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Frankfurt Zoological Society conserves wildlife and ecosystems focusing on protected areas and outstanding wild places. Wilderness areas where natural processes take place without interference are vanishing, leaving less and less room for wild animals. Our goal is to ensure that natural habitats are protected, for their intrinsic and economic value, for present and future generations. We follow an ecosystem approach to conservation and sustainable development for the local people across projects in Africa, Asia, South America and Europe.

NORTH LUANGWA CONSERVATION PROGRAMME

NORTH LUANGWA ECOSYSTEM PROJECT

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) is funding NLCP to work with communities in the wider North Luangwa ecosystem to strengthen their participation in, and benefits from, wildlife conservation. The project is working to build capacity of community institutions for natural resource management and good governance and for their engagement in conservation enterprise opportunities, particularly tourism.

The project will lay the groundwork for conservation enterprise investment, ensuring a fair deal for all parties, where both revenues and benefit sharing are optimised for financial, social and ecological sustainability. From a resource management perspective, management planning instruments that include tourism, land-use and business plans will be developed with the communities and other stakeholders for both the National Park and key Game

Management Areas. Funding from FZS and private sources in this Global Development Alliance will match USAID's investment to enhance the protection of wildlife and other natural resources in the ecosystem.

FZS continues to facilitate community conservation banks, small scale village savings and loans schemes that enable members to engage in conservation compatible small business enterprises. This diversification of their livelihood options helps to build the resilience of individuals and drive socio-economic development.



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PROTECTING AN ICONIC WILDERNESS IN ZAMBIA



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WILDERNESS

The oldest section of Africa's Great Rift Valley extends into north-eastern Zambia. Here, the Luangwa River, one of Africa's longest unaltered river systems, has shaped the landscape over millennia. The geographic location and associated isolation and topography give rise to a unique species diversity.

The ecosystem, with the North Luangwa National Park at its heart, is Zambia's elephant stronghold, home to the world's largest concentration of hippos, and has one of the highest lion densities in the region.



The North Luangwa National Park and adjacent Game Management Areas cover about 22,000km².

Zambia's only population of black rhinos lives in North Luangwa. The North Luangwa Conservation Programme (NLCP) has established a viable, breeding population in the ecosystem for the survival of this endangered species.

wNLCP is the joint effort of Frankfurt Zoological Society and the Government of Zambia's Department of National Parks and Wildlife to protect this unique wilderness area.



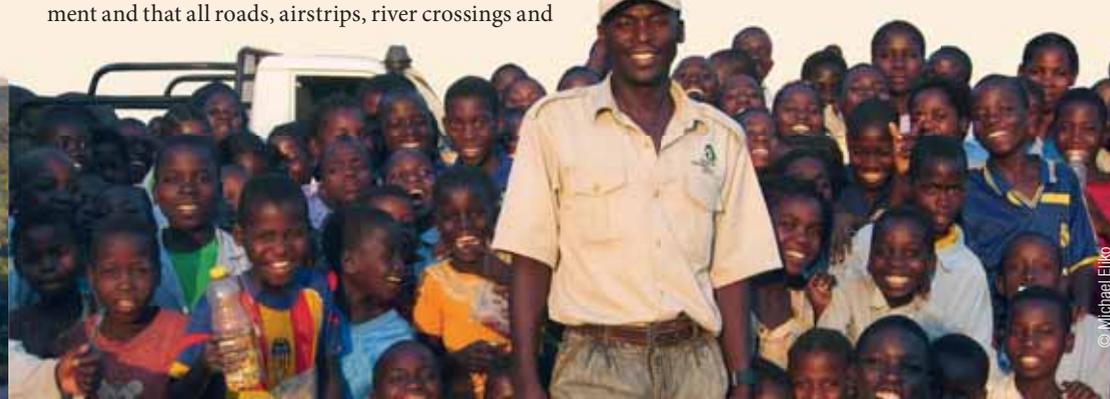
NORTH LUANGWA CONSERVATION PROGRAMME

Through the partnership of FZS and DNPW, the programme delivers hands-on and effective conservation. NLCP focuses on front line law enforcement and complex strategies to protect Zambia's largest elephant population and only black rhinos. We provide technical and logistical support for widespread anti-poaching patrols and operations – from specialised unit training to socks and boots for the officers on patrol.

The programme ensures that all vehicles are purchased, managed and serviced for park management and that all roads, airstrips, river crossings and

buildings are built and maintained. Two aircraft support protected area management and a digital radio network connects scout units across the vast ecosystem to a control and command centre.

In 2003, FZS launched an education programme now named 'Lolesha Luangwa,' 'Look after Luangwa', in the local Bemba language. Reaching out to children and bringing them into the park creates a sense of community ownership and responsibility for the conservation of the North Luangwa Valley.



PROTECTING AN ICONIC WILDERNESS

The North Luangwa Conservation Programme was initiated in 1986. This partnership between FZS and the Zambian wildlife authorities for the last thirty years has brought the North Luangwa wilderness back from the brink of disaster. But threats persist and poaching has reached new levels of organisation.

To enhance the protection of the wildlife, the Rhino and Elephant Protection Unit (REPU) was established in 2014 to supplement the protection strategy. REPU units patrol the core area and monitor the black rhino population. To curb the increasing elephant poaching across the continent, NLCP has also been investing in training and deployment of an intelligence and investigations unit. Until the demand for ivory and rhino horn is reduced, support will need to be maintained.

The use of dogs in anti-poaching is a relatively recent addition to the law enforcement strategy toolbox, but it has an increasingly proven track record of success in a number of conservation areas across Africa. Wildlife crime detection dogs on operations in villages and at gates, borders and strategic road blocks since 2015 have increased the effectiveness of the fight against trafficking of illegal wildlife products such as ivory, rhino horn and bush meat.

The North Luangwa Conservation Programme builds on the long-standing commitment of the Frankfurt Zoological Society, its members and donors.

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