



AWF IN LOWER ZAMBEZI-MANA POOLS: BY THE NUMBERS

The African Wildlife Foundation (AWF), in partnership with Conservation Lower Zambezi, the Zambezi Society, and the Zimbabwe Environmental Law Association, implemented the **“Partnership for Improved Anti-Poaching and Compatible Land Use in Community Lands of Lower Zambezi-Mana Pools Transboundary Conservation Area”** project from 2018 to 2021. This European Union-funded €1.5-million project was designed to reduce illegal wildlife trade and habitat conversion in the Lower Zambezi-Mana Pools landscape. It established models for strengthened community engagement in sustainable natural resource management, anti-poaching efforts, and integrated land use (conservation and compatible land uses).



PROJECT BENEFICIARIES

394,548

PEOPLE

323,632
people in 9 wards in
Zimbabwe's Mbire and
Hurungwe districts

70,916
people in Zambia in
10 wards along the
Zambezi River

80%

Household survey
respondents expressing
satisfaction with project
activities

77%

Respondents reporting
the project was relevant
and able to address
community needs

OVERALL GRADE REPRESENTING PROJECT ACHIEVEMENTS AGAINST SET TARGETS

98%

Engagement of Fishers
in Zimbabwe

98%

Engagement of Fishers
in Zambia

97%

Enhancing Capacity of
Scouts (Zimbabwe)

96%

Respondents aware
that the EU LoZa
project addressed
HWC mitigation

100%

Human-Wildlife
Conflict (HWC)
Mitigation (Zimbabwe)

95%

Transboundary
Collaboration
(Zimbabwe and Zambia)

25-50+%

Estimated drop in HWC
incidents in areas with
chili technology

40%

Drop in arrests for use
of illegal fishing gear
post-intervention

CONCLUSIONS:

- The chili technology was the most effective HWC intervention
- The fisheries project ended prematurely; more funding is needed to realize desired outcomes
- Community scout capacity-building enhanced professionalism but should be administered often (refresher courses, etc.)
- The rocket barn project needs additional funding and scaling up to demonstrate relevance, effectiveness, and efficiency
- Additional funding is needed to strengthen cross-border collaboration, increase project visibility, and strengthen community participation
- AWF should maintain contact with the communities and other stakeholders to ensure project sustainability



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