



REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA
DEPARTMENT OF VETERINARY SERVICES

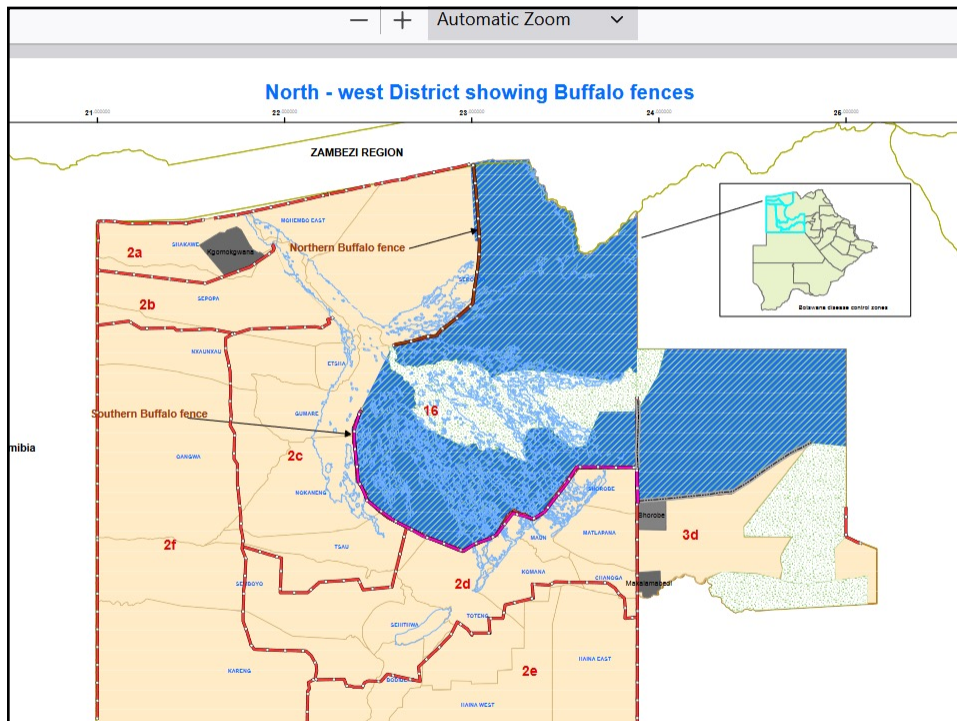
ANIMAL HEALTH ACTIVITIES UPDATES

KAZA Animal Health Sub Working Group meeting

June 16 - 19, 2025

Maun, Botswana

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EMERGING ISSUES AT HUMAN WILDLIFE INTERFACE

- Movement of buffaloes Jun 24 to Jun 25
 - Heavy rains experienced in the KAZA landscape during period under review
 - Increased Migration of buffaloes and other wild animals into buffalo free zones
 - Aerial surveys done in KAZA landscape
- 1 goats to Namibia-Destroyed
- 27 Botswana goats, sold in Namibia 2025
- 2 cattle from Namibia repatriated, 28 currently in Botswana

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B. ANIMAL HEALTH ACTIVITIES

Vaccinations

☐ FMD Vaccination

- Chobe (3 vaccination campaigns – Jun/Jul 2024, Nov/Dec 2024 and Feb/Mar 2025)
 - Only cattle vaccinated
- Ngamiland (2 vaccination campaigns - Oct/Nov 2024 and May/June 2025 on-going)..

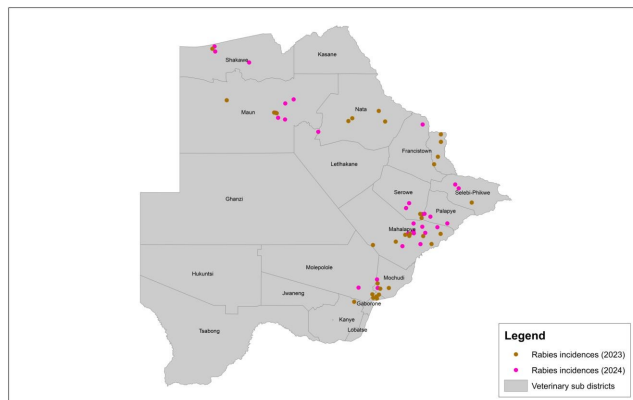
☐ Other diseases

- Anthrax
- Quarter evil
- Rabies- Vaccine procurement challenges

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RABIES CASES

Spatial distribution of Reported Rabies Incidences from 2023 to 2024



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ANIMAL HEALTH ACTIVITIES

Surveillance

- ☐ FMD (last cases recorded in 2021)
- ☐ FMD in wildlife (viral and serology – testing on-going)
- ☐ CBPP (no recorded cases)
- ☐ PPR (no recorded cases)
- ☐ Anthrax (no recorded cases)
- ☐ Rabies (cases of rabies were recorded)
- ☐ EUS (no recorded cases)

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ANIMAL HEALTH ACTIVITIES

FMD, CBPP and PPR free status

- Free status of the three (3) reconfirmed by WOA in April 2025

FMD Official control Program

- Also reconfirmed in May 2025

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C. CHALLENGES IN IMPLEMENTING ANIMAL HEALTH CONTROLS

- **Financial resources**
- Migration of Elephants/buffaloes out of KAZA into free zones (increased wildlife/human conflict)

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FENCING ISSUES IN KAZA

- Northern Buffalo fence
- Zambezi border fence
- Western border Fence

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Recommendation to AHWG

- Active surveillance and management of wildlife migration

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