

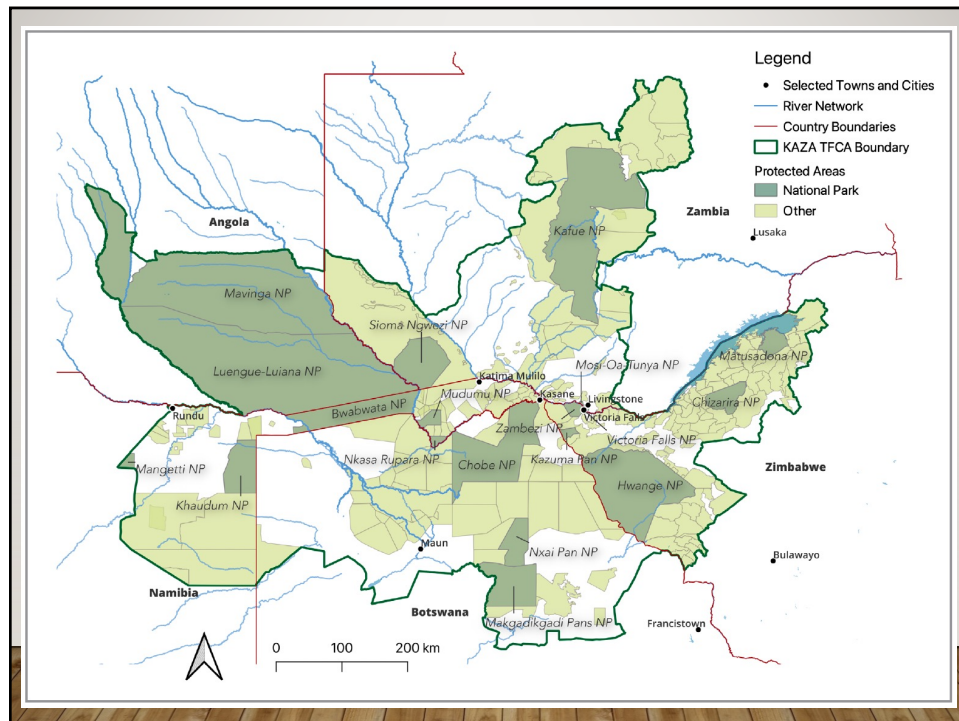
# BOTSWANA PRESENTATION

KAZA ANIMAL HEALTH SUB WORKING GROUP MEETING

18-20 AUGUST 2026

CALAI, ANGOLA

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## ANIMAL HEALTH ACTIVITIES

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### Vaccinations

#### ☐ FMD Vaccination

- Chobe (3 vaccination campaigns – Jun/Jul 2025, Nov/Dec 2025 and Feb/Mar 2026)
  - Only cattle vaccinated
- Ngamiland ( 2 risk based vaccination campaigns - Oct/Nov 2025 and Aug 2026 on-going)..

#### ☐ Other diseases

- Rabies vaccination dogs (20593) and cats (1242)- Ngamiland
- Anthrax and Quarter evil

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## ANIMAL HEALTH ACTIVITIES

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### CBPP and PPR free status

- Free status of the two diseases re confirmed by WOA in April 2026

### FMD Official control Program

- Also re confirmed in May 2026

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## CATTLE INCURSIONS

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- A total of 6 cattle were stolen and recovered in Zambia. Still in Zambia under police investigation(March 2026)
- 26 cattle repatriated back to Namibia between July 2025-July 2026
- 68 Botswana cattle crossed/stolen into Namibia and intercepted in Namibia 2023-July 2026. All these animals were repatriated and destroyed. Farmers yet to receive their compensation.
- 9 cattle from Namibia repatriated after crossing into Botswana in Chobe district

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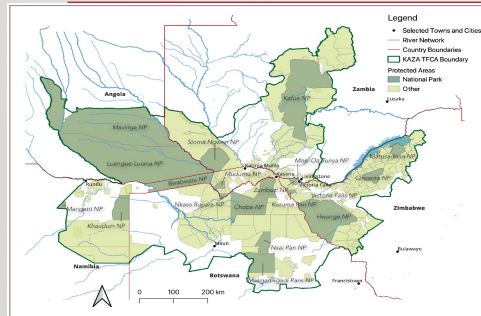
## ISSUES AT HUMAN WILDLIFE INTERFACE

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- Movement of buffaloes July 2025 to Aug 2026
- Increase HWC due to crop raiding
- Snaring of wildlife

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## AVIAN INFLUENZA OUTBREAK



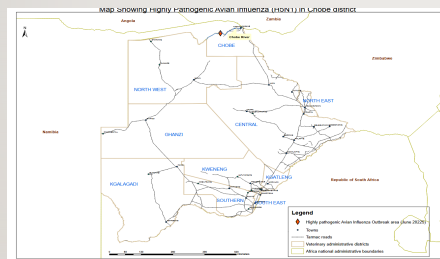
- Avian influenza outbreak occurred in Chobe district, July 2025.
- 220 chicken died
- Suspected to have originated from migratory birds
- Outbreak self limited after all birds died in the 2 homesteads

### CONTROL MEASURES

- Movement restrictions
- Surveillance

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## RABIES CASES



### CONTROL MEASURES

- Destruction of stray dogs (272)
- One Health-Public Education & stakeholder engagements

- 28 cases of rabies were confirmed during the period under review
  - 3 bovine cases
  - 20 canine cases
  - 1 caprine case in Ngamiland
  - 4 human (children) fatal cases

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## **ANIMAL HEALTH ACTIVITIES**

### **Surveillance**

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

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## **UPDATES ON FENCING**

- There has been no changes in the fencing strategy or fencing policies within the KAZA landscape for the period under review.

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## CHALLENGES IN THE KAZA LANDSCAPE

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- Dog mediated Rabies outbreak and subsequent infection in people resulting in human deaths.
- Cattle rustling remains a challenge on the Okavango District.
- Poisoning of wildlife as a retaliation from farmers, especially in Vultures and lions.

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## CHALLENGES IN IMPLEMENTING ANIMAL HEALTH CONTROLS

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

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## RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE KAZA AHSWG

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- Consider allowing trade in fresh cloven hoofed animal products which are CBT compliant within the KAZA landscape
- Continued active surveillance for transboundary diseases of economic importance e.g. FMD, CBPP, PPR, HPAI, NEWCASTLE

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