

Detailed Implementation & Financial Report

Zambezi Wetland & Wildlife Conservation (2023–2024)
February 2023 – January 2024

1. Project Overview

- **Title:** Zambezi Wetland & Wildlife Conservation
 - **Location:** Kazungula & Siavonga Districts, Southern Province, Zambia
 - **Duration:** February 2023 – January 2024
 - **Objective:** To restore degraded wetland ecosystems in the Zambezi River Basin, reduce poaching, and promote community-led wildlife protection.
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2. Background & Rationale

The Zambezi wetlands in Southern Province are critical for biodiversity, supporting migratory birds, fish breeding grounds, and community livelihoods. However, unsustainable fishing, habitat degradation, and wildlife poaching threaten their ecological balance. This project engaged youth and communities in **restoration, awareness, and anti-poaching activities**, integrating conservation with local development needs.

3. Activity Components

- **Wetland Restoration** – planting native trees and grass along degraded riverbanks.
- **Community Awareness** – 4 sensitization campaigns on sustainable fishing and wildlife conservation.
- **Wildlife Patrols** – establishment of 2 youth-led community patrol teams.

- **Traditional & Policy Dialogue** – conservation dialogues with chiefs, councils, and fishers.
 - **Monitoring & Reporting** – tracking habitat recovery, fish stocks, and wildlife sightings.
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4. Detailed Execution Phases

Phase 1 – Planning & Stakeholder Engagement (Feb–Mar 2023)

- Consulted chiefs, councils, and Fisheries & Wildlife officers; mapped restoration zones.

Phase 2 – Habitat Restoration (Apr–Jul 2023)

- Restored 12 ha of degraded wetlands with 5,000 indigenous trees and grass cover.

Phase 3 – Community Campaigns (Aug–Oct 2023)

- Reached 200 residents through village meetings, posters, and radio programs.

Phase 4 – Patrols & Policy Dialogue (Nov 2023 – Jan 2024)

- Established 2 community patrol groups; convened conservation dialogues with local Indunas and councils.
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5. Implementation Timeline

Phase	Timeline
Planning & Engagement	Feb – Mar 2023
Habitat Restoration	Apr – Jul 2023
Community Campaigns	Aug – Oct 2023
Patrols & Policy Dialogue	Nov 2023 – Jan 2024

6. Outcomes & Impact

- **Restoration:** 12 ha of wetlands rehabilitated.
- **Community Engagement:** 200 community members sensitized.
- **Poaching Reduction:** Wildlife patrols reduced illegal hunting reports by 30%.
- **Biodiversity Recovery:** Improved breeding grounds for birds and fish in targeted wetlands.
- **Youth Involvement:** 25 youth actively engaged as conservation leaders.

7. Key Partners

- **Department of National Parks & Wildlife (ZAWA)** – patrol training and technical support.
- **Local Chiefs & Indunas (Kazungula & Siavonga)** – community mobilization and bylaw enforcement.
- **Forestry & Fisheries Departments** – technical guidance on restoration.
- **Youth & Community Groups** – core implementers.

8. Youth & Community Testimonials

“Planting trees by the river made me realize we can restore what was lost. Now we see more birds returning.”

— Choolwe, Youth Volunteer, Kazungula

“Since the patrols began, illegal fishing has reduced, and fish are slowly returning. It gives us hope.”

— Mr. Mweemba, Fisher, Siavonga

9. Financial Report – Wetland & Wildlife Grant (\$120,000)

Budget Item	Amount (USD)	Description
Stakeholder Engagement	\$10,000	Consultations, mapping, inception workshops
Habitat Restoration	\$35,000	Seedlings, tools, transport, labor
Awareness Campaigns	\$20,000	Sensitization materials, facilitators, radio
Patrols & Equipment	\$25,000	Training, uniforms, patrol gear
Policy Dialogues	\$15,000	Community & council meetings
Monitoring & Evaluation	\$10,000	Surveys, ecological monitoring, reporting
Administration & Contingency	\$5,000	Coordination, communication, buffer
Total Grant Allocation	\$120,000	Total Funding

Summary

The **Zambezi Wetland & Wildlife Conservation Project (2023–2024)** restored wetlands, reduced poaching, and empowered youth and communities to protect biodiversity in Southern Province. By integrating restoration, awareness, and governance, the project strengthened resilience of the Zambezi River ecosystem.

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