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BCP 2025 Impact Report



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Our Milestones

2012

- BCP is incorporated and the Lower Zambezi REDD Project (LZRP) begins.

2014

- LZRP passes its first VCS (Verified Carbon Standard) verification with VERRA.

2017

- BCP features in the top 0.5% of highest scoring Certified B Corporations in the World.

2019

- LCFP partner communities become the first in Zambia to be granted carbon rights from the Government.

- LCFP achieves VCS verification and CCB Triple Gold validation. LCFP becomes the largest REDD+ Project in Africa by hectares and the largest in the world by quantified social impact!

- ENI, PPF and BCP sign MoU to develop 10 million ha of REDD+ projects in Africa. Eni and BCP sign 20-year agreement to buy offsets from LCFP.

2021

- LCFP ranked the world's best REDD+ project in the Environmental Finance Annual Global Voluntary Carbon Rankings. BCP also wins 'best impact report', and is runner up, best developer, forestry and overall.

- A feasibility study for BCP's 3rd Project; Kafue Zambezi Community Forests Project (KZCFP) starts. Phase One is up to 2.6 million hectares, with the potential to grow into 8 million ha by 2030 based on community and Government consent.

2013

- LZRP becomes Africa's first triple gold Climate Community Biodiversity (CCB) validated project, and the World's 3rd.

- BCP, an 18-month-old African startup, outcompetes global firms to win a significant USAID grant to scale up REDD+ in Zambia.

2015

- The Forests Act of 2015 enables communities to control forest rights and to transfer carbon rights to third parties.

2018

- BCP signs 30-year agreements with 12 Chiefdoms under the Luangwa Community Forests Project (LCFP) covering 944,000 hectares.

2020

- BCP Runner Up in the 2020 Environmental Finance Rankings as world's "Best Project Developer - forestry and land use".

- LZRP the world's 1st REDD+ Project to pass 8 successful VCS verifications

2023

- BCP awarded Best Project Developer - Biodiversity, and Best Impact Report, while LCFP announced Best Individual Offsetting Project by EF Awards.

- Total hectareage under REDD+ exceeds 1.2 million+ hectares.

2025

- BCP is awarded by the 2025 Environmental Finance as the Best Project Developer for Biodiversity, Runner-Up: Luangwa Community Forests Project (Best Individual Offsetting Project), and Best Monitoring Report.

- BCP ranked as the second highest scoring B Corp in Africa as of March 2025.

- BCP signs the Nested Emissions Reductions Partnership Agreement (NERPA) between BCP and the Eastern Province Jurisdictional Sustainable Landscape Programme

- Expansions in Mozambique and Zambia are underway.

- \$19 million in carbon revenues and livelihood schemes issued to communities to-date.

2022

- BCP launches our 4th project, the Great Limpopo REDD+ Project (GLRP), with a feasibility study.

- LCFP expansion plans begin, going beyond Eastern Province into heavily deforested areas.

- LZRP passes its 9th consecutive VCS verification, and LCFP its 4th.

- BCP is awarded Best Impact Report by the Environmental Finance Awards, and both LCFP and LZRP are recognized as World Economic Forum National Climate Alliances Projects.

2024

- The total hectareage protected under REDD+ now exceeds 2.1 million+ hectares.

- BCP receives approval for the GLRP in July 2024 and obtained the first REDD+ license in Mozambique.

- BCP was awarded Best Impact Report by EF Awards.

- Under KZCFP, BCP trained 31 CFMGs on financial management.

Leadership Update

Message from BCP's CEO



Message from Nic

Climate Finance is our opportunity to reimagine how we protect nature, empower communities, and build resilience.

As the climate crisis intensifies, marked by rising temperatures, biodiversity loss, and widening inequality, the need for meaningful, scalable solutions has never been greater. Yet within this urgency lies a clear opportunity to rethink how we protect nature, empower communities, and build resilience across Africa's most important ecosystems.

At BCP, we strive to achieve what's best for people and the planet. When communities lead and forests are valued, both people and the planet thrive.

In 2025, BCP delivered strong, measurable impact across our four landscape-scale REDD+ projects in Zambia and Mozambique.

Carbon markets remain essential for climate finance, particularly in the emerging markets, and waiting for the perfect solution risks delaying real climate action. While the conversations on trust, policy, markets, and the future architecture of action play out, BCP continues to take action and create real impact through our projects.

Our portfolio of actions focuses on expanding our initiatives across our priority landscapes, and our focused engagements established new community forest management groups (CFMGs) through our project locations. We deepened community partnerships, strengthened transparency, and advanced progress in climate resilience, biodiversity protection, and sustainable development.

To date, BCP has mobilized over USD 85 million in climate finance, with USD 19 million distributed directly to communities across 32 Chiefdoms, reaching over 328,000 people. These funds are supporting locally identified priorities, including health, water and sanitation, education, and livelihood initiatives that are strengthening rural economies, along with the desire to co-exist with nature.

Independent assessments continue to demonstrate the depth of this impact. In the Luangwa Community Forests Project, household incomes increased by 56.8 percent between 2020 and 2022, and by a further 27.1 percent between 2022 and 2024.

In the Lower Zambezi REDD+ Project, incomes have risen by 152 percent since inception, reflecting long-term gains in resilience and economic stability.

Today, BCP operates across over 6.8 million hectares, benefiting more than half a million people.

Our flagship projects remain among the few globally to achieve CCB Triple Gold certification, and we are proud to retain our B Corporation status, ranking among the top performers globally.

Championing the emergence of national market-based mechanisms and ambitions, BCP is actively supporting our governments, assisting with two national JNR programmes in Zambia. We are also honoured to serve on various committees driving successful implementation.

At the same time, we are investing in advanced monitoring technologies to strengthen the integrity and transparency of our outcomes.

Looking ahead, our expansion into the Kafue-Zambezi and Greater Limpopo landscapes will focus on high conservation value areas, increased partnerships, and continued focus on marginalized communities.

By combining innovative financing with science-based conservation, guided by Indigenous knowledge, we aim to safeguard biodiversity, empower communities, and contribute meaningfully to climate solutions.

BCP's work continues to show that protecting forests and reducing poverty are not competing priorities. When forests generate real economic value for the communities who steward them, conservation becomes durable, equitable, and transformative.

To our partners, investors, and the entire BCP team, thank you for your trust, commitment, and shared belief in what is possible.

Zikomo kwambiri!

Nic.



