

Get involved

If you have experience of relevant initiatives, please get involved!

We are keen to hear about community-driven initiatives, or externally driven initiatives, such as those where community members are employed as game guards.

Share your experiences of developing and implementing community action against poaching on www.PeopleNotPoaching.org

Online learning platform
www.PeopleNotPoaching.org

Project webpage
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Zambia EGC



Project

Enhancing Governance of Cbnrm
for Better Conservation and
Social Outcomes in Zambia

[CHIAWA GMA]

Background

Zambia CBNRM Forum is an umbrella organisation that was registered in 2005. It represents various communities, community-based organisations and civil society organisations that are interested in the promotion of sustainable livelihoods and poverty reduction through community based natural resources management. Zambia CBNRM Forum will organise and mobilise communities, assist in data analysis and reporting, and host the Zambian multi-stakeholder dialogue. - www.zcbrnm.com

BIOPAMA is an initiative of the ACP group of States financed by the European Union jointly implemented by International Union of Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and the joint Research Centre of the European Commission (JCR). The BIOPAMA project in Zambia aimed at Enhancing Governance of Cbnrm for a Better Conservation and Social Outcome in Zambia addresses priorities for improved management and governance of bio diversity and natural resources including the providing and assessing supportive tools. The project supports protected areas at all cost levels through the provision of service and tools and capacity development as well as opportunities for site level activities.

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Protected and conserved area(s) concerned

Mumbwa GMA, 4094; Namwala GMA, 4093; Mafunta GMA, 555626090; Chiawa GMA, 62095; Rufunsa GMA, 303859; Luano GMA, 4095.

The BIOPAMA AC Objectives addressed

- Enhance the management and governance of priority protected areas by addressing existing limitations (strengthening on-site infrastructure/equipment for patrolling, poaching control, developing capacity of staff).
- Support local communities' initiatives aiming to enhance the livelihoods of local people whilst effectively contributing to protected areas management.

Prioritized Actions to be done in Chiawa GMA

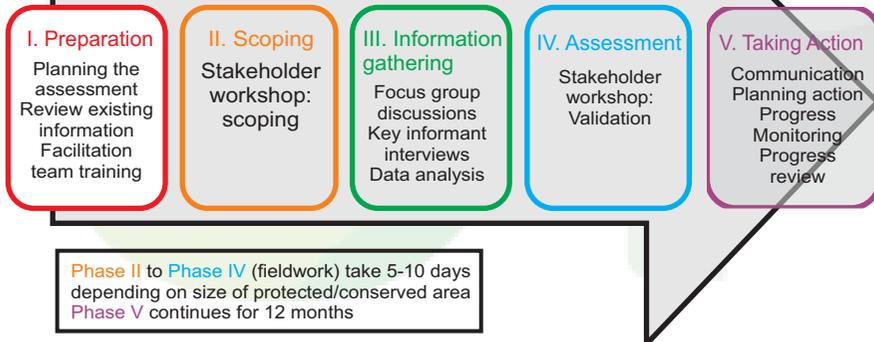
PRIORTIZED ACTIONS TO BE DONE IN CHIAWA GMA	
Packaging the information of Natural Resources Management, Governance, Decision Making, Carbon Credit, Transparency, Benefit sharing in : Posters Brochures Radio Programs Sketches/Drama Groups	
Documentation of Indigenous knowledge documentaries of the GMA	
Women Leadership and Gender Integrations Training selected VAG will be conducted.	
Capacity Building Training in Lobbying and Advocacy, governance, information sharing .	
Identification and Selection of Focal persons (ToR) was shared in meetings.	
Law Enforcement Training to improve skills and Knowledge of enforcement officers	
Comments: Participants in the Law Enforcement training to include representatives from all relevant Government Departments: Fisheries, Forestry, Conservation Development etc.	
Comments	
The GMA has observed that the areas not fenced have high HWC and the animals are free to invade their fields hence they need to lobby with other key stakeholders to enable the fence their fields.	



