

# Conservation Lessons Learned from ABCG Climate Change Adaptation Work in Africa

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10:00 – 11:30 am

The progress achieved over many decades of conservation efforts in Africa is increasingly threatened by climatic change. According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, many parts of Africa are highly vulnerable to climate change-related stresses, and yet have a very low adaptive capacity. It is now widely recognized that climate change will exacerbate existing environmental degradation in Africa, threatening the rich diversity of plant and animal species as well as the livelihoods of large populations of subsistence farmers and fishers.

ABCG has prepared a report evaluating its members' respective experiences in climate change adaptation in Africa. The report offers a comparison of approaches and tools for adaptation used by ABCG member organizations -- an early analysis of a set of adaptation projects for biodiversity conservation in Africa -- and provides an overview of lessons learned and recommendations for future work on climate change adaptation for both ABCG members and the wider conservation and donor community.

## Agenda

10:00 Welcome and background (Natalie Bailey, ABCG)

10:05 USAID, BATS and Climate Change Adaptation (Tim Resch, USAID/AFR and Jenny Frankel-Reed, USAID/EGAT/GCC)

10:15 Overview of Adaptation Report findings and conclusions (Anton Seimon, WCS)

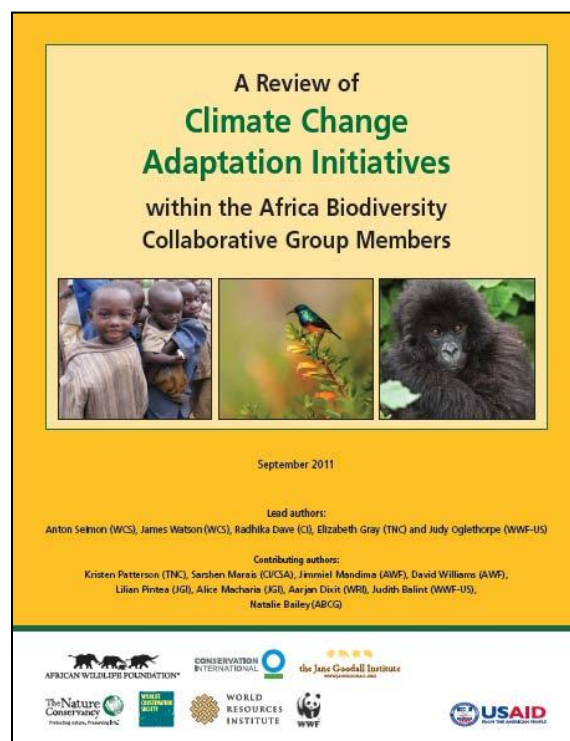
10:35 *Integrating Adaptation into conservation planning: An example from Western Tanzania* (Kristen Patterson, TNC)

10:40 *The Implications of Global Climate Change for Mountain Gorilla Conservation in the Albertine Rift* (David Williams, AWF)

10:45 *Making Adaptation Count: New Work from WRI on Monitoring & Evaluation of Adaptation* (Heather McGray, WRI)

10:50 Q&A and Discussion

11:30 Event ends



ABCG's members are U.S.-based international conservation NGOs with field activities in Africa. ABCG's mission is to tackle complex and changing conservation challenges by catalyzing and strengthening collaboration, and bringing the best resources from across a continuum of conservation organizations to effectively and efficiently work toward a vision of an African continent where natural resources and biodiversity are securely conserved in balance with sustained human livelihoods.