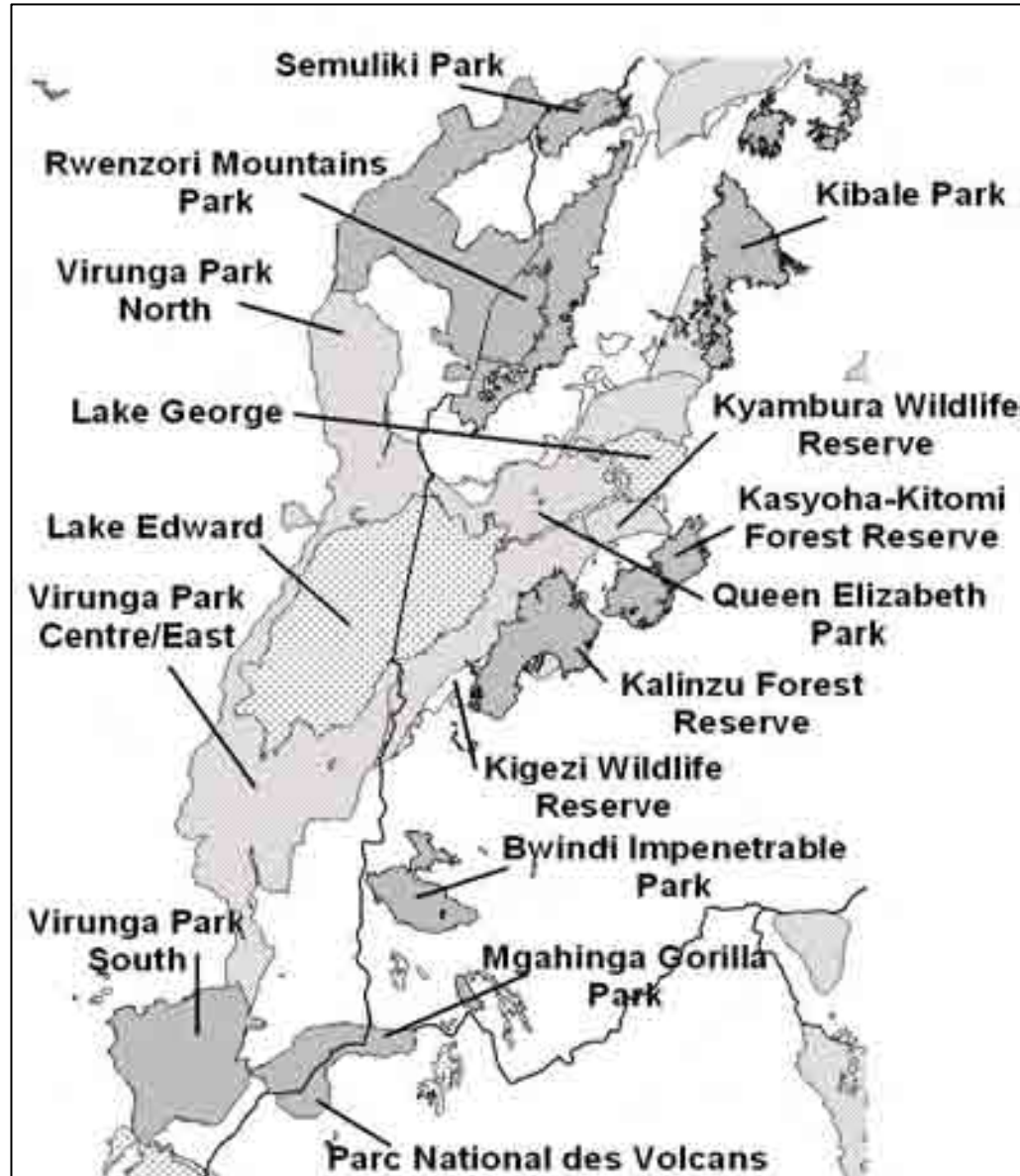


Progress on the TSP Implementation

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Progress

- Project inception activities
- Mobilisation of political support for TSP implementation
- TSP implementation activities undertaken
- Planned activities
- Challenges

Project inception activities

- Established and furnished offices
- Recruitment of staff
- Procurement of project equipment
- Introduction of the GV-TCS to stakeholders
- Development of multi-annual work plan
- Development of annual operational plan
- Writing and submission of the project inception report and revised work plan and budget

Mobilising political support for TSP implementation

- TCS meeting (23rd June 2008)
- Ministerial conference in Rubavu (Gisenyi) 15th and 16th
- The Rubavu ministerial declaration

The activities already undertaken for TSP implementation

- Developed TOR for GV-TCS institutionalization and hired a legal consultant
- Review of revenue sharing policies
 - Done for Rwanda (finalizing the report)
 - Working on a plan for Uganda and DRC
- Mapping of stakeholder activities
 - Done in all the three countries, report being finalized

Planned Trans-boundary activities

- Classified into two categories
 - Trans-boundary processes
 - Revenue sharing and conservation enterprises

Trans-boundary processes

- Institutionalization of the trans-boundary collaboration
- Operationalisation of regional technical committees
 - First Regional Technical Committee meeting
- Support cross-learning and information sharing
- Widening trans-boundary collaboration to include other institutions in governments (police, customs and immigration)
- Coordinate regional capacity building activities
- Support ecosystems research and monitoring

Revenue sharing and conservation enterprises

- Facilitate and advocate for the harmonization of Revenue Sharing policies in the three countries
- Strengthen private sector-community partnerships in implementation of TB enterprises
- Support tourism site planning and diversification of regional tourism products
- Promote new product development and market linkages

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Mechanism of implementation

1. To facilitate the partnership between the primary stakeholders :
 - The PAAs , the Districts and the CBOs
2. To develop a rationale that could target the social benefit , the community empowerment , the link with the private sector , the sustainability, and the specific strategy about the vulnerable groups

Challenges

- High expectations
- Implementation through partners
- TSP implementation requires high political support
- Ensuring that all the partners' work contribute to TSP implementation
- Insecurity
- accessibility

End

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