



MISSION

To provide coordination for the CBOs of Zambia and to support the effective management of Game Management Areas

VISION

Building a strong constituency for community empowerment and development

GOAL

To self-sustain GMAs, open areas owned and managed by the communities through community resources Board

COMMUNITY SCOUT AND WILDLIFE POLICE OFFICERS TRAINING ON WOMEN EMPOWERMENT, LEADERSHIP AND GBV IN THE WILDLIFE SECTOR



On June 26th, 2023, to July 2 nd , 2023, TNC, GRI and Zambia Community Resources Board Association (ZCRBA) collaborated in facilitating a skills Training Mweengu and Musa camp with intent to build the capacity of the community scouts and wildlife police officers under Nkala GMA in women leadership and empowerment, Gender equality and GBV among which there was 42 men and 8 women of both Musa and Mweengu Camp in Itezhi-Tezhi District, and this workshop training program was fully supported by TNC.



Gender equality and women’s empowerment are central to the realization of human rights, development objectives, and effective and sustainable development outcomes. In natural resources management space in Zambia, there is a gender gap in terms of women participation.

The sector remains largely male dominated, yet women’s participation in this economic sector leads to improved natural resource conservation and socioeconomic outcomes. Further, the engagement of women in this male-dominated spaces can lead to multiple gender based- violence (GBV) which can result in low participation of women in these spaces.

This training for women in nature is based on supporting women and men entering the formal wildlife sector to acquire knowledge and socio-economic skills that will enable them to play an effective and meaningful role in law enforcement operations and thereby fostering self-confidence and building socioemotional and interpersonal skills that supports women and to navigate gender barriers at their households and communities, and to engage in local resource governance.

BI-ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN SIMALAHA CONSERVANCY 17-21st JULY, 2023



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The bi-annual conference was an information-sharing platform with conservancies, Community-Based Organizations, private sector, governments, and stakeholders sharing knowledge on activities undertaken in the last six months as well as planned activities for the next six months. The platform was used for information sharing on projects within the landscape, and any support rendered to the communities.

The attendee for the conferences comprises the permanent secretary of western province (Mr. Simomo Akapelwa) and the royal highness across the country.

The challenges, achievements, and lessons learned during the implementation of their planned activities were shared. The platform also had provided different stakeholders, conservancies, and transboundary partners with the opportunity to learn from each other especially the different activities being implemented and undertaken in the neighboring countries.

ALLIANCE FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLE AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES FOR CONSERVATION IN AFRICA (AICA) 2023.

The AICA congress 2023 was supported by the Rights and Resources initiatives (RRI), IMPACT KENYA, and hosted by the Community Leaders Network of Southern Africa.

Dr Rodgers Lubilo and Malidadi Langa discuss the main issues that were addressed during the first-ever African Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities Conservation Congress. Land rights, resource use rights, human wildlife conflict and building an African Alliance to amplify African voices are among the highlights. We will continue to work together with our partners across Africa to create a movement for conservation that truly benefits African people.

SURVEY CTO REPORTING MONITORING AND EVALUATION



Monitoring and Evaluation

The ZCRBA conducted a monitoring and evaluation on the community monthly reporting system (Survey CTO collect). The main objectives of the assessment M&E were to assess the benefits of the newly introduced reporting system (Survey CTO) to the communities or CBOs, to determine the effectiveness of the tool the cooperating partners that are working with the CBOs and finding out the challenges faced by the CBOs in the use and accessing of the reporting, respectively.

However, results showed that there is a need to align the financial statement questionnaire logically to tally with the actual financial documents CBOs use and the need to provide a report analysis quarterly and annually respectively.

GOVERNANCE PILOT TRAININGS FOR DEVELOPED MANUALS



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The DNPW-CBNRM Unit, ILRG and Zambia CRB Association collectively piloted CRB governance manuals in Lupande (Malama, Kakumbi and Nsefu), Mumbwa (Kabulwebulwe) and Nkala (Shezongo and Musungwa) GMAs in January and February 2023 respectively. Furthermore, the CRB governance manuals were critical to the governance and management of natural and wildlife resources for community governance structures with greater potential to strengthening the CBNRM status of the country as the package consisted broader aspects and topics that influenced improvement for community livelihoods and resource management. The piloted manuals paved way for Knowledge on community structure roles and responsibilities for the selected community structures, basic knowledge around effective wildlife and natural resource management and provided a broader understanding of good governance practice

BIOPAMA INTERNAL REVIEW MEETING



The Zambia CRB Association was engaged by the Zambia CBNRM Forum to participate in the BIOPAMA project Internal review meeting with an intent to assess the Progress of the project activities implemented and collect Feedback from participants from the Project Sites who were in attendance, the review outlined some challenges the project had faced and the Achievements. Thereafter a dive into the progress of project activities which included a review of the assessment results as a key component in summarizing how the Project's four SAGE assessments and two GAPA assessments impacted the governance of protected areas.

The Assessments summary during the review meeting indicated the resources, rights that communities could exercise in their GMAs, key actors in the GMAs and the good governance principles coupled with governance challenges. Communication of results from the already implemented SAGE and GAPA was another discussion during the review as participants wanted to know how the results have been communicated back to communities in the six-project site and in response from the BIOPAMA team gave insight of some methods that are used among them being through soft and hard copy reports and development of communication booklets for all the 6 Project Sites. Another method was by having constant interaction with CRBs at the Learning Group Platform and Whatsapp Group.