Triple Action - CCB:

BioCarbon Partners (BCP) is one of Africa's leading REDD+ project developers, delivering award-winning, community-driven forest conservation in Zambia and Mozambique. Our REDD+ projects protect 6.8 million hectares of forests, with a further 2.2m ha under development, and 5.4m ha expansion planned thereafter.

BCP supports communities to unlock forest carbon as a valuable economic resource through high integrity REDD+ projects. Using rigorous scientific methodologies and independent international verification, emissions reductions from avoided deforestation are converted into Verified Carbon Units and sold to organisations seeking to offset emissions.

Community

Local jobs, climate-smart agriculture, eco-charcoal alternatives, community scouts, education, water, and health improvements.

Biodiversity

Protection of wildlife corridors and core ecosystems for elephants, big cats, wild dogs, and a diverse range of birdlife.

Climate

Verified carbon reductions that align with national climate goals and contribute to global mitigation efforts.



Events That Shaped Our Year

Chronicles of 2025 in Brief

CIFB London:



From Consultation to Co-Creation: BCP joined the panel to discuss Building Nature Investments on Community Partnership and Shared Governance.

COP30, Belém, Brazil



COP30 marked a decisive shift from commitments to implementation, with clear, measurable implications for Zambia under Article 6.2, and we were there!

Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) Zambia



BCP participated in the 2025 Zambia ESG & Sustainability Summit, contributing to national discussions on ESG, sustainable finance, and climate action. The event provided an opportunity to showcase how high integrity REDD+ projects are delivering measurable environmental and community impact while supporting Zambia's transition to a green economy.

Carbon markets and Nature-Based Solutions (NBS) in Angola



An exciting opportunity for BCP to spotlight REDD+ and our plans in Angola with other industry professionals.

BCP at the 97th Agricultural and Commercial Show



Adapting to Climate Change - BCP was proud to be part of this important event, using the platform to highlight the role of conservation, community engagement, and climate-smart solutions in building climate resilience.

Awards



Global Excellence Awards 2026

BioCarbon Partners

We were announced as Best Carbon Offset Project Developer 2026 - Africa by Acquisition International. .

Leading REDD+ African Developer

How we drive sustainable change and protect vital ecosystems



1 Baseline & Carbon Accounting

1 Forest cover and deforestation risk are measured, a baseline is established, and monitoring systems are put in place, resulting in quantifiable and accurate emissions reductions.



2 Community Engagement & FPIC

2 Through Free, Prior and Informed Consent, ongoing consultation, and strong community governance structures, projects are built on genuine local ownership. **There is no project without community consent and buy-in.**



3 Conservation & Protection

3 We protect forests and wildlife corridors, support community-led monitoring, and reduce the drivers of deforestation. **This is the beating heart of REDD.**



The "+"

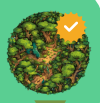
This is where the + makes a BIG difference:

4 We invest in livelihoods through climate-smart agriculture, sustainable honey production (and may other types of enterprises), and eco-charcoal, while partnering with conservation organizations and government to support wildlife protection and research.



5 Monitoring, Reporting, Verification (MRV)

5 Forest cover and impact are continuously monitored and independently verified under standards such as VCS and CCB, resulting in verified carbon offsets.



6 Carbon Finance

6 Credits are sold to buyers, with revenue reinvested into community and livelihood projects, conservation efforts, and ongoing project operations.



Protecting the Miombo Woodland

One of Africa's Greatest Assets

Stretching across southern and central Africa, the Miombo woodland is one of the continent's most important ecosystems, covering vast landscapes in Zambia and Mozambique. Dominated by native species such as musamba, mutondo, muputu, mupapa, and munga, these remarkable woodlands transform with the seasons. During the dry months, the trees shed their leaves before bursting into brilliant shades of copper, red, orange, and gold just ahead of the first rains, creating one of Africa's most spectacular natural displays.

Beyond their beauty, Miombo woodlands are vital for people and the planet. Much of their carbon is stored deep underground in extensive root systems, making them highly resilient to fire while playing a critical role in climate regulation. They also support regional water cycles, enrich soils, and provide habitat for iconic wildlife including elephants, African wild dogs, sable and roan antelope, as well as numerous bird species found nowhere else.

Featured across all of our Project areas, protecting the Miombo means safeguarding one of Africa's greatest natural assets, conserving biodiversity, storing carbon, securing water resources, and sustaining the communities whose livelihoods depend on these extraordinary forests.

Marius van der Vyver (PhD), Technical Director – Carbon.

Conservation Without Borders

Where Are We

BCP's landscape portfolio spans the **Luangwa Community Forests Project (LCFP)**, **Lower Zambezi REDD+ Project (LZRP)**, **Kafue-Zambezi Community Forest Project (KZCFP)**, and the **Great Limpopo REDD+ Project (GLRP)**, conserving millions of hectares of critical wildlife habitat across Zambia and Mozambique.

These projects protect high-value forests while advancing climate resilience and rural development, supporting access to clean water, education, climate-smart agriculture, and sustainable livelihoods.

We're helping to create some of Africa's largest biodiversity corridors, linking 14 national parks across 7 countries.



Zambia: From Project Scale to Jurisdictional REDD+

BCP's flagship projects, the Luangwa Community Forests Project (LCFP) and Lower Zambezi REDD+ Project (LZRP), protect globally significant forests and wildlife habitat across eastern Zambia, maintaining connectivity between five national parks: South Luangwa, North Luangwa, Luambe, Lukusuzi, and Lower Zambezi.

Working alongside communities, the Forestry Department, and the Department of National Parks and Wildlife.

In 2025, a portion of the LCFP was formally integrated into Zambia's Eastern Province Jurisdictional Sustainable Landscape Programme through the signing of the Nested Emissions Reductions Partnership Agreement (NERPA), advancing a nested REDD+ approach that aligns community conservation with national climate objectives and Article 6 readiness. *(Read more about jurisdictional and nested REDD+ approaches on page 19).*



Western Zambia and Angola: Building the Next Generation of Jurisdictional Landscapes

The Kafue-Zambezi Community Forests Project (KZCFP) represents BCP's next major landscape initiative. Situated within the wider Kavango-Zambezi Transfrontier Conservation Area (KAZA TFCA), the project protects extensive forests that support biodiversity, ecosystem services, and rural livelihoods.

Looking ahead, KZCFP provides a foundation for broader landscape collaboration extending into neighbouring Angola. Together, these connected landscapes offer significant potential for future jurisdictional and nested REDD+ approaches that can operate across ecological boundaries while supporting national climate goals.

By working closely with traditional authorities, government agencies, and local communities, this landscape has the potential to become one of the most significant examples of large-scale, community-centred forest conservation in Southern Africa.

