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**SWM  
COMMUNITY  
CONSERVANCY  
PROJECT**

## Overview of the Sustainable Wildlife Management Programme

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## The Global SWM Programme

**Context**

- Millions depend on **wild meat & fish for food & income**, particularly Indigenous Peoples & local communities.
- **Unsustainable levels of hunting** are endangering wildlife populations.
- Around 300 mammal species are at risk of **extinction** because of hunting for wild meat
- Wildlife loss **impacts ecosystems** but also **threatens food security**

**SWM Programme – an International initiative of 7 Years (2018 – 2024)**

1. **conservation & sustainable use of wildlife** in forest, savannah, & wetland ecosystems
2. **Improve living conditions of Indigenous Peoples & local communities** who depend directly on wildlife
3. **Reducing zoonotic risks** associated with this use & human wildlife conflict











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# The Global SWM Programme

- **Phase I (2018-2024):** Organization of African, Caribbean & Pacific States (OACPS) initiative working in 15 countries.
- **Phase II (2023 - 2029):** Completing site models, sharing lessons learnt & expanding into new countries (Cameroon, Mauritania) & Asia-Pacific (Viet Nam, Lao PDR)

**Output 1**  
  
 Community rights and governance



**Output 2**  
  
 Adaptive wildlife management

**Output 3**  
  
 Healthy and sustainable supply chains and consumption


**Output 4**  
  
 Zoonotic risk prevention and management

**Output 5**  
  
 Expansion and sustainability



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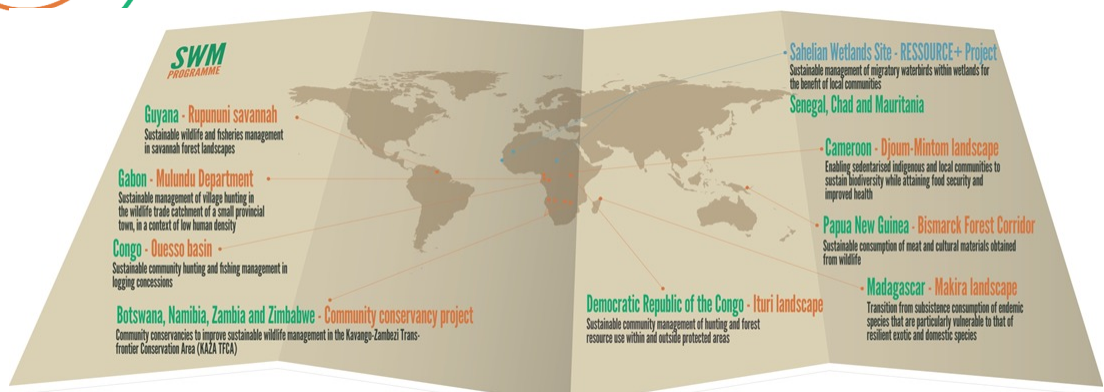



