Research Platform Production and Conservation in Partnership



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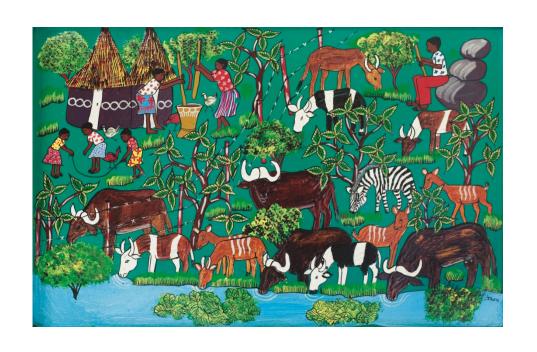
Research Platform

Production and Conservation in Partnership

RP-PCP

Promoting the coexistence between People and Protected Areas

Since 2007

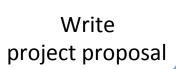


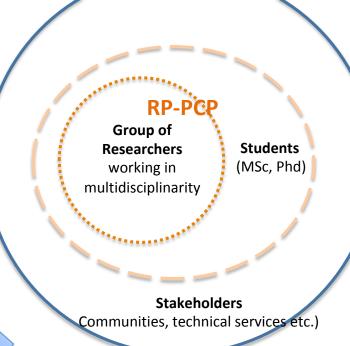






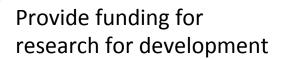














Scope & Objectives

Research object:

Socio-ecological systems including protected areas and their peripheries in southern Africa



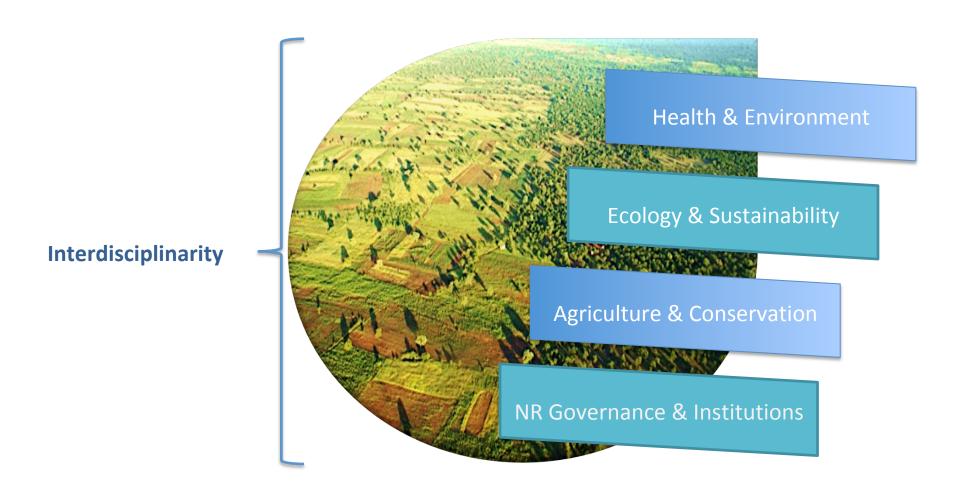
Our goal:

To improve livelihood of rural households at
« wild-domestic interfaces »
and promote the
conservation of biodiversity

Our purpose:

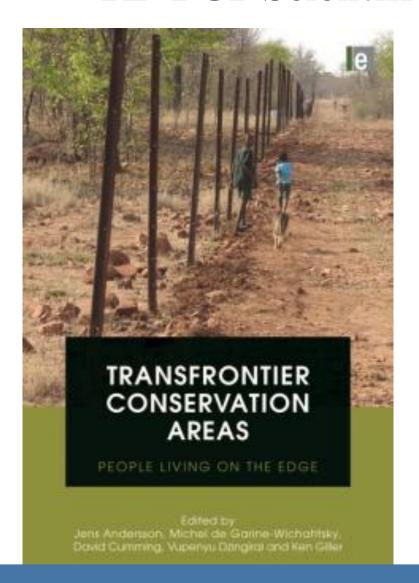
Promote applied research (transdisciplinary holistic approach; demand—driven, co-construction) and post-graduate training (capacity building)

Thematic fields



Socio-Ecological Systems at the wild/domestic interface

RP-PCP Scientific Production



- TFCA book (2013)
- More than 110 MSc, Mphil,
 PhD supported
- More than 130 publications and book chapters
- 60% of 2015-2017
 publications have a student
 as 1st author

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RP-PCP - TFCA Conference

22-26 May 2017 Chiredzi

Local communities involved in:

- Abstract selection process
- Co-chair of each session
- Q&A and stakeholders interactions!