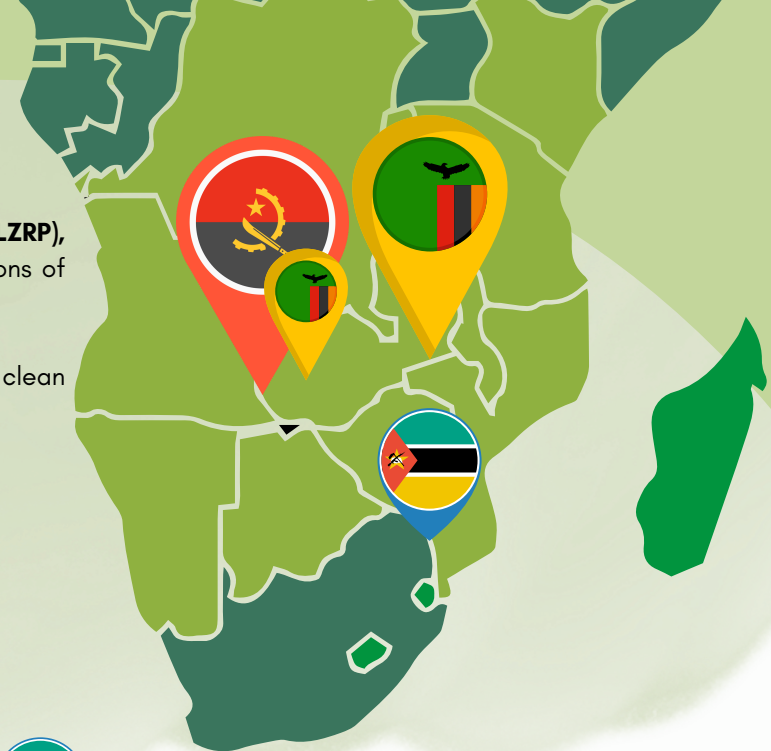


Mozambique: Scaling Impact Through the Greater Limpopo Landscape

The Greater Limpopo REDD+ Project (GLRP) extends BCP's approach into Mozambique, operating within the globally important Great Limpopo Transfrontier Conservation Area (GLTFCA).

The project combines forest protection, climate resilience, and community development across a landscape that connects multiple protected areas and communities. As Mozambique continues to develop its climate and carbon market frameworks, GLRP provides an opportunity to demonstrate how high-integrity REDD+ projects can support broader landscape and jurisdictional ambitions while delivering tangible local benefits.

The project reflects BCP's commitment to creating conservation models that are scalable, community-led, and aligned with emerging national and international climate policy.



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Lower Zambezi REDD+ Project



Landscape Significance

The Lower Zambezi REDD+ Project (LZRP) is Zambia's pioneering forest conservation initiative and a global benchmark for high-integrity REDD+ delivery. As the country's first REDD+ project, LZRP has protected a critical 61 km stretch of the Lower Zambezi National Park boundary, safeguarding a 40,126-hectare buffer within the Rufunsa Conservancy.



1,199 HOUSEHOLDS

Benefiting from Forest Carbon Fees.



5,875 BENEFICIARIES

Communities are the custodians of the land.



3,067 OF WHOM ARE WOMEN

Supporting gender equality is key to building strong economies.



40 WASH (WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE) PROJECTS

WASH projects build dignity, protect health, and strengthen community resilience.



2 EDUCATION PROJECTS

Access to safe learning empowers children and families to build brighter, more resilient futures.



1 HEALTH PROJECT

Strong health systems safeguard lives and strengthen the path to a better future.



2 SOCIAL PROJECTS

Social development projects strengthen the fabric of community life and opportunity.



33 LIVELIHOOD PROJECTS

Sustainable income alternatives that reduce pressure on forests while strengthening household resilience.



25 VILLAGE BANKING PROJECTS

Village banking empowers families to save, grow, and build their own path to prosperity.



40 LEAD FARMERS

Training in Climate-Smart Agriculture helps with food security and higher incomes for all.



18 OF WHOM ARE WOMEN

When we empower women we lift the entire family to prosper.



20,624,764 TREES PROTECTED

Protecting the Lungs of our Planet.



16 COMMUNITY SCOUTS

Strengthening local job creation and ownership of ecosystem restoration by communities.



4 OF WHOM ARE WOMEN

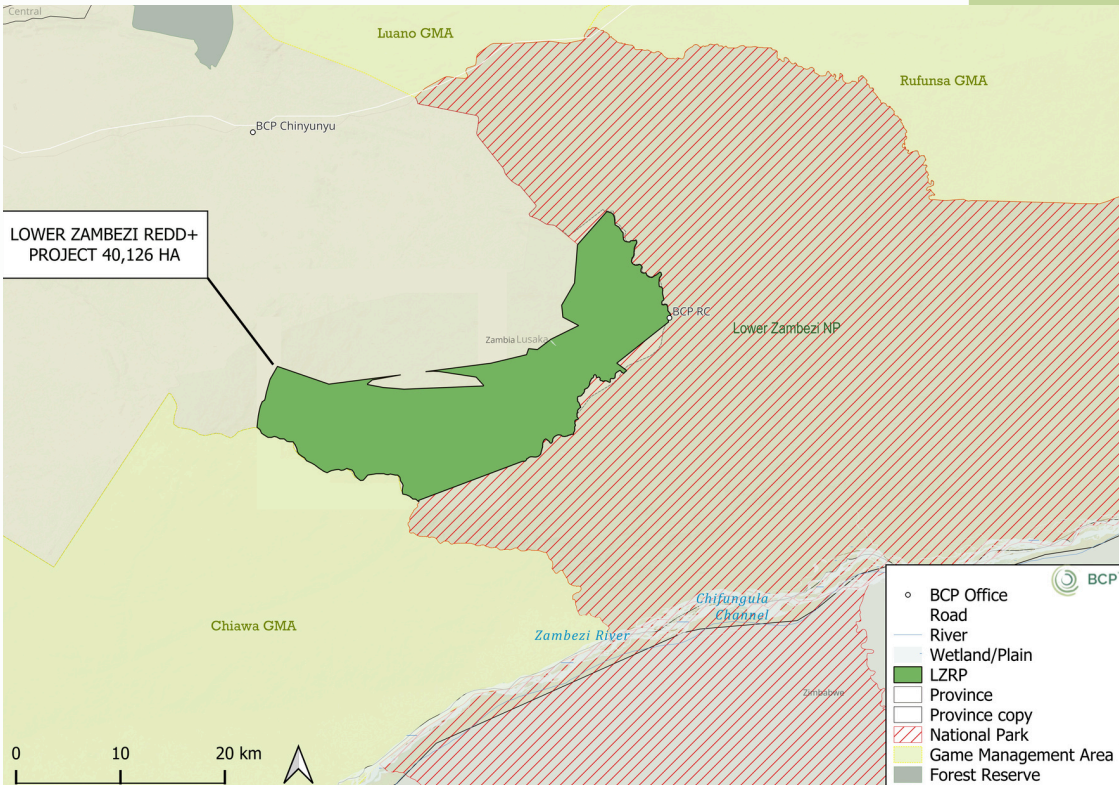
Building strong female role models in conservation.

