



# Lower Zambezi REDD+ Project

As the first REDD+ project in Zambia, the Lower Zambezi REDD+ Project pioneered the development of forest conservation projects in the country. The project is currently the first project in Africa to have achieved 11 consecutive and successful verifications against the Verified Carbon Standard (VCS) and was the first project in Africa (second in the World) to achieve CCB Triple Gold Verification against the Climate, Community, and Biodiversity Alliance Standards.

The project covers a 40,126-hectare buffer to the Lower Zambezi National Park, providing a vital buffer area to The Lower Zambezi National Park on a piece of private land known as Rufunsa Conservancy. It's an example of how private initiatives can benefit neighboring communities, protecting over 60 kilometers of the boundary. Sable and roan antelope are among the many special species found in the LZRP Project area.

In cooperation with local community members in Bunda Bunda Chiefdom and The Soli Shamifwi Royal Establishment, the project develops sustainable land-use practices that conserve threatened forests and wildlife, while also investing in development for rural communities.

**40**

Lead Farmers

**18**

Of Whom are Women

**1,206**

Follower Farmers

**39**

Horticulture farmers

**2**

Social Projects Since Inception

**40,126**

Total hectares of forest protected

**31**

Livelihood Projects since Inception

**20,624,764**

Estimated trees protected

**2,229,034**

Tons of carbon dioxide emissions reduced since inception

**8**

Beekeepers Trained Since Inception

**4,756**

bee hives manufactured and delivered to project beneficiaries

**19,206**

KGs of Honey Harvested Since Project Inception

**1,199**

Households Benefiting from Forest Carbon Fees

**5,875**

Beneficiaries

**3,067**

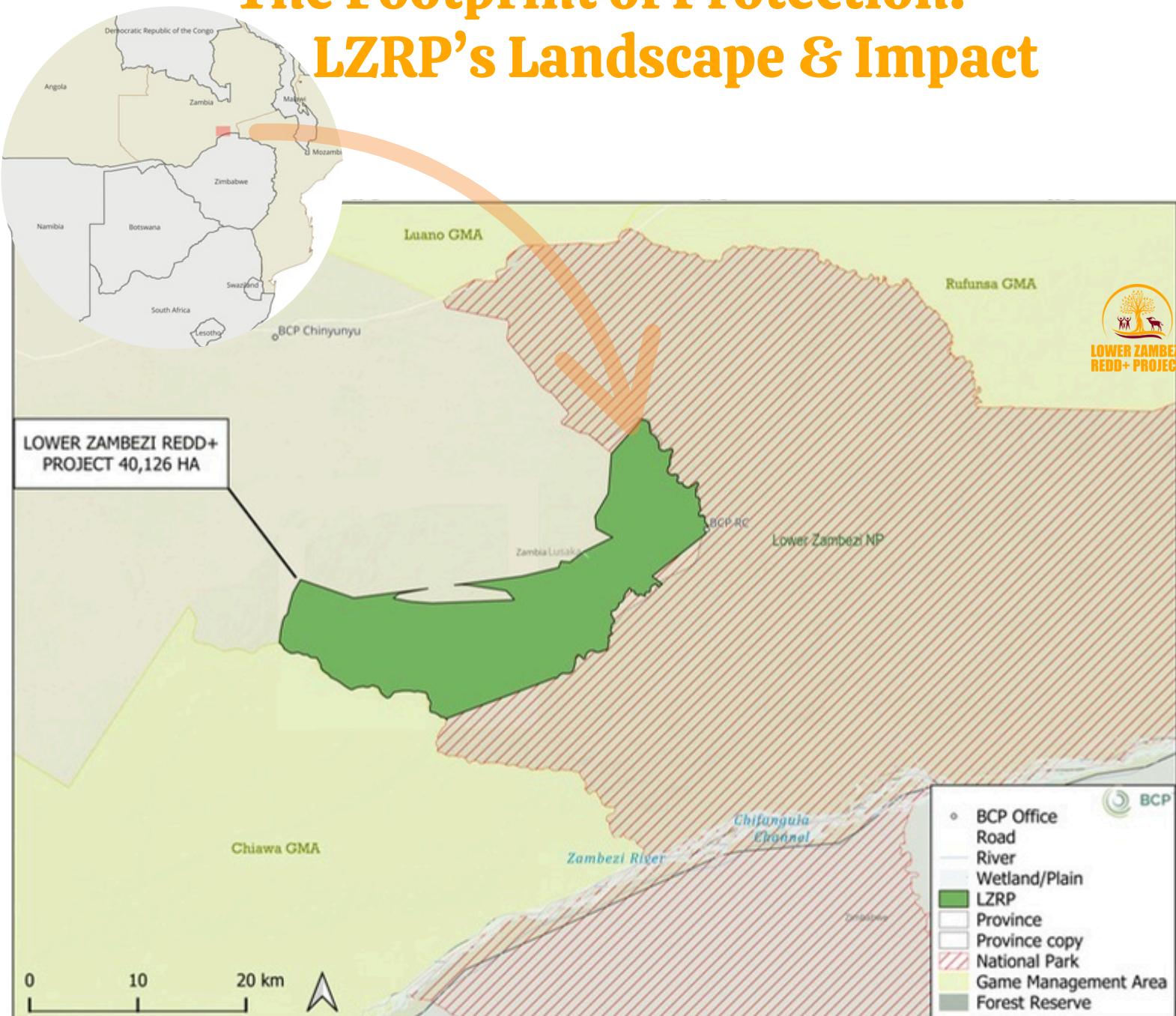
Of Whom are Women

**34**

Community Projects since Inception



# The Footprint of Protection: LZRP's Landscape & Impact



**2**

Oil Expellers  
Built Since  
Inception

**1**

Poultry Project  
since Inception

**2**

Education Related  
Projects

**20**

Village Banking  
Groups

**2**

Health Projects since Inception

**33**

WASH Projects  
Since Inception

**3**

Hamermills  
Built Since  
Inception

**2**

Hamermill Shelters