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| | | | | and conserved areas, provide training programmes, and / or support networks of collectivities. |
| Political | Risk 6: Political instability following elections. | Low | High | To redefine the strategy according to the context. |
| Policy analysis | Risk 7: A gender-blind, neutral, or negative context and problem analysis could reinforce existing gender inequalities and non-realisation of human rights in the sector, and hinder the efficiency and sustainability of the Action. | Medium | Medium | Knowledge and tools of gender mainstreaming are available. Gender-sensitive monitoring, use of sex disaggregated data, and gender-sensitive indicators. Gender mainstreaming is applied in all phases of the support services. |

Lessons Learnt:

Before this Action, the National Biodiversity Project: Conservation of Iona National Park (FED/2013/317-806) (2013-2018) was implemented. The final evaluation concluded that the project successfully identified most risks to achieving its intended outcomes and it highlighted the importance of effective law enforcement and anti-poaching measures to protect wildlife, the need for ongoing capacity building and training for park staff, the benefits of involving local communities in park management and conservation activities, and the necessity of creating inclusive, gender-sensitive sustainable tourism models to fund conservation efforts. However, it underestimated the risk of insufficiently rapid improvement in financial sustainability for investment in the protected area system, which was rated unrealistically low. The project identified tourism as the primary source of revenue for the financial sustainability of the protected areas network but did not adequately consider Angola's weak competitiveness in the regional tourism sector.

Recent lessons learned from the Okavango-Zambezi (KAZA) Transfrontier Conservation Area project highlight several key insights in landscape and natural parks management. These include the critical role of community involvement in conservation efforts, the necessity of establishing sustainable funding mechanisms, the benefits of integrating traditional knowledge with modern conservation techniques, and the effectiveness of robust biodiversity monitoring and evaluation systems. The KAZA project also demonstrated that cross-border collaboration is essential for managing shared ecosystems and that adaptive management practices can significantly enhance conservation outcomes.

3.5 The Intervention Logic

The underlying intervention logic for this Action is that:

For Specific Objective 1:

IF the institutional capacity for the development of policies, laws and regulations governing the sustainable management of natural resources including integrated landscape approach to biodiversity conservation and sustainable ecotourism is enhanced; AND the institutional capacity for the effective enforcement of applicable laws, protection of biodiversity, integration of local communities, and promotion of ecotourism is strengthened, AND the monitoring and evaluation mechanisms for tracking the effectiveness of policies, law enforcement, and management in the biodiversity sector are improved; AND the capacity of ecotourism stakeholders for the marketing and promotion of Angola's natural and cultural attractions is enhanced.

ASSUMING that there is strong political will and sufficient institutional capacity to develop and enforce enhanced policy and regulatory frameworks

THEN Specific Objective 1 (Enhance policy, regulatory and institutional frameworks relevant for the sustainability, integrated management, restoration, long-term financing of Conservation Landscapes and for the development of ecotourism) can be achieved.

For Specific Objective 2:

IF the technical and managerial capacities of personnel at national, provincial, municipal, local and communities' levels in the areas of conservation, law enforcement, and sustainable management are strengthened AND the TVET offer in the fields of conservation, environmental, biodiversity, climate change and business entrepreneurship is improved.