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BUILDING RIVER DIALOGUE AND GOVERNANCE [BRIDGE] in Southern Africa

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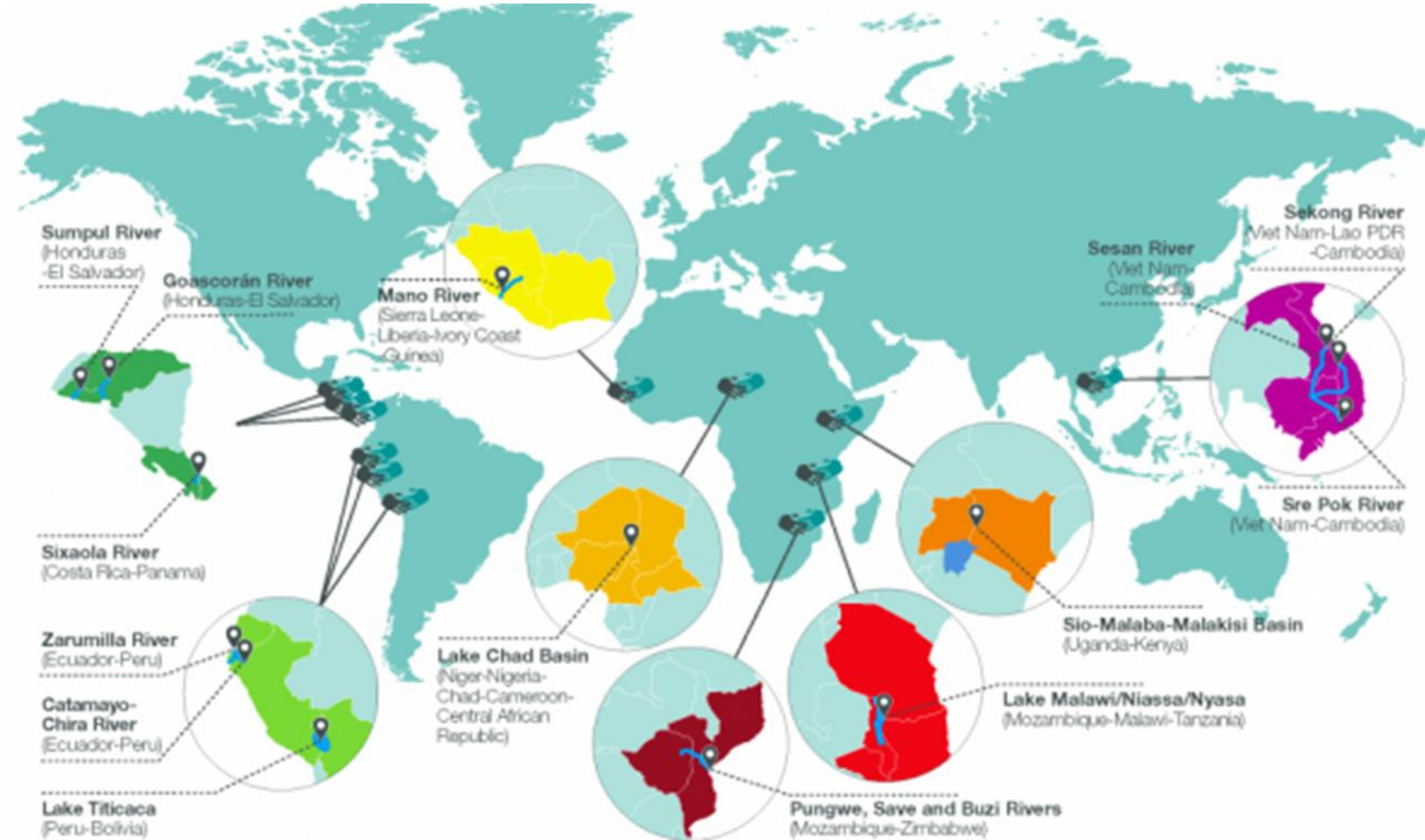


BRIDGE

- BRIDGE aims to build water governance capacities and consensus-building, particularly in transboundary river basins.
- Present in 14 transboundary river and lake basins in six regions of the world.
- Goal: Economic growth and nature conservation is enhanced in target basins through more effective transboundary water governance



BRIDGE on the Globe



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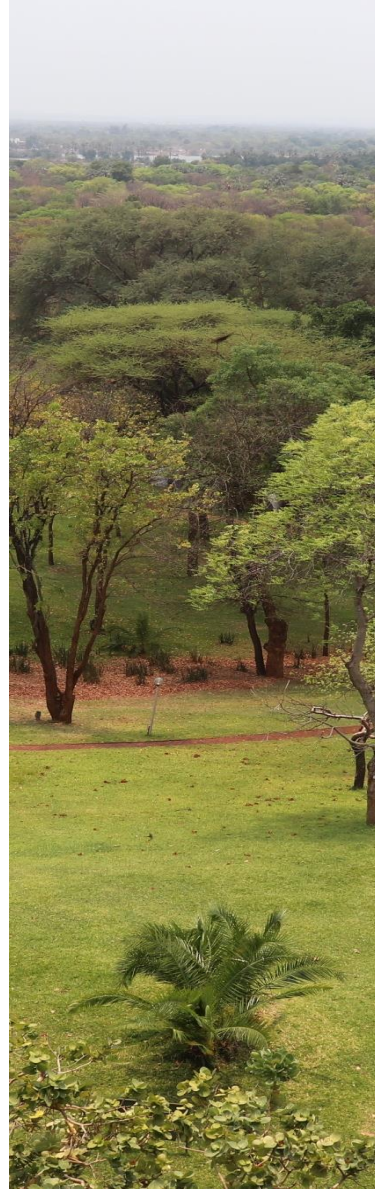
What does BRIDGE do?

- Launched in 2011, BRIDGE uses five strategic pillars:
 1. **Demonstration** – using demonstration and testing of how to make cooperation operational in a basin in building national and transboundary water governance capacity;
 2. **Learning** – using training and capacity building for multiple stakeholders to enhance knowledge and understanding;
 3. **Dialogue** – applying demonstration actions and learning events to catalyse new dialogues for consensus building;
 4. **Leadership** – supporting empowerment of champions for transboundary water cooperation and better water governance
 5. **Advice and Support** – providing advice and technical assistance on demand to governments and stakeholders

BRIDGE in Southern Africa

Objective: Securing sustainable management of water resources for poverty reduction, nature conservation, economic growth and international cooperation through effective water governance.

Outcome: Enhanced water governance capacity for transboundary cooperation.



BRIDGE Footprint

- BUPUSA - Transboundary water cooperation translates into actions on the ground for the maintenance of ecosystem services and financial sustainability.
- LMNN - Water governance capacities are created for enhanced transboundary cooperation
- Ruvuma - Institutions for Transboundary water cooperation are established in accordance with regional frameworks.
- Regional - Regional and transboundary processes are strengthened to increase knowledge and experiences sharing.



Looking Ahead

- In BRIDGE, we have:
 - a) Gathered a wealth of information and knowledge from project execution
 - b) Learnt a lot from unique cases across the globe
 - c) Developed practical tools to implement water governance
 - d) Facilitated the establishment of various water agreements
 - e) Worked with key regional and academic institutions including Waternet
 - f) Keen to share our expertise, lessons and tools



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Thank You!

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