

Launch of Sustainable Fisheries Component

In April the Sustainable Fisheries component, funded by Le Fonds français pour l'environnement mondial (FFEM) (€2.6 million) was launched to round out the Pro-Nature Project.

This was followed by a visit to the project site, Lower Zambezi, by Conservation International (CI), the donor Agence Française de Développement (AFD) and the implementing partner, Conservation Lower Zambezi (CLZ).

https://www.afd.fr/en/actualites/communiq ue-de-presse/afd-and-conservationinternational-launch-final-componentpronature-project



1st Project Steering Committee Meeting



On 25 – 27 April the first in-person Project Steering Committee was held with all project partners in Livingstone, Zambia. The key outcomes for the meeting include:

- Approved Terms of Reference for the steering committee
- Status updates by Implementing Partners
- Introduction of the Learning and Dissemination component.
- Roll out of the Enterprise Development strategy
- Training on Safeguards and Gender mainstreaming









NEW IMPLEMENTING PARTNER SPOTLIGHT:

Conservation Lower Zambezi

Conservation Lower Zambezi (CLZ) is a Zambian registered non-profit organization committed to the protection of wildlife and the sustainable use of natural resources in the Lower Zambezi, Zambia.

The organization was founded in 1994 by local safari operators and other stakeholders who recognized the need for organized support to the national wildlife protection authority (now the Department of National Parks and Wildlife, DNPW). In more than 25 years of operation, CLZ has expanded its mandate beyond wildlife protection to include community engagement programs.

The Lower Zambezi fishery is key to the livelihoods and food security of communities that live along the river and a cornerstone of the tourism industry. Recognizing the importance of this resource, CLZ embarked on a fisheries management project as part of a European Union (EU) funded project in partnership with the African Wildlife Foundation which supported the work of Department of Fisheries through the development of a Fisheries Co-Management Plan.

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Quarterly Site Updates



Conservation South Africa

Kruger2Canyons (South Africa)

- Conservation Agreements (CAs) signed in Utah, Dixie, Welverdiend A and Welverdiend B
- Negotiation and review of CAs in two expansion sites,
 Clare A and Share, Engagement in Clare B resumed
- 3 cattle auction sales were facilitated by Meat Naturally: Phiring (2 Auctions): 30 livestock sellers, 56 cattle.
 Generating R354 030; Finale (1 auction): 9 livestock sellers, 17 cattle. Generating R103 300.00
 - Auction 4 in Welverdiend was facilitated under the state veterinary services with a private buyer - 30 livestock sellers, 69 cattle. Generating R438 477.00



Wild Entrust - Habu (Botswana)

- Hiring of 12 new eco-rangers (9M, 3F)
- Election of board of trustees of the Habu Elephant Development Trust (HEDT)
- Grazing Cluster Committee Meetings (Habu, Boajankwe and Gweedao), to discuss recruitment of more eco-rangers, planned grazing, upcoming producer agreements, stewardship agreements and borehole drilling.
- 2 Habu community members trained and employed as Botswana Animal Information & Traceability System (BAITS) officers

PEACE PARKS



Communities Living Among Wildlife Sustainably (CLAWS) – Eretsha (Botswana)

- Hiring of 6 (2F, 4M) new eco-rangers for the second Eretsha herd.
- 5 small calves lost to lion predation when the herd broke out of the kraal at night.
- Current herd size is 382 (including 40 missing cattle)
- 2 community personnel (2M) employed by CLAWS and underwent BAITS training
- Mobile quarantine pilot planned for May 2022 (with equipment support from EU) to support H4H principles



Conservation Lower Zambezi – Lower Zambezi (Zambia and Zimbabwe)

- Received Induction training from CI –operational procedures, financial reporting and procurement.
- Introduction to Conservation Agreement
- Support to the Department of Fisheries continued through ongoing patrols
 - 45 illegal fishing nets were confiscated, and 58 fishing licenses issued
- Introduction of mobile data collection app to fishing guides





Peace Parks Foundation – Simalaha Community Conservancy (Zambia)

- 51 farmers signed up, 448 cattle
- 8-9 March, conservation agreement training
- 4 Predator-proof bomas delivered and boma training was held on 11-12 March
- Upcoming exchange visit: farmers from Simalaha travelling to Mpanshya Community in Rufunsa to witness the benefits of combined herding

Upcoming Activities

- Annual M&E Framework updated
- Profiling of Enterprise Development Opportunities
- Government Briefing Missions in Botswana
- Enterprise Development site Visit to K2C landscape and Eretsha and Habu (Botswana)
- Baseline data collection (Social and Ecological) in Lower Zambezi
- CA feasibility Analysis in Kanyemba, Zimbabwe

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