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**TRANS-FRONTIER PARKS AND CONSERVATION  
AREAS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA : is this the panacea for  
trans-frontier conservation?**



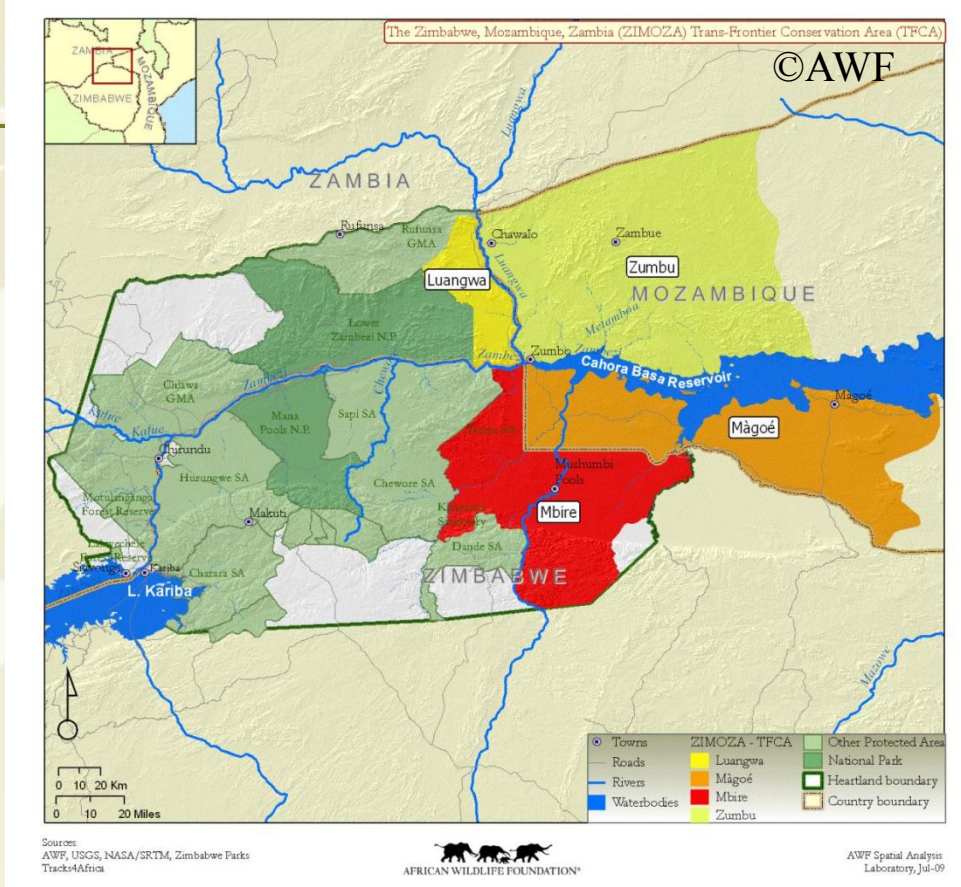
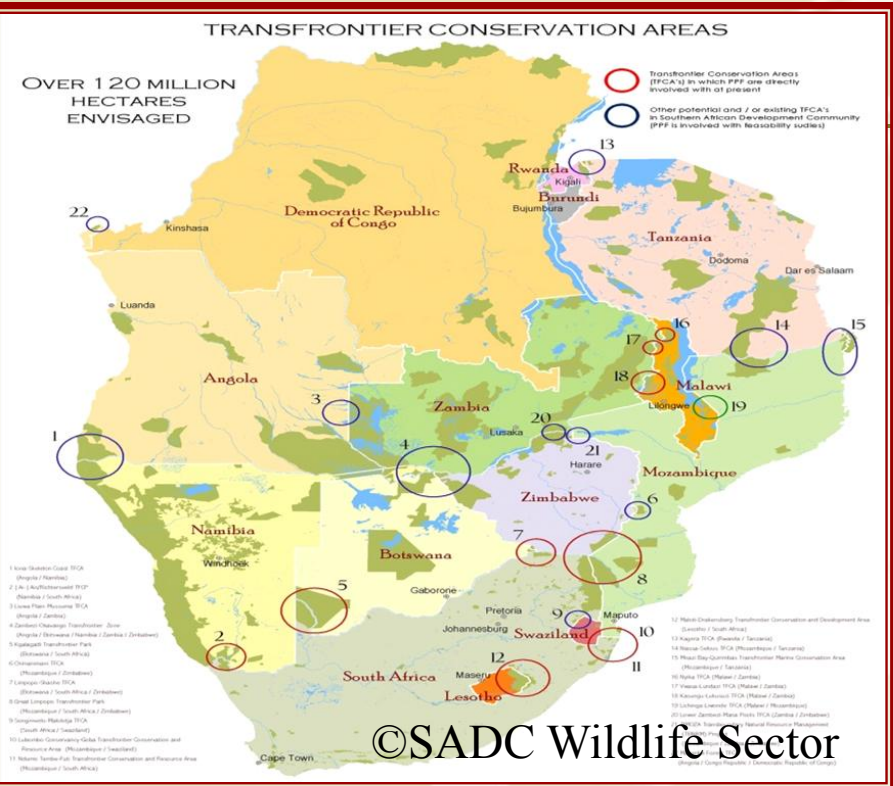
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# Geographical context and location for interventions



a) Regional vision for TFCAs

b) Mana-Lower Zambezi & ZiMoZa TFCAs

## Partners

➤ National & local governments; Community Based Organizations; Traditional authorities; NGOs, private sector investors



## Objectives

- Improve management of shared wildlife resources through harmonized policy and legal frameworks
- Facilitate establishment of SMART community, public and private sector partnerships (CPPPs) for tourism development
- Enhance ecosystem integrity and connectivity at a 'trans-frontier landscape level'
- Develop frameworks and strategies that provide for co-management
- Promote the marketing of the trans-frontier landscapes as viable tourism destinations



# Results and Lessons Learnt

## Results

- Tentative boundaries to secure >1.5 million hectares set
- TFCAs concepts shared and accepted by multi-stakeholder groups
- Pilot community based cultural tourism and commercial fishing enterprises initiated
- General Management Plans for Mana Pools & Lower Zambezi NPs completed as anchors and basis for improved management for approx. 600,000 ha
- Trans-frontier wildlife population monitoring and assessments using standard methods conducted to inform harmonization of policy frameworks

## Lessons learnt

- TFCAs promote multi-land use and multi-stakeholder participation that result in high probability of contributing to biodiversity conservation and poverty alleviation
- Functional community NR governance institutions are needed for realistic and genuine community participation
- Gov't sensitization needed as they tend to maintain sovereignty OVER regionalism, thereby stifling implementation of trans-frontier programs