

PRO-NATURE ENTERPRISES FOR THE PEOPLE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

SIMALAHA COMMUNITY CONSERVANCY, ZAMBIA

PEACE PARKS FOUNDATION



OVERVIEW

Peace Parks Foundation was established in 1997 to facilitate the formation of Trans-Frontier Conservation Areas (TFCAs) and develop relevant human resources, thereby supporting the conservation of biodiversity, sustainable economic development and regional peace and stability.

Peace Parks has been supporting the development of the Kavango Zambezi (KAZA) TFCA since 2004. Within the KAZA TFCA, lies the 180,000-hectare Simalaha Community Conservancy. Established with support from Peace Parks in 2012, this community-led conservancy is the first of its kind in Zambia and is an essential link in an envisaged wildlife corridor between Chobe National Park in Botswana and Kafue National Park in Zambia - a space that is crucial to allow the free movement of approximately 250,000 elephant and other animals, such as lions.

The Pro-nature Enterprises for the People of Southern Africa Project is a timely intervention towards enabling the Simalaha community to achieve both their socio-economic and environmental goals. The project will support the community to adopt ecologically friendly and climate smart livestock management practices. Planned grazing will be a key intervention towards ensuring sustainable rangelands management. Human-wildlife conflicts mitigation measures like predator-proof bomas will be provided to enhance co-existence. Additionally, the project will mobilize capital incentives to catalyze enterprise development for job creation and diversification of livelihoods in the landscape. The project will leverage existing communal decision structures like traditional chiefs, Village Action Groups (VAGs) and Community Resource Boards (CRBs) to anchor ownership of the project interventions.

PROJECT IMPLEMENTERS

Peace Parks Foundation

SIZE OF AREA

180,000 hectares

NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES

23,736 people

THREATS

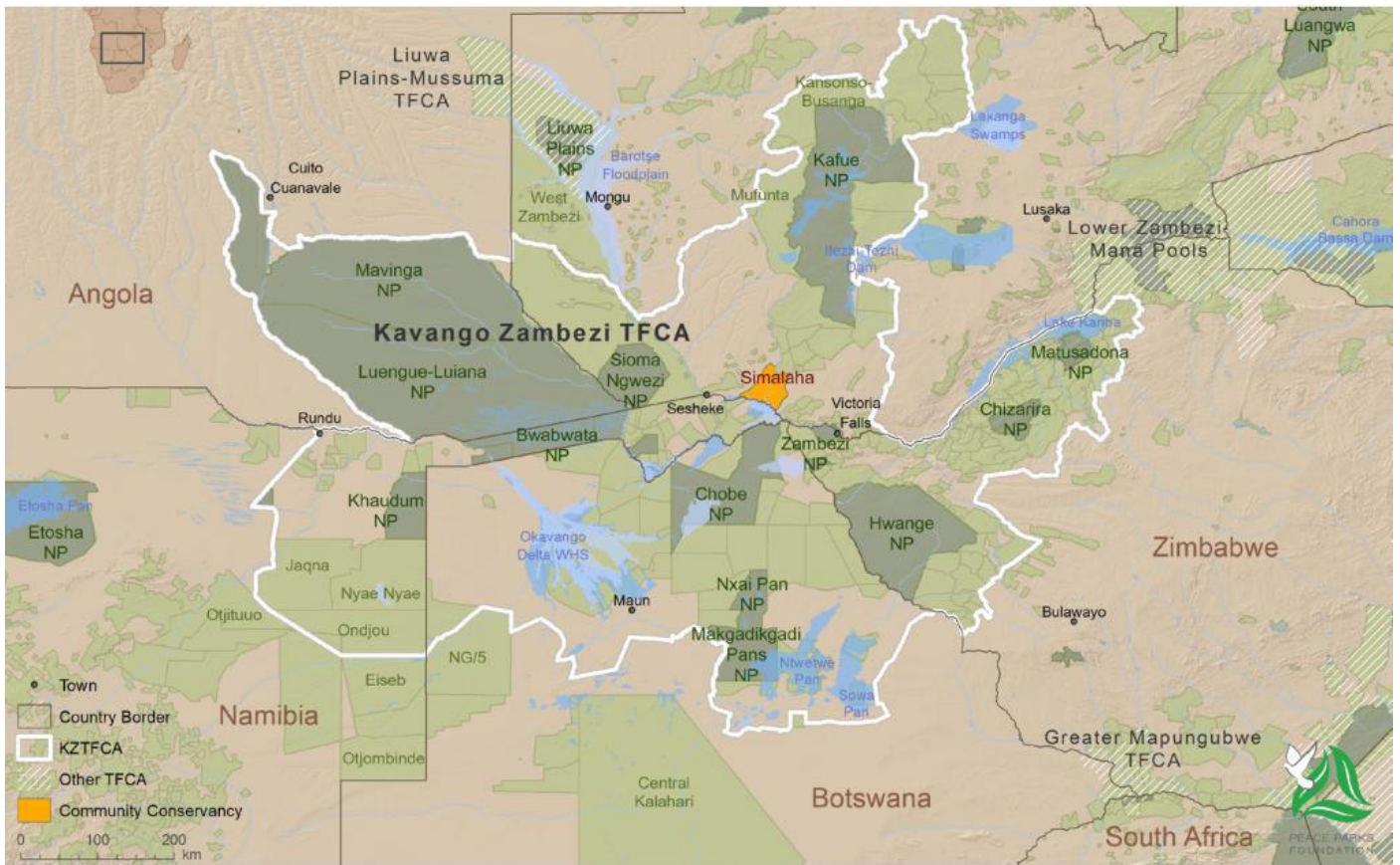
- Rangelands degradation
- Climate change: floods or drought
- Unsustainable natural resource management, e.g. deforestation for charcoal or farming, and overfishing in the Zambezi.
- Low literacy and numeracy

OTHER PARTNERS

- Simalaha Community Conservancy Trust
- Department of National Parks and Wildlife, Zambia
- Department of Fisheries, Zambia
- Namibia Nature Foundation (as part of a transboundary fisheries project across part of the Upper Zambezi River)



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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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