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Lower Zambezi REDD+ Project

Lusaka Province: Part of the Luangwa – Lower Zambezi Biodiversity Corridor.

Area: 40,126 ha



Looking Ahead

The Lower Zambezi REDD+ Project continues to break new ground in forest conservation and biodiversity protection. Upcoming priorities include preparing for its 13th verification, ensuring continued compliance and credibility under the Verified Carbon Standard. The project will also submit the SD Vista Nature Framework Project Document to advance biodiversity credit issuance, unlocking new opportunities for conservation finance. In addition, bioacoustics data will be deployed and assessed to enhance wildlife monitoring, providing deeper insights into species presence and ecosystem health, and further strengthening the project’s impact on biodiversity.

LZRP Value

It remains the only CCB Triple Gold project in Africa to achieve 12 consecutive Verified Carbon Standard verifications, and is also spearheading biodiversity credit development, demonstrating how climate finance can deliver measurable benefits for climate, nature, and people all at once.

Developed in close partnership with the Bunda Bunda Chieftdom and the Soli Shamifwi Royal Establishment, LZRP shows how conservation on private land can deliver public good at scale. The project protects threatened forests and iconic wildlife including sable and roan antelope, while investing in sustainable land-use practices that strengthen rural livelihoods. By combining community leadership, ecological protection, and technical excellence, LZRP stands as a powerful example of how conservation can secure national parks, support communities, and set new standards for climate and biodiversity action in Africa.

BCP’s LZRP Project has been awarded Best Project Developer – Biodiversity by the Environmental Finance Carbon Market Ranking on numerous occasions.

Impact	Lower Zambezi REDD+ Project
Project Status	12 VCS Verifications
Emissions Reduction To Date (tons CO2 equiv.)	2,229,034
Estimated Total Project Lifetime ERs (tons CO2 equiv.)	5,607,851
Current Forest Protected (ha)	40,126
Planned Expansion (ha)	NA
Current Community Beneficiaries	5,875
Total Direct Community Benefits To Date	\$492,466

Hope in the Forests of Bunda Bunda: A New Chapter for Charpreneurs



In the heart of Bunda Bunda Chiefdom, something inspiring is taking root. A group of determined individuals, known as Charpreneurs, are showing that protecting forests and earning a living can go hand in hand.

With support from BCP, the Forestry Department in Rufunsa, and the Soli Shamifwi Royal Establishment, these local producers are part of the Eco-Charcoal Project, a community-led effort to transform traditional charcoal production into a more sustainable livelihood.

Eco-Charcoal is produced using smarter methods that reduce deforestation and protect biodiversity. Practices such as selective cutting, preserving fruit and mother trees, rotating harvest areas, and using high-efficiency Casamance kilns allow forests to regenerate while improving production.

In 2025, 26 Charpreneurs took part in refresher training, strengthening their knowledge of sustainable production techniques. As the season began, they were equipped with PPE and supported by Forestry Officers in Rufunsa District, ensuring environmental standards are upheld.

This is more than charcoal production. It is a practical shift toward sustainable livelihoods, where communities are protecting the forests they depend on while building more secure futures.

93

Hectares
EC Forest

26

Active
Charpreneurs

35%

Female
Charpreneurs

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Luangwa Community Forests Project



49,379 HOUSEHOLDS

Benefiting from Forest Carbon Fees.



232,530 BENEFICIARIES

Communities are the custodians of the land.



119,589 OF WHOM ARE WOMEN

Supporting gender equality is key to building strong economies.



233 WASH PROJECTS

WASH projects build dignity, protect health, and strengthen community resilience.



75 EDUCATION PROJECTS

Access to safe learning empowers children and families to build brighter, more resilient futures.



29 HEALTH PROJECTS

Strong health systems safeguard lives and strengthen the path to a better future.



107 SOCIAL PROJECTS

Social development projects strengthen the fabric of community life and opportunity.



253 LIVELIHOOD PROJECTS

Sustainable income alternatives that reduce pressure on forests while strengthening household resilience.



264 VILLAGE BANKING PROJECTS

Village banking empowers families to save, grow, and build their own path to prosperity.



854 LEAD FARMERS

Training in Climate-Smart Agriculture helps with food security and higher incomes for all.



292 OF WHOM ARE WOMEN

When we empower women we lift up the entire family to prosper.



518,618,387 TREES PROTECTED

Protecting the Lungs of our Planet.



40 COMMUNITY SCOUTS

Strengthening local job creation and ownership of ecosystem restoration by communities.



5 OF WHOM ARE WOMEN

Building strong female role models in conservation.



Landscape Significance

The Luangwa Community Forests Project (LCFP) is a multi award-winning REDD+ initiative, which safeguards a key biodiversity corridor that links seven national parks and three countries. It reconnects wildlife routes from the Nyika Plateau in Malawi, all the way along 800 kms of the Luangwa River to the Lower Zambezi National Park, and Mana Pools National Park (in Zimbabwe).

