISTRIBUTION OF WETLANDS OF INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANCE (RAMSAR SITES)

Country	No. of Sites	Area (ha)
South Africa	30	574,028
Eswatini	3	1,183
Seychelles	3	44,025
Mauritius	3	401
Comoros	3	16,030
Madagascar	21	2 147 911
Mozambique	2	4 534 872
Lesotho	1	434
Botswana	1	5 537 400
Zimbabwe	7	453 828
Zambia	8	4 030 500
Namibia	5	676 564
Malawi	2	286 356



The Region  
boasts 89  
Ramsar Sites,  
making up 18  
303 532 ha of  
wetlands (7%  
of the area of  
the worlds  
Ramsar Sites)



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One of the most biodiverse regions in the world, supporting a vast range of wetland types







Vital for the wellbeing , water security, food security, economic prosperity, health and spirituality of the people of the Region



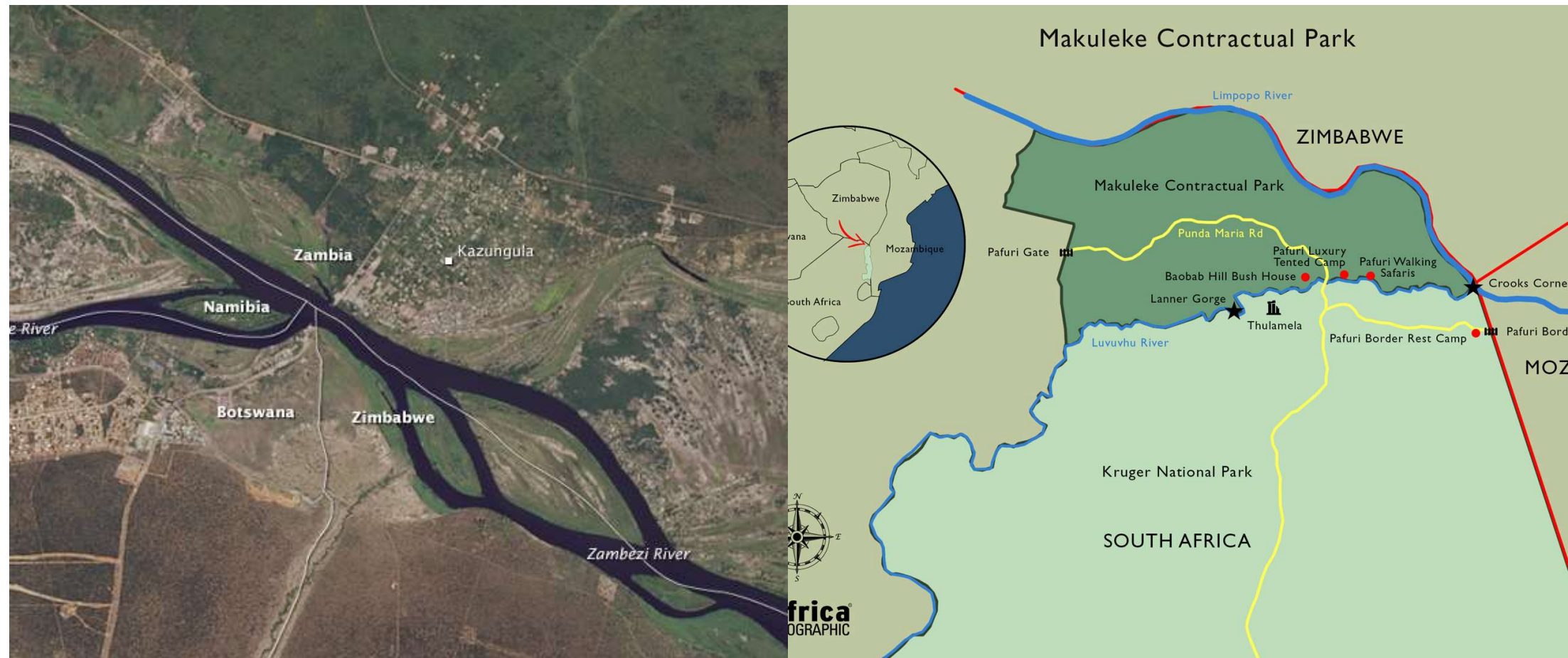


# Places of learning and education





Many wetlands are shared across multiple borders of member states





Face multiple pressures







Require co-coordinated, strengthened and upscaled projection, management and restoration







During 20-21 May 10 Members States came together at La Reunion, with support from the Ramsar Secretariate, SADC Secretariat, IUCN ESARO, French Biodiversity Agency (OFB), NatureXpairs and MedWet to learn from examples of other initiatives and to start working on a collective vision for SARRI and to put together a roadmap towards its operationalization.

