

# Country Profile: Republic of Zambia



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## OVERVIEW

**Project Title:** Zambia Integrated Forest Landscape Project (ZIFLP)

**Project Sites:** Lukusuzi National Park

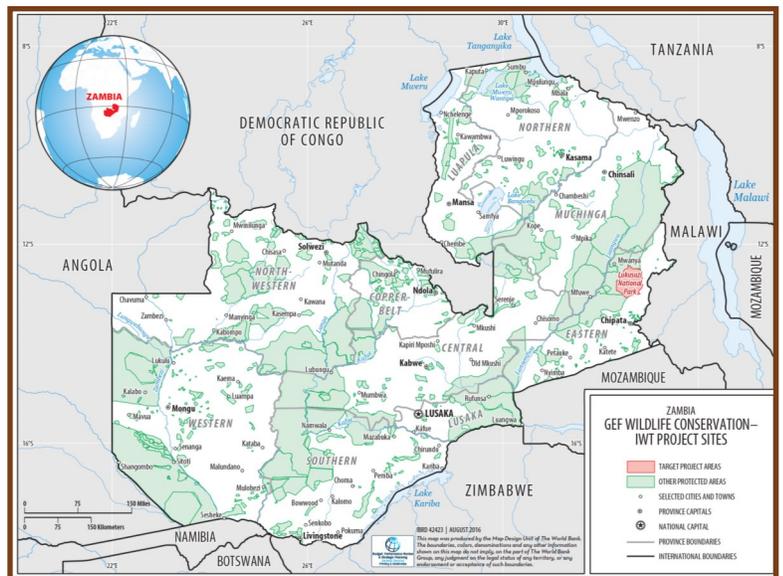
**Species Focus:** Elephants and lions

**Total Project Cost:** \$8.05 million

**Executing Partner:** Department of National Parks and Wildlife (DNPW)

**GEF Implementing Agency:** World Bank

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## CONTEXT

Zambia's rich biodiversity is critical for the livelihoods of its rural population. This is especially the case for the 68% of Zambia's population that live under the poverty line, including the rural communities that depend on natural ecosystems for energy, farmland, and food.

The Government of the Republic of Zambia is implementing cross-sectoral and integrated rural development approaches, including biodiversity conservation and promotion of ecotourism through the protected area network. The Government's Vision 2030 and the Sixth National Development Plan (SNDP) directed efforts to focus on agriculture, energy, and forestry. Recent enabling actions to stimulate conservation action includes development of the Draft National Parks and Wildlife Policy, and issuance of the Wildlife Act No 14 (2015) and Forest Act No 4 (2015). Zambia also established a National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP), a National Elephant Action Plan (NEAP), and it is a participating state in the CITES Rhinoceros Enforcement Task Force. The country is engaged in the Wildlife Enforcement Network of Southern Africa (WENSA). It has also conducted joint cross border law enforcement operations with Malawi, Tanzania, and Zimbabwe.

See the World Bank website for more information: [Global Wildlife Program](#)

## PROJECT COMPONENTS

The overall development objective of the ZIFLP is to improve landscape management and increase benefits for targeted rural communities in the Eastern Province. The GEF-funded portion of the project, which falls under the GWP initiative, aims to increase the effective management of Lukusuzi National Park and enhance livelihoods of nearby communities through investments in climate-smart agriculture, forestry, and management of wildlife. The ZIFLP components are:

1. Enabling Environment
2. Livelihood investments (including wildlife protection)
3. Project Management