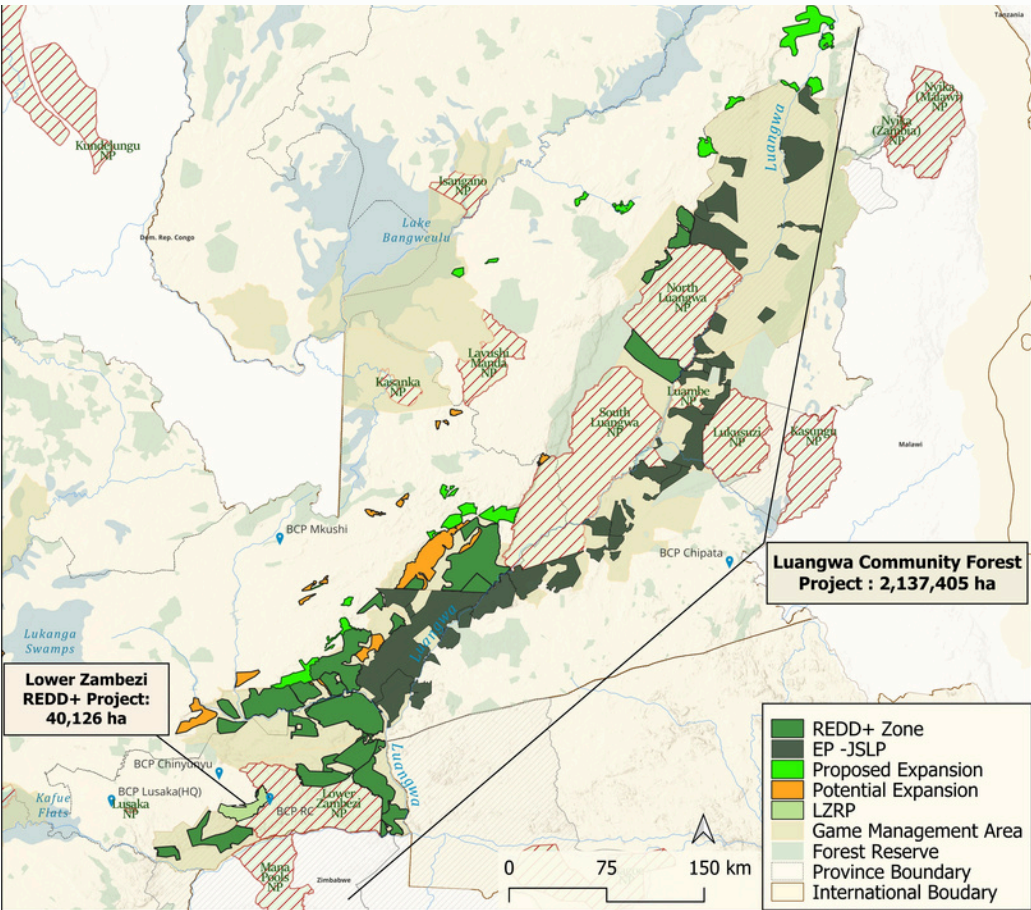
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Luangwa Community Forests Project



Lusaka, Central, Eastern & Muchinga Provinces: Luangwa – Lower Zambezi Biodiversity Corridor.

Area: 2.1 million ha (with an additional 216,000 ha under development for inclusion in the next verification).



Looking Ahead

The LCFP is preparing for its seventh annual verification while fully aligning with the Eastern Province Jurisdictional REDD+ Programme. The project will continue to expand, bringing nine new Chiefdoms and more than 216,000 hectares of forest under protection. Biodiversity monitoring will also be expanded, with permit applications submitted to extend wildlife assessments into additional REDD+ areas. This will strengthen conservation, community benefits, and positive climate outcomes across the wider landscape.



LCFP Value

Covering 30 Chiefdoms across four provinces, LCFP addresses the main drivers of deforestation while directly benefiting local communities. Through poverty reduction, sustainable livelihoods, improved social services, and conservation engagement, the project ensures that REDD+ delivers measurable climate and social impact where it matters most.

The project has achieved major milestones in market credibility and climate finance. With the support of Peace Parks Foundation, BCP secured a 20-year carbon credit sale agreement, cementing long-term sustainability, revenues and value for participating communities.

LCFP joins BCP's first REDD+ project, the Lower Zambezi REDD+ Project, in earning international acclaim, demonstrating that African forest conservation can be both effective and profitable, while delivering tangible benefits to communities and ecosystems. Recognized with multiple awards, including the Environmental Finance Best Individual Offsetting Project and Best Impact Report, LCFP showcases how REDD+ can conserve forests, connect landscapes, and build climate resilience today.

Impact	Luangwa Community Forests Project
Project Status	6 VCS Verifications
Emissions Reduction To Date (tons CO2 equiv.)	13,509,460
Estimated Total Project Lifetime ERs (tons CO2 equiv.)	79.8 million
Current Forest Protected (ha)	2,137,405
Hectares Currently Under Development	216,000
Future Planned Expansion (ha)	800,000
Current Community Beneficiaries	232,530
Direct Cash to Communities To Date	\$15,891,857
Direct Contributions To Communities' Livelihoods To Date	\$2,599,426
Total Direct Community Benefits To Date	\$18,491,283

Zambia Takes a Major Step Forward on Jurisdictional Climate Action



2025 closed with a significant milestone for BCP and Zambia’s carbon landscape. Together with the Government of Zambia, we signed the Nested Emissions Reductions Partnership Agreement (NERPA), formally integrating the Luangwa Community Forests Project into the national REDD+ framework.

This agreement strengthens alignment with Zambia’s jurisdictional approach, supports readiness for Article 6 carbon markets, and reinforces the country’s position as a leader in high-integrity climate solutions.

For over a decade, the Luangwa Community Forests Project has demonstrated how community-led conservation can deliver measurable climate impact while creating real value for rural chiefdoms.

We extend our sincere appreciation to the Government of Zambia, the Eastern Province Jurisdictional Sustainable Landscape Programme, traditional leaders, and community partners who made this milestone possible.

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This partnership shows that high integrity, jurisdictionally aligned climate outcomes are possible when government, communities, and the private sector work together.
 - Nic Mudaly.



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Kafue-Zambezi Community Forests Project (KZCFP)



18,752 HOUSEHOLDS

Benefiting from Forest Carbon Fees.



104,319 BENEFICIARIES

Communities are the custodians of the land.



53,859 OF WHOM ARE WOMEN

Supporting gender equality is key to building strong economies.



25 COMMUNITY FOREST MANAGEMENT GROUPS

Empowering communities through self-governance



435 VILLAGE ACTION GROUPS

These are locally elected leaders who decide how funds are spent



530 LEAD FARMERS

Training in Climate-Smart Agriculture helps with food security and higher incomes for all.



182 OF WHOM ARE WOMEN

When we empower women we lift up the entire family to prosper.



192 HORTICULTURE FARMERS

With access to productive, sustainable livelihood options, the reliance on practices that drive deforestation such as charcoal production or shifting cultivation can decrease.



67 OF WHOM ARE WOMEN

Training women in horticulture delivers returns across food security, income, resilience, and conservation.



490,432,083 TREES PROTECTED

Protecting the Lungs of our Planet.



51 COMMUNITY SCOUTS

Strengthening local job creation and ownership of ecosystem restoration by communities.



8 OF WHOM ARE WOMEN

Building strong female role models in conservation.