Action planning of the Project Sites was brought out and at the same time, the BIOPAMA team gave a clear background on where the project had reached an advanced stage and the phase of developing action plans was done in the area sites and later support for action implementation was an important stage of the process where some of the identified governance challenges had to be addressed by key actions collectively. The support for action planning stage mushroomed and resolution to have them done at VAG/CRB levels as to help the communities understand the resources rights and other key concerns on governance. Also, during the review meeting concern was raised to have the BIOPAMA CBNRM learning group up and running as the platform helps with interactions and sharing lessons ideas to improve on the communication and interaction with communities in Project Sites.

ZCRBA PARTICIPATION IN WOMEN LEADERSHIP AND EMPOWERMENT FOR CHIKOMENI CHIEFDOM



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The ZCRBA with the support from Integrated Land Resource Governance Project (ILRG) and Zambia integrated Forestry Landscape Project (ZFLP) conducted a capacity building training based on women leadership and empowerment which was initiated among the 26 women in Chikomeni CRB, COMACO and other community governance structures in their Landscapes. Further, the training was conducted to ensure that women are empowered and key leadership and entrepreneurial skills are developed as they execute their leadership roles and responsibilities in their existing governance structures in the local community. In addition, women leadership and empowerment training was initiated in order to awakening women in their sleepy zones so that they are able to participate fully in the leadership roles and also to ensure that the number of women's participation in the management of natural resources in their landscape is increased.

Therefore, the training was based on to mention but a few sessions below:

1. Personal Leadership
2. The Vision Journey
3. Action Plan
4. Monitoring and Evaluation
5. Barriers to women's participation in natural resources management
6. Self-assertiveness and awareness



The few aforementioned sessions above were practically delivered to the 26 women who participated in the training. Resultant of this women leadership and empowerment training was that most women appreciated that the training because a lot of things were highlighted which was not their minds even if as they pursue their leadership journey. They made mention practically that the session on the vision journey will help them be effective leaders in their leadership life journey. Further, the women demanded for more trainings of such which will help them build on strong grounds in their leadership and as they pursue leadership positions in their landscapes.

USAID TRAINING IN COMPLIANCE AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT



The Zambia CRB Association participated in a one-week Compliance Capacity Development Training that was facilitated by USAID Egypt in Collaboration and help from USAID Zambia. The training was held at Pamodzi Hotel in Lusaka Zambia, the training was participated by both Prime and Sub- Beneficiaries of USAID grants.

The main objective of the training was to ensure that all beneficiaries of USAID Grants adapt to the same procedures in terms of how to handle USAID funds and Projects, that is in terms of knowing the costs that are allowable and unallowable, cost managements, how audits are conducted etc. It was then resolved after the workshop that in future we might meet again for the same trainings.



ZCRBA participated in the Africa Grasslands Learning Journey that focused on community-based institutions, the program ran from March 27th to 31st March 2023. The core objective of the learning journey was in line with the MACP Africa grasslands project which provides for strengthened community-based natural resource management in northern Kenya, northern Tanzania, and Zambia's Kafue ecosystem by June 2024, through improving partner capacity, unlocking innovative nature-based financing solutions, and sharing knowledge of best practices. Not only that, the program was interactive for participants who were given chance to interact with the TNC team and partners from Zambia, Tanzania, and Kenya to learn principles and best practices in communally managed rangelands and savannas as well as the governance systems of communal organizations. The key objectives of this program was:

- To expose the participants to leadership/management and strategic planning of each of their organizations.
- To expose the participants to the governance/working with boards, decision-making, and communication of each of their organizations.
- Budgeting & financial management administrative systems such as human resources, recordkeeping/information management, etc.
- To share knowledge and experience on fundraising and resource mobilization, networking, advocacy, donor partnerships, and government relations

ZCRBA PARTICIPATION IN THE CARBON JURISDICTIONAL PROJECT



ZCRBA Participation in the Carbon Jurisdictional Project

The Zambia CRB Association participated in a workshop on the carbon jurisdictional project for the Eastern Region CFMGs that was held in Katete on the during this engagement key resolutions were drawn around the revenue sharing mechanisms should be as below:

- Royal Highnesses (Matron or Patron) 10%
- Conservation Efforts (Natural Resources Protection) 25%
- Community Livelihood Projects 30%
- Traditional Affairs (Ceremonies) 3%
- Community Construction Projects 24%
- CRB Association 3%
- Administration 5%

Furthermore, it was agreed that community should demand 60% share from the total gross. Adding that the funds under carbon credit should not pass through control 99 government account. A follow-up of the Carbon Jurisdictional Project validation meeting was held in Chongwe on the 12th-13th April 2023 to validate the resolutions to the Eastern Carbon jurisdictional project inception meeting by the government, communities, the private sector (BCP, COMACO) and ZCRBA the initiator of the whole process. The resolution to this follow-up meeting was around cementing the agreement through signing of the agreement by all relevant parties.

DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS



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The Zambia CRB Association sought it wise to revamp its social interactions by developing several social media platforms to ensure that the visibility focus of the Association is a success, not only that but to equally ensure social aspect of showing out the works of the Association to the general public and future potential collaborators around the works aimed at improving livelihood for communities around conserved and protected areas.

ZCRBA's urge to build a reputable, influential and successful Organization through increased exposure and visibility, below are the interactive media platforms that the Zambia CRB Association is still in the process of developing and modifying the platforms to suit professional standards.

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www.zcrba.com

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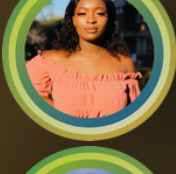
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