

# PRO-NATURE ENTERPRISES FOR THE PEOPLE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

HABU COMMUNITY AREA, BOTSWANA | WILD ENTRUST

## OVERVIEW

Wild Entrust Africa (WEA) has been engaged in the western Ngamiland communal areas and Habu Village since 2014, after initiating the first systematic investigation into the illegal wildlife trade and bushmeat hunting in northern Botswana. Habu is located on the western periphery of the Okavango Delta bordering the southern buffalo fence and the Wildlife Management Areas of NG29 and 26. It is a remote village in semi-arid rangeland on Kalahari sandveld habitat.

The community consists of an ethnically diverse population of approximately 1,500 people of Hereo, Banderu, Tswana, Bayei, Hambukushu and Khoisan ancestry, a majority of whom are subsistence agro-pastoral farmers. The cattle herd is estimated at 7,000-8,000; their distribution reflects a close linear association with the floodplains and the riverbed due to access to dry season water in dug wells.

Wild Entrust has been working with the Habu community on sustainable rangelands management, human-wildlife conflicts mitigation and improved livestock husbandry practices on pilot basis. The Pro-nature Enterprises for the People of Southern Africa project presents a unique opportunity to broaden the reach of these interventions to include all livestock keeping community members. Through the conservation agreements approach, a range of incentives (including predator-proof bomas, veterinary care and trained herders) will be provided in return for commitments to adapt sustainable rangelands management practices (including planned grazing, wildlife co-existence and joint herding). A separate project funded by the European Union will support the community access livestock markets.

## PROJECT IMPLEMENTER

Wild Entrust Africa

## SIZE OF AREA

85,000 hectares

## NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES

200 Households

## THREATS

- Repertoires of domination at the local level, e.g., elite capture of benefits at the Trust and cluster level
- Severe rangeland degradation due to overgrazing and unplanned grazing
- Human-wildlife conflict
- Unreliable livestock market access

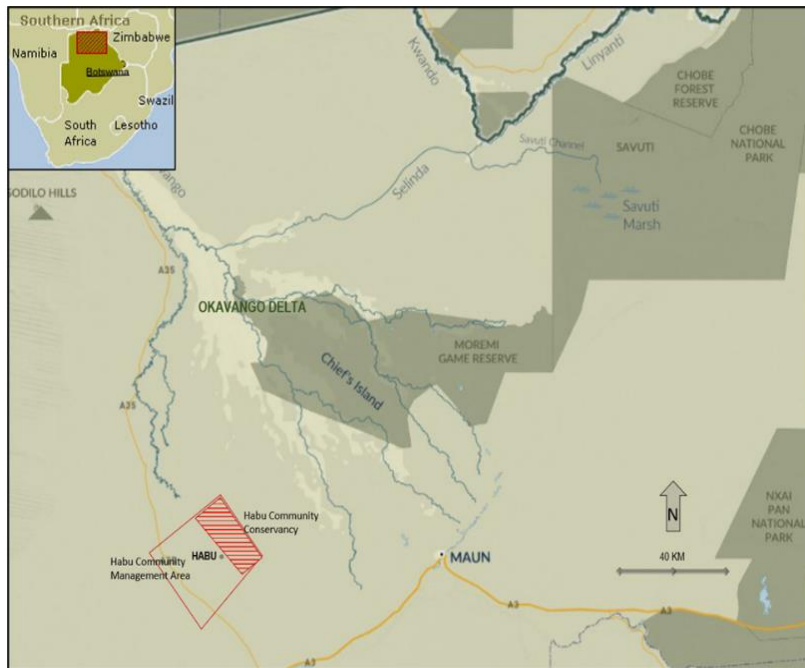
## OTHER PARTNERS

- European Union
- Habu Elephant Development Trust
- United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization
- District Council
- Tawana Land Board
- Department of Veterinary Services
- Office of the President's Poverty Eradication Program



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## INDICATORS TO BE TRACKED

- Restoration of vegetation cover and vegetation diversity of rangelands
- Improved livestock quality
- Reduction in human-wildlife conflicts due to predation and competition for pastures
- Number of livestock keeping households adopting climate smart livestock systems
- Number of people that are fully employed and partly employed to provide tourism and conservation related services
- Number of people benefitting from nature-friendly enterprises including sustainable livestock, tourism and agriculture (disaggregated by gender)



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