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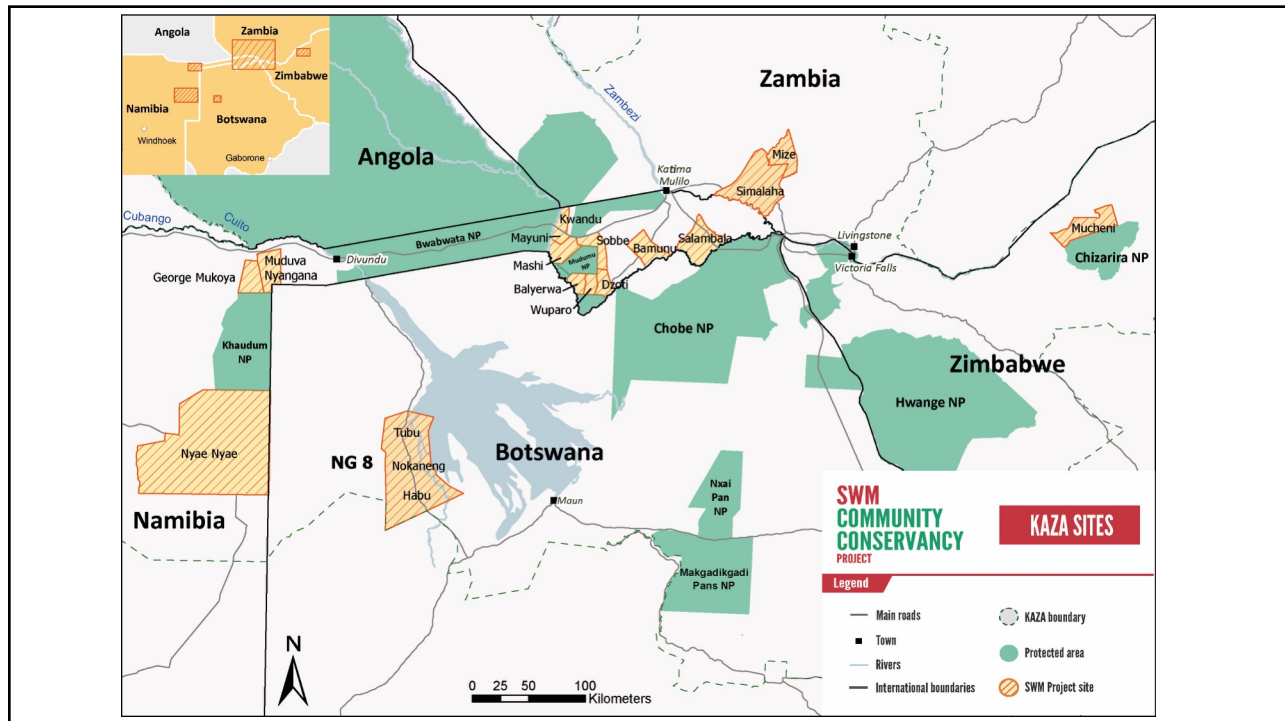


# Geographical focus




- In the Congo Basin, focus on managing hunting & the demand for wild meat at sustainable levels (Tropical Forest)
- In Southern Africa (KAZA), emphasis on valuing wildlife by using it sustainably & legally & reducing human wildlife conflict (Savannah)
- In Sahelian Wetlands, focus on enhancing sustainable management of migratory birds within wetlands for the benefit of communities.

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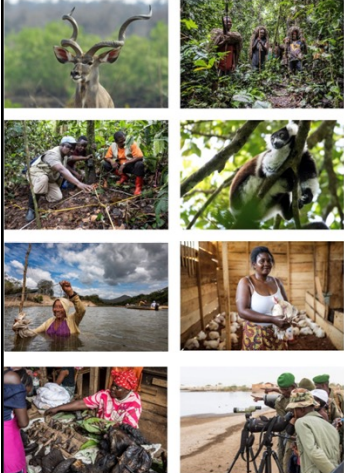


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## SWM Sites in KAZA TFCA Community Conservancy (CC) Project



- Aims to strengthen innovative, community-led efforts to **reconcile conservation of wild species with food security**
- It attempts at the same time to **improve local livelihoods**
- Working with about 17 communities/4 KAZA countries & 80 communities/15 countries in partnership with governments

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**Result 1**



Improve institutional and legal frameworks

- SWM Programme Legal Hub launched in 2021
- Conducted comprehensive legal analysis using a set of **legal diagnostic tools**, & validated by governments of 3 countries & soon by Namibia
- SWM Programme participatory law & policy reform efforts in 8 countries (ZW, GA, CD, CO, MG, BW, GU & TD)
- provides access to statutory & customary laws

**Examples**

- Botswana, development of a Community-Based Natural Resources Management bill.
- Madagascar, promoted revision of Ordinance No. 60126, which governs hunting, fishing & wildlife protection
- Republic of Congo, supported Protected Areas & wildlife law
- Zimbabwe, supported the Parks & Wildlife Act
- Guyana, drafted fisheries regulations

