

5) MONITORING AND EVALUATION

The SACTCG acknowledges that a consistent approach in monitoring and evaluation is an integral part of all NRM activities as it provides early recognition and subsequent justification for any changes or amendments required to ensure optimal efficiency in achieving management targets. The SACTCG M&E policy will not only look at the actions (outcomes) required to achieve management targets but also the changes (outputs) to those targets. It is therefore important to remember that the M&E of outputs is a long term objective for the group and that the outcomes should be continually modified and updated to contribute to our management targets.

For effective M&E of outputs the SACTCG will require good quality base-line data to be collected for each management target. There are several different methods of M&E that are to be used in collecting this data:

- Formal surveys and maps
- Rapid appraisal methods
- Key performance Indicators

5.1 Evaluation of the CMS

ANNUAL REVIEW

The SACTCG will facilitate an annual revision of the Management Actions within the CMS in line with each new funding year for the coordinator's bids. An annual revision will ensure that the funding agreements and the CMS continue to compliment each other. The reporting requirement for the coordinator's bid will therefore provide biannual M&E for the CMS ensuring that the group is meeting our management targets.

The annual revision will involve a meeting of the SACTCG Executive and Coordinators and should be held after the Annual General Meeting of the SACTCG.

The annual revision will:

- Review current projects
- Prioritise Management Targets for the next financial year
- In line with Management Actions develop an annual work plan for coordinators
- Revise Milestones and Outputs of Coordinator Funding Agreements to reflect annual work plans.
- Develop a calendar of events for promotional opportunities for the SACTCG

TERM REVIEW

Every three years the SACTCG will facilitate a detailed review of the CMS to assess the outputs of each management category and to update information from the existing plan.

The three year review will:

- Consult with the catchment community to assess and review the community's NRM priorities.
- Review Management Targets and Actions to ensure they are in-line with regional NRM plans.
- Produce a revised CMS, which accommodates changes made as a result of the three yearly reviews.



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