



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.

PROJECT BENEFICIARIES

394,548
PEOPLE

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

70,916
people 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

75%

Engagement of Fishers in Zambia

96%

Respondents aware that the EU LoZa project addressed HWC mitigation

100%

Human-Wildlife Conflict (HWC) Mitigation (Zimbabwe)

97%

Enhancing Capacity of Scouts (Zimbabwe)

25–50+%

Estimated drop in HWC incidents in areas with chili technology

95%

Transboundary Collaboration (Zimbabwe and Zambia)

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

