Integrated Management Effectiveness Tool (IMET)

IMET provides park managers and authorities with direct operational support on the planning, monitoring and evaluation of protected area (PA) performance. IMET delivers structured, robust and result-oriented analysis based on information collected on-site and through participatory methods.

**IMET Framework**

**Context of Intervention**
- Full information collected on protected areas and their surroundings including basic data, values (species and habitats), threats, climate change, and ecosystem services.

**Management Effectiveness**
- Detailed assessments of the management process conducted along the 6 steps of the protected area management cycle: Context, Planning, Inputs, Process, Outputs and Outcomes.

**Decision Support System**
- Structured, detailed and reliable information built on statistical processing and provided through data visualisation tools in order to support analysis and decision-making.

**IMET indicators**
- **Context**: 3 sub-indicators
  - Status and threats, where are we now?
- **Planning**: 6 sub-indicators
  - Where do we want to be and how to get there?
- **Inputs**: 5 sub-indicators
  - What do we need?
- **Process**: 18 sub-indicators in 6 categories
  - How do we go about management?
- **Outputs**: 3 sub-indicators
  - What did we do and what services/products did we provide?
- **Outcomes**: 3 sub-indicators
  - What did we achieve?
**IMET Benefits**

- Clear visualisation of robust and comparable indicators
- Reinforced PA planning and management through participatory processes
- Increased local ownership of data collection, management and analysis
- Benchmark setting for result-oriented planning
- Currently available online and offline in English and French

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‘The IMET exercise provided us a great opportunity to discuss the management of our parks through multiple angles and directions we want to go.’

*Senior Technical Advisor of National Parks Agency, Ivory Coast*

‘IMET is the most comprehensive tool for measuring management effectiveness of protected areas that I have ever seen in 36 years of experience’.

*Director of National Parks, Senegal*

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