Project Example 1





















Global Objective

To give local stakeholders

local communities, local authorities, technical services, local NGOs and the private sector

an opportunity to design and implement

empowering local stakeholders through participatory approaches

local and sustainable options

implemented and monitored by the stakeholders with support

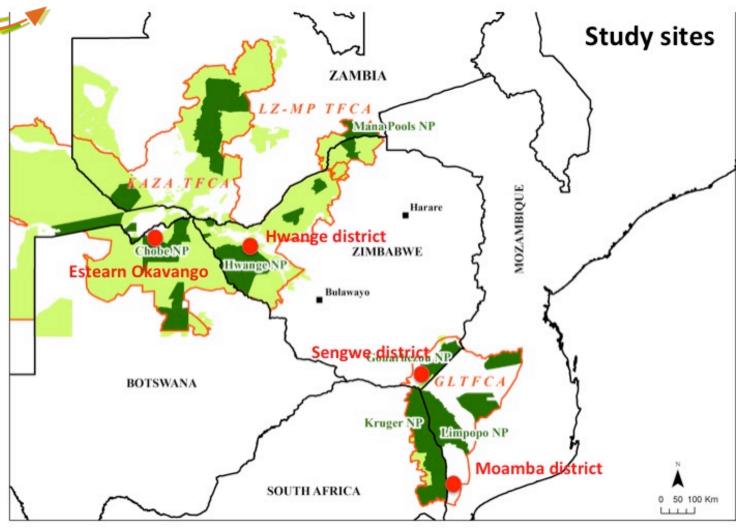
for identified issues and/or opportunities

in the fields of agriculture (cropping & livestock farming), human/wildlife conflicts or natural resource use

in TFCAs

KAZA & GL TFCAs

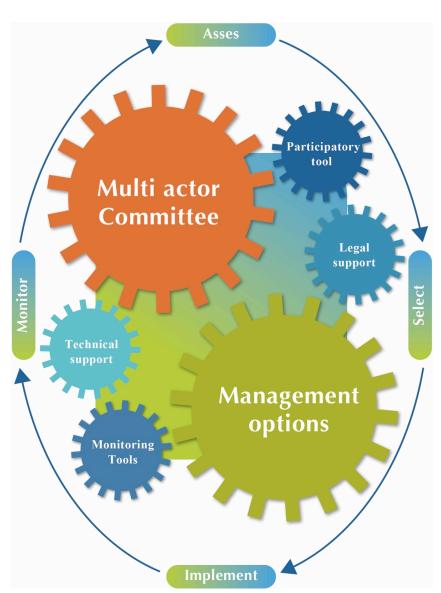






The project will

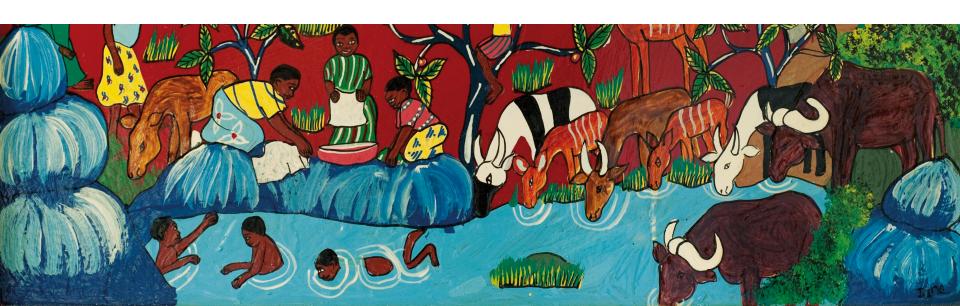
- Promote and support when existing multi-stakeholder committees through participatory approaches (compagnon modelling & participatory prospective analysis)
- Provide training / expertise / student projects on identified management options (ex. rangeland management training for farmers, management of Human/wildlife conflicts)
- Facilitate the implementation and monitoring of management options by local stakeholders





Key Concepts

- Sustainability
- Representativity (community)
- Not re-inventing the wheel



Project Example 2

SUSTAINABLE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME 2017-2024















Background information

Recipient: Global (ACP Countries)

Budget: 45 M€ (Intra ACP strategy 11th EDF)

Partners: FAO, CIFOR, CIRAD, WCS

Duration: 7 years (84 Months)



Goal: to reduce hunting of wildlife to sustainable levels, protecting endangered wildlife species, conserving biodiversity, maintaining the essential ecological roles of wildlife within forested and savanna ecosystems, and securing stocks and flows of provisioning ecosystems services essential to some of the poorest and most politically marginalized people on the earth.