Landscape Significance

Anchored by Kafue National Park and working with Peace Parks Foundation, the project strengthens wildlife connectivity across the Kavango-Zambezi Transfrontier Conservation Area (KAZA TFCA), the world's largest cross-border conservation landscape. By protecting key forests, floodplains, and waterways, it keeps major wildlife migration routes intact, including for elephants and other flagship species.

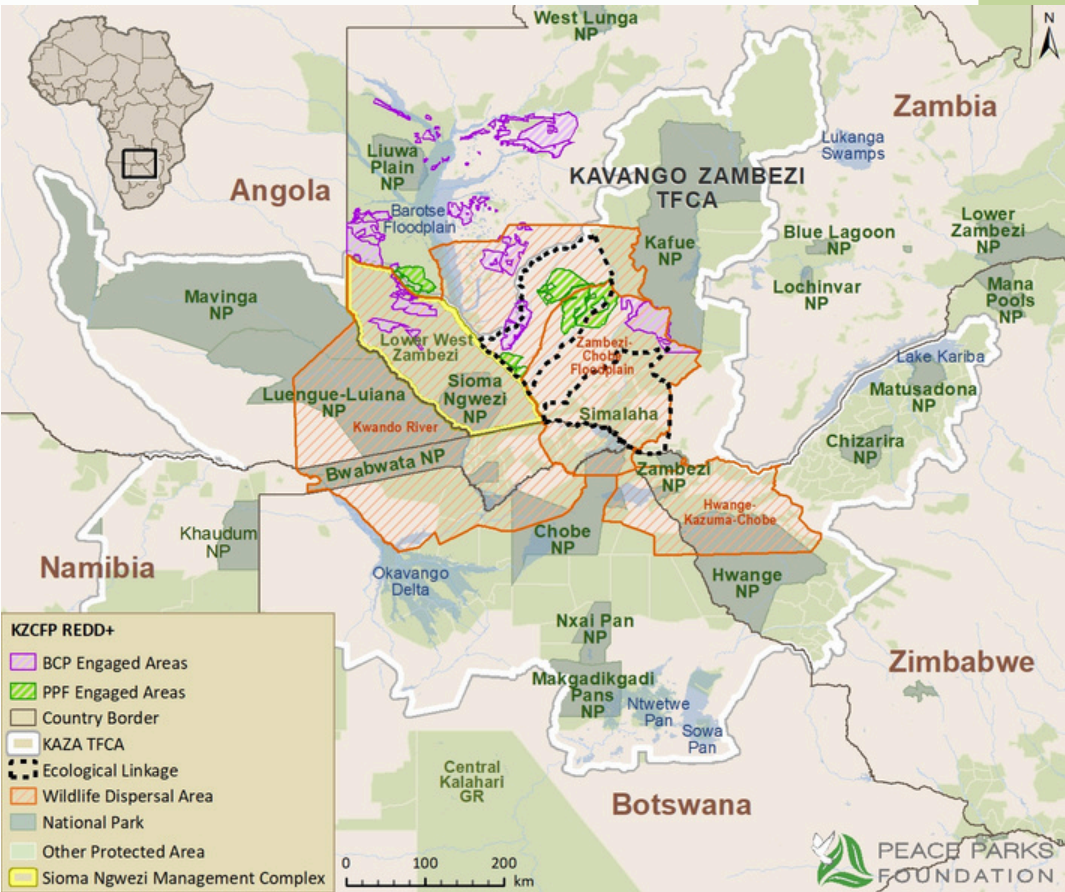


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Kafue-Zambezi Community Forests Project (KZCFP)

Western Province: Barotseland in the floodplains of Western Zambia, with planned expansion into North-Western, Copperbelt, Central and Southern Provinces.

Area: 1,738,564 ha (861,436 ha under development).



KZCFP Value

The project is currently based in the Kingdom of Barotseland, with planned expansion into North-Western, Copperbelt, Central, and Southern provinces of Zambia. The current total forest area protected is 1,738,564 hectares, with 859,924 hectares currently under development for inclusion.

The KZCFP is one of the world’s largest and most ambitious nature-based climate initiatives. It aims to reduce roughly 1 million tonnes of carbon emissions per year through forest protection and restoration. The project is community-led, with formal governance structures ensuring fair benefit sharing. It combines Indigenous knowledge, satellite monitoring, and phased implementation to protect biodiversity, secure water resources, build climate resilience, and support hundreds of local communities. By scale and ambition, it is positioned to become the world’s largest REDD+ project, with tangible benefits for both people and ecosystems.

Impact	Kafue-Zambezi Community Forests Project
Project Status	Under VCS Validation/Verification
Est. Emissions Reduction To Date (tons CO2 equiv.)	1,292,000
Estimated Total Project Lifetime ERs (tons CO2 equiv.)	33,311,489
Current Forest Protected (ha)	1,738,564
Hectares Currently Under Development	861,436
Future Planned Expansion (ha)	2,600,000
Potential Community Beneficiaries	500,000
Direct Cash to Communities To Date	Pending Verification
Direct Contributions To Communities' Livelihoods To Date	\$1,750,000
Total Project Investment	\$11,000,000

Looking Ahead

The project has secured two multi-year credit purchase agreements with major international companies. The project is preparing for its first VCS Verification in October 2026. Work will continue on securing forest carbon rights for 26 additional communities, while strengthening community ownership and long-term benefits. Strategic Environmental Assessment consultations will begin in planned expansion areas, alongside continued development of new forest areas for inclusion to expand conservation and carbon activities across the wider landscape.

Kuomboka Ceremony

Few moments capture the connection between people, land, and tradition like the Kuomboka Ceremony.

Every year, in Western Province, communities gather as the Litunga (traditional king of the Lozi people) makes the symbolic journey from the flooded plains of Lealui to higher ground in Limulunga, a tradition rooted in resilience and deep cultural heritage.

BCP was honoured to take part in this year's celebrations, joining communities and leaders in recognising its significance. Our presence was not just to witness, but to show respect for the traditions and leadership that shape the landscapes we work in.

Engaging with the traditional governing body of the Lozi Kingdom, the Barotse Royal Establishment, in this setting, reinforces something fundamental to our work: conservation is not separate from culture. It is built on it. The values, knowledge, and stewardship embedded in traditions like Kuomboka are essential to how landscapes are managed and sustained over time.

As we continue our work through the Kafue Zambezi Community Forests Project, partnerships like these remain central. They ground our efforts in the local context, strengthen trust, and ensure that conservation moves forward in a way that is both respectful and enduring. We are grateful to have been part of such an important and meaningful celebration.