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**THE PROJECT AT A GLANCE**

**15** partner CBOs

**4,000** CC members benefiting

**2,280 km<sup>2</sup>** under sustainable management

**3** Wildlife Dispersal Areas

**PHASE 1 ACHIEVEMENTS AND IMPACTS**

**3** Management and Zonation plans approved

**1** fisheries reserve awaiting gazettment

**200+** community scouts supported (30 employed 100% under SWM CC)

**4** patrol horses trained

**12,000 km** patrolled in 2022

**2** patrol vehicles operating daily

**3** boreholes drilled

**HWC infrastructure built:**

**120 km** of elephant bell fence erected

**8** crocodile-proof fences

**9** predator-proof kraals

**400** legal texts analyzed (Botswana)

**5** multi-stakeholder workshops to validate legal assessments

**950** people trained in various areas of CC governance, management, NRM, HWC mitigation, enterprise development

**7** exchange visits involving **80+** participants from across SWM partners communities

**16** chili dispensers made by trained community guards

**24** new HWCC trainers certified during a regional Training of Trainers

**15** business plans developed

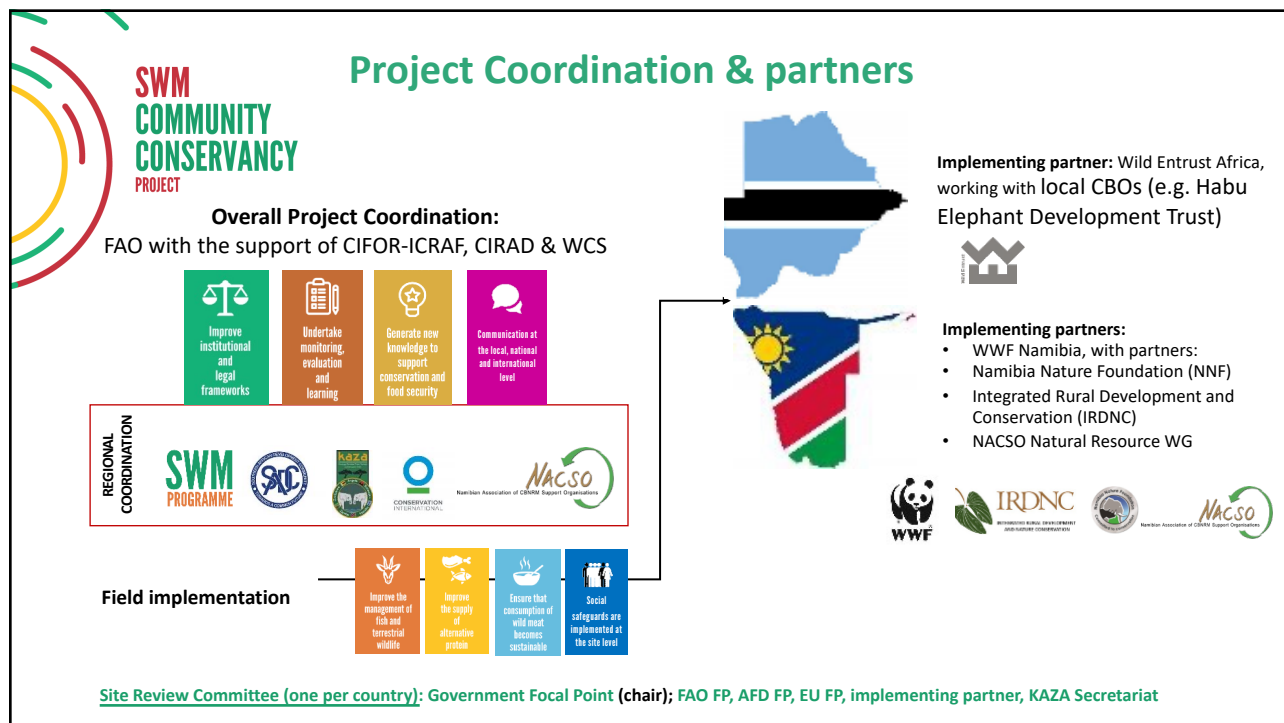
**8** wildlife-friendly Value Chains supported:

- poultry
- livestock
- horticulture
- beekeeping
- tourism
- conservation hunting
- traditional crafts
- leather

**120** wildlife corridor signs erected

**SMART** HWC modules and devices deployed across the KAZA landscape

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## SWM Programme – Next Steps

**For the next phase of SWM**

- a concept note has been developed
- Centered on a regional programmatic approach for 2026-2030
- Geared towards coordination SWM in all KAZA countries &
- onboarding Angola into the initiative.


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## Scaling up impacts in the KAZA TFCA



LOCAL

Promoting social justice and community-based governance


Setting up sustainable economic models for CCs



NATIONAL

Advocating for the devolution of access and user rights to community trusts

Supporting the establishment of institutional frameworks to support community trusts



TRANSBOUNDARY

Collaboration with & support to KAZA Secretariat & SADC TFCA network

- Knowledge-sharing platforms
- Communication of best practices
- Policy harmonisation

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## Thank You!














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