Support for Action meeting (Photo by Cecilia Banda Project Officer)

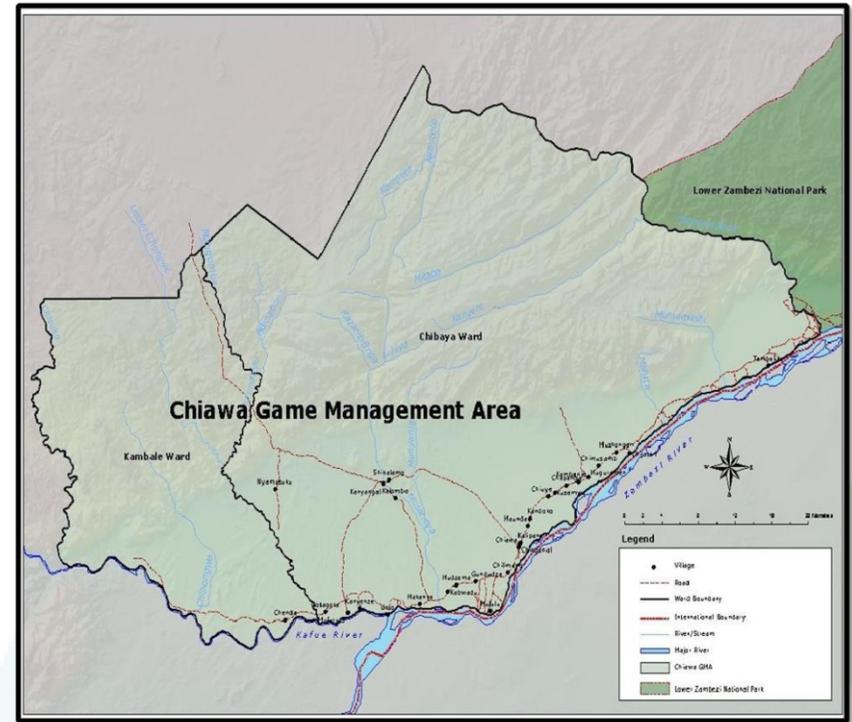
GAPA is a relatively low-cost governance assessment methodology for use by PA/CA stakeholders working together to assess PA/CA governance strengths and challenges and help build stronger and fairer governance. As global and national conservation policy has evolved to include stronger emphasis on governance issues, there has been growing recognition that the main constraint to progress is no longer policy, but policy implementation. All too often, practice falls far short of the standard set in policy. IIED has been leading an effort with partners — GIZ and IUCN — to address this gap between policy and practice. One of the key issues constraining progress is the lack of detailed guidance on how to understand and assess governance and equity in PAs and CAs. We have been developing and piloting a methodology for this purpose.

The GAPA Process



GAPA-Governance Assessment for Protected Areas.

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Map of the Chiawa GMA. (ZAWA Draft Plan for Lower Zambezi National Park 2008).

Department of National Parks and Wildlife

The DNPW Warden Madam Miriam Namushi was thankful to the organizers of the action planning meeting, she went on to state that the initiative is setting up base for the community and all, let the actions planned be shown in order to progress towards sustainability in the conservation of the natural resources. She emphasized that the need scouts complained as they as continue to work without any payment or allowance. So there is need to build capacity in the Community Resource Boards to enable them advocate for and lobby for resources through other NGOs and stakeholders that have an interest in conservation and help our community and the scouts that help protect the GMA.



DNPW warden for Chiawa Madam Namushi(photo by Cecilia Banda Project Officer)



Mr Mutende Simwanza co-facilitating the Action Plan (photo by Cecilia Banda Project Officer)

Game management areas (GMAs) are protected areas in communally owned lands that make up more than 70% of the total protected area in Zambia. Overall governance of GMAs has been in decline, reflected in an increased rate of habitat loss, land disputes and declining wildlife populations. This has serious consequences for conservation in Zambia. The project will address tackle key governance challenges at GMAs including issues related to benefit sharing, accountability, rights recognition, participation in decision-making, gender equality, transparency and information sharing, and law enforcement.



Chiawa GMA participants at action planning (Photo by Cecilia Banda Project Officer)



Participants going to stick colors papers to represent their views (Photo by Cecilia Banda Project Officer)