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Proposed Angola REDD+ Project

South Eastern Angola: Cuando and Cubango Provinces – linkages to the KAZA Trans-Frontier Conservation Area (TFCA) linking on to KZCFP across borders.

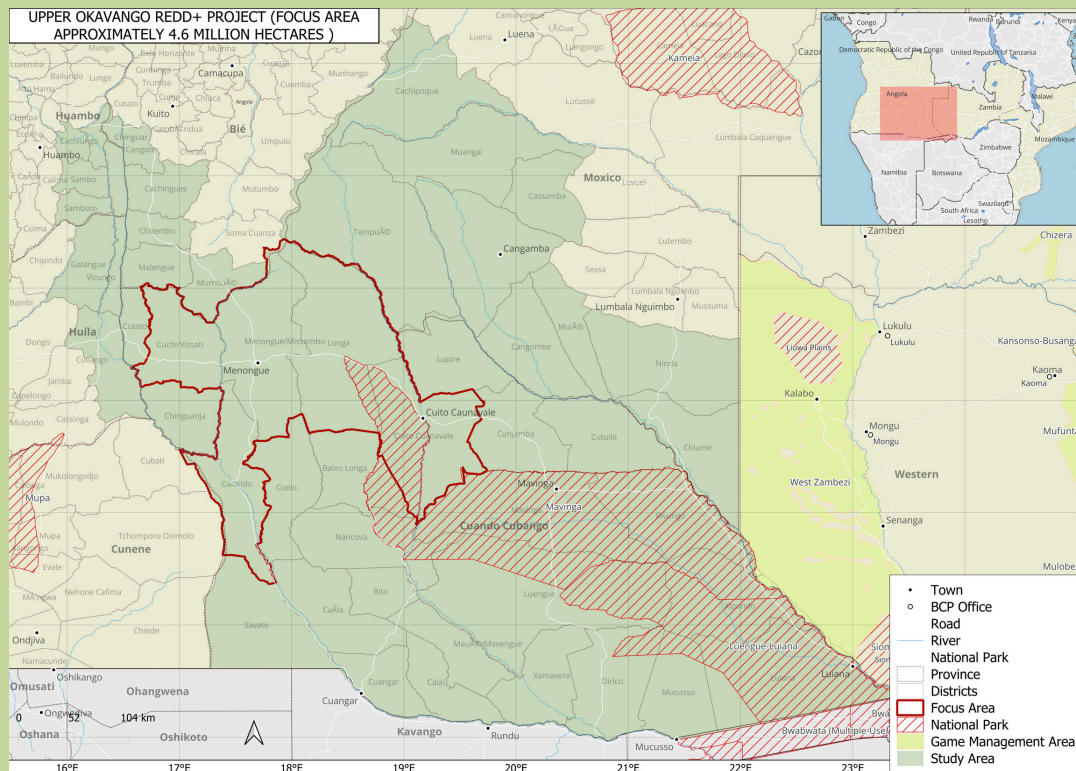
Area: 4 million ha + opportunity.

Landscape Significance

Angolan headwaters of the Okavango River Basin have immense ecological significance as the primary "water tower" for the entire river basin. More than 95% of the water that sustains the vast biodiversity of the downstream Okavango Delta originates as rainfall in this region, regulating its crucial flood pulse. The project area proposed also forms part of the KAZA TFCA and has the opportunity to link on to the KZCFP in Zambia creating conservation connectivity across borders.

Looking Ahead

The Project's pending tasks include finalising the national carbon policy framework and developing and executing the tripartite agreement.



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Great Limpopo REDD+ Project

Southern Mozambique:

Part of the Great Limpopo Trans-Frontier Conservation Area covering 4 Provinces (Manica, Sofala, Gaza, Inhambane).

Area: 2,914,198 ha phase 1 (1,172,643 ha future expansion).

Landscape Significance

The Great Limpopo REDD+ Project (GLRP) is a landscape-scale initiative that contributes to the Great Limpopo Transfrontier Conservation Area (GLTFCA), linking South Africa’s Kruger National Park, Zimbabwe’s Gonarezhou National Park, and Mozambique’s Limpopo, Banhine, and Zinave National Parks. By integrating community lands, BCP is creating vital wildlife habitat corridors that connect these key parks, enabling safe cross-border movement for elephants and other migratory species. These corridors will also help alleviate overpopulation pressures in Kruger and Gonarezhou National Parks, enhancing ecosystem health and resilience across the region. Discussions are also advancing to include Gorongosa National Park, further enhancing the region’s biodiversity and cultural landscape.

GLRP Value

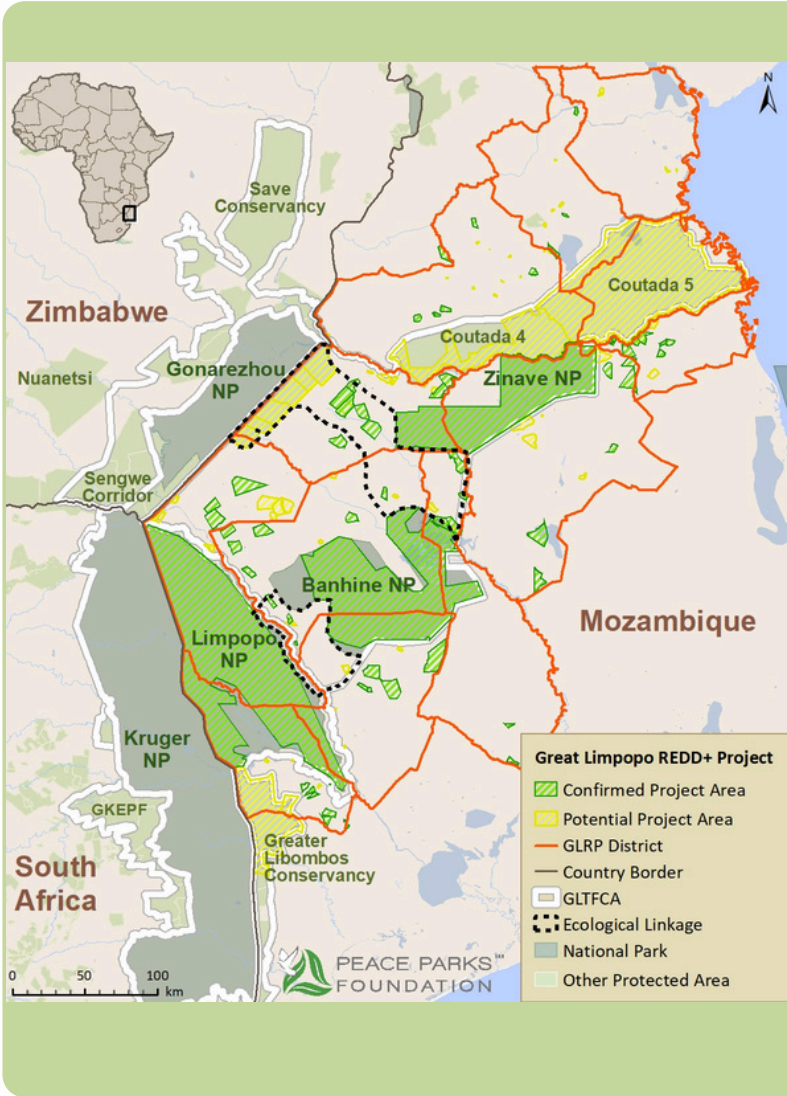
The GLRP is BCP’s first cross-border REDD+ initiative and the first large-scale project licensed under Mozambique’s REDD+ decree. GLRP takes a holistic landscape approach to conservation. The project combines protection of state and community lands with strategic partnerships with Mozambique Wildlife Alliance, Frankfurt Zoological Society, Peace Parks Foundation, Greater Kruger Environmental Protection Foundation, corporate funders via carbon credits, and philanthropists.

