



Climate Adaptation
and Protected Areas
Initiative

Kavango-Zambezi Landscape



Located in Southern Africa, the Kavango-Zambezi (KAZA) Transfrontier Conservation Area landscape includes 36 protected areas, including national parks, game reserves, forest reserves, community conservancies, and game/wildlife management areas. KAZA is situated in the Kavango and Zambezi River basins, where the borders of Angola, Botswana, Namibia, Zambia, and Zimbabwe converge.

The Climate Adaptation and Protected Areas (CAPA) Initiative will focus on implementing nature-based solutions for adaptation that enhance ecosystems and biodiversity, working with men and women within local communities, as well as traditionally underrepresented groups such as persons with disabilities and Indigenous communities.

Zimbabwe Key CAPA activities include

- establishing native tree nurseries and implementing nature-based interventions to restore forest cover and strengthen indigenous forest systems;
- restoring and stabilizing water sources, including streams, wetlands, and lagoons, to protect them from drought;
- delivering training on climate change and adaptation, life skills, financial management, entrepreneurship skills, and technical skills for women, youth, and people living with disabilities.

Project Sites: Zimbabwe

FACT ► Hwange

CAPA activities will focus on conservation and community areas adjacent to Victoria Falls National Park and Fuller Forest

FACT ► Binga

CAPA interventions will be implemented in community areas near Chizarira National Park

FACT ► The Hwange-Sebungwe landscape, where the Hwange National Park is located, has the second-largest population of African elephants on the continent (approximately 45,000).

In Zimbabwe, CAPA interventions will focus on the community conservation areas around the Hwange National Park and in the communal areas around the Chizarira National Park.

Key Climate Change Impacts



Decreased rainfall



Drought



Heat waves



Declining tree cover



Flooding



Extreme weather events

Key Biodiversity and Ecosystem Threats



Poaching



Encroachment



Deforestation



Habitat loss



Climate change

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