

Season's Greetings and 2025 Highlights

The year 2025 was an exciting and defining one for the Limpopo River Basin (LRB). The LIMCOM Secretariat extends its gratitude to the four Riparian States of Botswana, Mozambique, South Africa and Zimbabwe, our partners and stakeholders for their unwavering support and collaboration throughout the year.



Approval of TDA Report and Formulation of Action Plans

A major milestone was the approval of the Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA) report in June, which identified and prioritized key water-related environmental challenges facing the basin. These challenges include land degradation, sedimentation and deteriorating water quality. To address these, Member States are now formulating National Action Plans (NAPs) and a Strategic Action Programme (SAP), expected to be endorsed in early 2026. While the SAP tackles basin-wide challenges, NAPs focus on country-specific priorities that have transboundary impact.



Empowering Citizens to manage their shared resources

From August to October, a basin-wide capacity-building programme empowered citizens to actively manage shared water resources. Organized in partnership with CGIAR's International Water Management Institute (IWMI) and GroundTruth, with support from the Belgian Agency for International Cooperation (Enabel), the initiative bridged science and society by involving local communities in basin management.



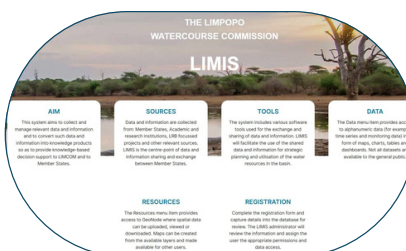
Strengthening Coordination between RBOs and TFCAs

Serving as focal points, LIMCOM and the Great Limpopo Transfrontier Conservation Area (GLTCA) co-hosted the inaugural Transboundary Water and Landscapes Sustainable Finance Bootcamp to unlock innovative financing solutions for shared watercourses and biodiversity resources. The bootcamp was convened by the Sustainable Finance Coalition and Global Water Partnership Southern Africa, with support from the German Government under the SADC-German Transboundary Water Management project, and Global Affairs Canada through Conservation International.



Engaging Communities in Sustainable Land Management

Communities across the basin advanced Sustainable Land Management (SLM) practices to combat land degradation and sedimentation, with early signs that payment for ecosystem services model can be developed. The practices included composting organic manure and construction of infiltration pits and half-moon at the four SLM pilot sites at the Mogobane Dam (Botswana), Massingir Dam (Mozambique), Mapochs (South Africa), and Guyu-Chelesa (Zimbabwe).



Operationalizing the Revamped LIMIS

The newly upgraded Limpopo Management Information System (LIMIS) went live this year, enhancing data-sharing, collaboration and evidence-based decision-making. This interactive, web-based tool integrates spatial data, hydrological time series, earth observation and other datasets to monitor long-term impacts of development and management initiatives across the basin.



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Conclusion of the Limpopo Joint Basin Survey

The final phase of the Limpopo Joint Basin Survey (JBS) was completed in March/April, marking a significant step in understanding basin dynamics. Conducted since August 2024, the survey strengthens cooperation in transboundary water management and the development of a harmonized environmental flow implementation plan. A comprehensive report will be released in 2026, forming the basis for an updated Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) plan and paving the way for a transboundary river health monitoring team.

Advancing the Flagship Project

The flagship project, “Integrated Transboundary River Basin Management for the Sustainable Development of the Limpopo River Basin,” continued to make strong progress. Supported by the Global Water Partnership Southern Africa (GWPSA), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF), the project underpinned many of the year’s achievements while enhancing community livelihoods across the basin.



Promoting Cross-Country Learning

Throughout 2025, LIMCOM facilitated several capacity building workshops to foster knowledge exchange among Member States. Key focus areas included sedimentation, groundwater and environmental flows monitoring, reinforcing shared learning and best practices.

Looking Forward to 2026

Building on the successes of 2025, LIMCOM is committed to ensuring a prosperous future for all who depend on the Limpopo River Basin. With strengthened cooperation, innovative solutions and empowered communities, the path to sustainable development is clearer than ever.

**WISHING YOU A JOYOUS HOLIDAY SEASON AND A PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR!**

