



FRANKFURT ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY

*A partner in land rights and habitat protection
around North Luangwa National Park*

Frankfurt Zoological Society is an international conservation organization that focuses on maintaining biodiversity and conserving wildlife and ecosystems in protected areas and wild places. In Zambia, FZS supports the Department of National Parks with management of North Luangwa National Park and adjacent Game Management Areas. With USAID's Integrated Land and Resource Governance Project, FZS is documenting land rights of households in two chiefdoms, supporting community forest management, and exploring the viability of community game ranching.

SCOPE OF PARTNERSHIP

- Household documentation of land rights
- Establishing Community Forest Management Groups & Management Plans
- Ecological and financial analysis of community game ranching
- Building community governance skills
- Women's empowerment and participation in community-led conservation
- Support Community Resources Boards

FZS VISION FOR NORTH LUANGWA

The overall FZS goal 'to conserve wildlife and ecosystems' hinges on community engagement. Involving them in management decisions is key to generating pride, social capital, and socio-economic benefits and improving conservation outcomes



There are around 14,000 elephants in the Luangwa ecosystem, nearly two-thirds of those left in Zambia

ACHIEVEMENTS

Hectares of community forests established

54,000

Total people with land rights registered for the first time

7,200

Women with registered rights

3,500

Parcels mapped

2,000

Villages in critical wildlife habitats engaged in land use planning activities

65+

LONG TERM IMPACTS



FZS supports adherence to village land use plans by documenting shared resource rights and household land rights, through customary certificates. These plans act as the basis for customary leaders to develop and enforce conservation bylaws.



FZS supports Community Resources Board (CRB) governance and developed a capacity assessment tool that will be applied across all 76 of Zambia's CRBs in order to promote improved community governance of natural resources and wildlife.



FZS and USAID collaborate to improve women's representation and build leadership capacity around natural resource management; and partner with customary leadership to influence gender and natural resource norms in rural chiefdoms.



FZS has helped to establish community forest management groups in three chiefdoms surrounding North Luangwa National Park and works with District Forest Officers to build the community's capacity to register their resource rights and to benefit from forest conservation.



FZS has assisted the Mpumba Natural Resources Conservation Society (MNRCs) to clarify its title over 9,000 hectares of land adjacent to Munyamadzi GMA, and is assessing the viability of community game ranching or other conservation enterprises within this area.

North Luangwa National Park is home to the country's only population of black rhinos, which were poached to extinction in the eighties and later reintroduced.

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