



CONSERVATION INTERNATIONAL

# PRO-NATURE ENTERPRISES PROJECT

## Year 3 Quarter 2

### Incubating Enterprises in Mvenyane

Indalo Inclusive embarked on a journey to unearth nature-friendly enterprises in Mvenyane, South Africa through an inclusive and competitive process that resulted in 35 submissions. Sixteen (16) shortlisted enterprises attended a preliminary business exposure training. Eight enterprises successfully pitched for a spot in an 18-months incubation programme; *IndaloPreneur Pro-nature Enterprises Programme (iProNEP)*.

The 8 enterprises address some of Mvenyane’s pressing environmental issues through conservation actions that include removal of black wattle (which is used for fencing, firewood and biochar); climate-smart horticulture and sustainable cattle management. IproNEP will provide support including capacity building to improve operations, market access, and investment readiness for the enterprises to attract additional funding to scale.



*Black wattle, an alien plant that has invaded grasslands in Mvenyane – a raw material for biochar.*

### PARTNER SPOTLIGHT: Habu Community hosts high-level guests

On 7 June 2023, Habu Community, in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and Conservation International hosted a high-level visit to showcase projects implemented under the Sustainable Wildlife Management (SWM) Project, and the Pronature Enterprises Project.

In attendance were the Assistant Minister of Health, Honourable Sethomo Lelatisitswe, Area Member of Parliament Hon. Carter Hikuama, European Union Ambassador to Botswana and SADC Excellency Petra Pereyra, the French Ambassador to Botswana His Excellency Olivier Brochenin, project donors, and various government officials.



*Guests visited the community garden that supplies lodges.*

The French Development Agency (AFD) funds both projects to promote coexistence between humans, livestock, and wildlife – as a cornerstone for the envisaged Habu Community Conservancy (CC) model.

Habu CC is a community-led initiative under the leadership of Chief Mokadi Masedi who has played a critical role in the establishment of the Habu Elephant Development Trust– that sets a good foundation for the conservancy governance.

FAO and CI work in close collaboration with Wild Entrust Africa (WEA), to ensure a comprehensive and holistic approach to wildlife management and conservation, with a focus on community engagement and empowerment.

### Chiawa CRB establishes a community-led Fisheries Monitoring Unit

Community-led interventions like the Chiawa Community Resource Board’s (CRB) Fisheries Monitoring Unit (FMU) reinforce community commitment and participation in driving development. With guidance and support from the Department of Fisheries (DoF) and Conservation Lower Zambezi (CLZ), the unit was established and has recruited 8 community members. The recruitment drive was rigorous, competitive and transparent, with the aim to enhance ownership and re-orient the team towards a deliberate community engagement focus.



*The FMU monitors with Chief Fisheries Officer, Mr. Kagoli Muyangali.*

The FMU will play a pivotal role in implementing, tracking, and enforcing the fisheries co-management plan. With a new model focused on monitoring and community engagement; The FMU will be employed by the Chiawa CRB with financial support from CLZ.

The monitors will also be supervised by the DoF and undertake joint patrols. Through the partnership with the DoF they will be recognized as honorary fisheries officers.







### Conservation South Africa - Kruger2Canyons (South Africa)

- Number of cattle currently in the program: **7760**
- Total number of hectares under planned grazing system: **9 920ha**
- Total CA signatories: **495 farmers (357M:138M)**
- Engagement of 4 new communities has concluded visioning and skills audit workshops
- **2 livestock sales** this quarter: **12** sellers, **31** cattle sold in 2 participating villages. Total Income: **R199,600 (\$10,673.85)**



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

- Number of cattle currently in the program: **622**
- Total number of hectares under planned grazing system: **5 700ha**
- Number of participating farmers **46 (34M:12F)**
- Started a new communal herd with farmers in neighboring village, Gunotsoga: **125** cattle from **10 (4M:6F)** farmers and hired 6 new eco-rangers
- Commenced conservation agreement discussions and started to draft an agreement



### Wild Entrust – Habu (Botswana)

- Number of cattle currently in the program: **516**
- Total number of hectares under planned grazing system: **7 500ha**
- Number of participating farmers **79 farmers (53M:26F)**
- The vegetable garden, run by women and youth, was handed over from SACREE to the Habu community
- Visited all the eco-ranger camps to work on processes to improve delivery



### Peace Parks Foundation – Simalaha Community Conservancy (Zambia)

- Number of cattle currently in the program: **1029**
- Total number of hectares under planned grazing system: **25 124ha**
- Number of participating farmers **34 (30M:4F)**
- **75** cattle were branded in this quarter, while **1 025** were dipped, and all cattle dewormed
- Hosted a successful exchange visit for non-participating farmers to Sibbulo
- **12 (10M:2F)** eco-rangers received additional primary animal healthcare training by the state vet.



### Conservation Lower Zambezi – Lower Zambezi (Zambia and Zimbabwe)

- MOU signed for the formation of the Lower Zambezi Fisheries Monitoring Unit (FMU)
- Chiawa CRB recruited **8 (6M:2F)** monitors for the FMU.
- Fish frame survey completed for ecological monitoring data
- **42** fishing licenses issued for 2023 fishing season
- 2023 Learning Network Meeting planning underway.



### Indalo Inclusive – Mvenyane (South Africa)

- Selected **8 (1F:7M)** enterprises to participate in an 18-month programme.
- Enterprises developed a Business Model Canvas for their enterprise.
- Group training workshop 1 delivered, covering part 1 of the Indalogrow toolkit.

#### Key Upcoming Activities

- Mentorship programme commences for IProNEP participants.
- Identifying viable value-chains for further analysis
- Project mid-term review
- Learning Network Meeting - Fisheries Co-Management Models (December 2023)
- Project Steering Committee meeting (December 2023)

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