SWM project

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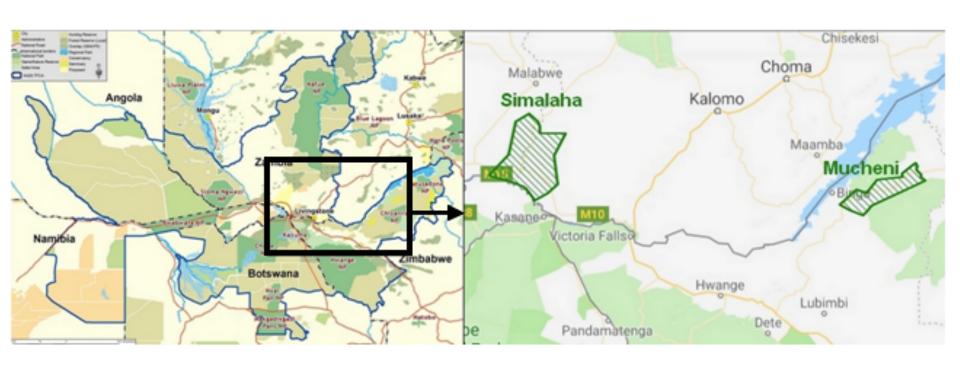
Intervention in KAZA

Community commercial conservancy as a wildlife-based land use option in populated communal lands:

- By promoting multi-purpose wildlife & fish uses and trades (Consumptive and non-consumptive), the KaZa model is offering alternative livelihood options for rural communities living in marginal areas rich in wildlife.
- It will diversify the local sources of income and contribute to improve food access of vulnerable rural communities through direct & indirect benefits from wildlife utilization.
- With this more diversified livelihood, local communities are improving their resilience to climatic and socio-economic shocks.

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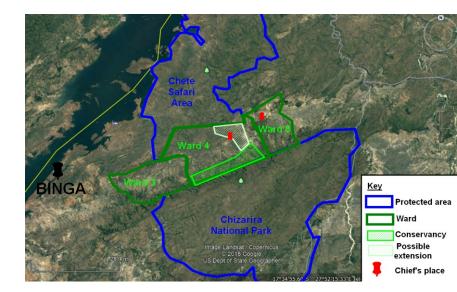
Intervention sites in KAZA



Intervention site in KAZA Zimbabwe

Mucheni Conservancy – Binga District:

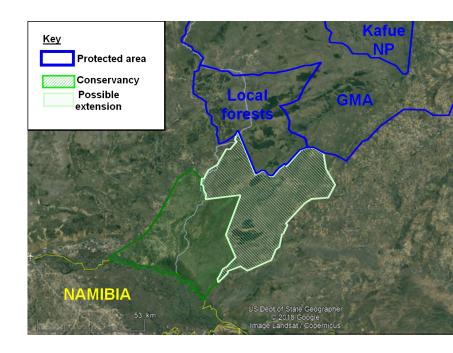
- Size: 7,000 ha
- Possible extension of 4,000 ha
- High number of potential beneficiaries
- Conservancy already created
- Ecological corridor between Chete Safari
 Area and Chizarira NP
- Development of Trophy Hunting Safari,
 Wildlife-viewing safari, Wildlife ranching
- Production of alternative proteins (guinea fowls, fish...), domestic meat channels...
- HWC mitigation



Intervention site in KAZA Zambia

Simalaha Community Conservancy – Mwandi and Kazungula Districts:

- · Size: 24,000 ha
- Possible extension of 6,000 ha
- Communities engaged in natural resources management programme under Community Conservancies concept
- 2013: Restocking of wildlife (100 impalas,
 135 blue wildebeests and 50 zebras)
- Development of community owned fishponds (19 fish ponds producing 27 tons of fish)
- Human Wildlife Conflicts mitigation



Pathways to impact

The SWM program in KaZa aims to achieve six main results:

- R1: The institutional and legal framework for the sustainable use of meat from wild species resilient to hunting or fishing is improved
- R2: Management of wild species resilient to hunting or fishing is improved
- R3: Supply of alternative protein is improved
- R4: Consumption of wildmeat becomes sustainable
- R5: Monitoring, evaluation and learning mechanism
- R6: Knowledge management system







Participatory Tools & Research

Companion modelling, role-playing game, ... to engage multistakeholder for co-designing management strategies in order to promote coexistence of PAs and their peripheries

- Promote discussions and negotiations between communities and government and non-government stakeholders
- Promote cross-sectorial collaboration
- Inform policies (feed-back loops)







Conclusions

- Challenge (easier to do veterinary stuff)
- Risk of failure (partial or complete)
- No « Blue print » solution but an approach to address complexity
 - Based on standard principles (see Charron et al. 2012)
 - System approach (system thinking)
 - Transdisciplinarity
 - Local participation
 - Intersectoriality
 - Sustainability
 - Social, gender, environmental equity
 - Action Research Knowledge to Action