GLRP is designed to deliver both climate and community impact at scale. The project is expected to benefit over 500,000 local community members through job creation, sustainable income generation, direct carbon revenues, and improved food security and livelihoods. By combining Indigenous knowledge, science-based conservation, and innovative financing, GLRP demonstrates how large-scale REDD+ projects can safeguard biodiversity, empower communities, and contribute meaningfully to climate solutions across national boundaries.

Looking Ahead

The Project is entering an exciting new phase, uniting conservation, community development, and climate action across a vast 4 million hectare landscape. In 2026, the focus is on building strong partnerships with local communities and rolling out agreements and plans that support livelihoods and long term stewardship of forests and wildlife.

As the project scales, we will deepen engagement on the ground, strengthen local capacity, and prepare to verify against the highest industry standards This journey will culminate in full VCS & CCB Validation, Verification, and Issuance.



Impact	Greater Limpopo REDD+ Project
Project Status	VSC Validation - October 2027
Emissions Reduction To Date (tons CO2 equiv.)	NA
Estimated Total Project Lifetime ERs (tons CO2 equiv.)	41,698,941
Current Forest Protected (ha)	2,914,198
Future Planned Expansion (ha)	1,172,643
Potential Community Beneficiaries	500,000
Direct Cash to Communities To Date	Pending Verification
Direct Contributions To Communities' Livelihoods To Date	\$750,000
Total Project Investment	\$10,000,000

JNR Explained

Scaling Climate Action Through Jurisdictional REDD+

Understanding JNR

The transition from isolated, project level conservation to a coordinated jurisdictional approach represents a significant evolution in carbon markets. Rather than addressing deforestation through individual projects alone, Jurisdictional REDD+ (JNR) operates across defined administrative areas, such as provinces or states. In Zambia, this is being implemented through the Eastern Province Jurisdictional Sustainable Landscape Programme under the BioCarbon Fund Initiative for Sustainable Forest Landscapes (ISFL).

Operating at this scale enables governments and partners to address the underlying drivers of deforestation, including agricultural expansion and economic pressures, through coordinated governance, landscape level planning, consistent monitoring, and reduced leakage, where deforestation is displaced from one area to another.

The ISFL provides the framework for landscape scale emissions accounting, while Verra's Jurisdictional and Nested REDD+ (JNR) Framework enables government programmes and individual REDD+ projects to operate together within a single accounting system.

How Nesting Works

When a region adopts a jurisdictional framework, existing high integrity REDD+ projects do not disappear. Instead, they are nested within the wider jurisdictional programme.

Nesting integrates a project's baseline, monitoring, and verified emission reductions into the government's accounting framework, ensuring environmental integrity while preventing the double counting of carbon credits. In Zambia, this also aligns with the national Carbon Market Framework, enabling emission reductions to be transparently tracked against the country's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) under the Paris Agreement.

BCP's LCFP: A Model for Integration

BCP's Luangwa Community Forests Project (LCFP), one of Africa's largest community based REDD+ initiatives, demonstrates how private sector project developers can successfully integrate within government climate strategies while maintaining the rigorous standards of Verra's Verified Carbon Standard (VCS).

The project continues to deliver robust carbon accounting, long term forest stewardship, and structured community benefit sharing through Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) and established benefit sharing mechanisms. At the same time, its integration within the jurisdictional programme strengthens national climate ambition, improves transparency, and contributes to a coordinated landscape approach to forest conservation.

The successful nesting of LCFP demonstrates how high integrity REDD+ projects and government led jurisdictional programmes can work together to scale climate action, protect forests, and deliver lasting benefits for communities.

Community

The Heart of REDD+



BCP's community development projects transform climate finance into tangible, locally driven impact. Through structured needs assessments, communities identify and manage investments in priorities such as clean water, education, healthcare, and infrastructure. Funded by forest carbon revenues and implemented through Community Forest Management Groups, these projects strengthen local governance, improve access to essential services, and build the foundations for more resilient and self-reliant rural economies. As of 2025, carbon offset revenues have supported a total of 460 community development projects across our landscapes.

Community Updates

From Streams to Sustainability: How REDD+ Is Changing Lives Through Clean Water in Rural Zambia

In Kabandi and across Bunda Bunda Chiefdom, carbon revenues are doing more than protecting forests, they are changing daily life in tangible ways.

In many rural parts of Zambia, access to clean water is still a daily struggle. For years, families in Kabandi relied on the Musanse stream, walking long distances to collect water that was often shared with livestock, exposed to contamination, and highly susceptible to drying up during times of drought.

Through BCP's Lower Zambezi REDD+ Project (LZRP), 13 boreholes have been drilled in the Namanongo Zone, now serving nine villages with reliable, clean water year-round.

Access to clean water means fewer illnesses, less time spent walking long distances, and more time for farming, school, and family. It means dignity, safety, and opportunity, especially for women and children who have long carried this burden.

Through REDD+, conservation is directly linked to community priorities. Forests are protected, and in return, communities invest in what matters most: clean water, healthcare, education, and livelihoods.

Before this borehole, we shared water with animals, which was unsafe. During drought, our livestock would die. Now we have clean, safe water, and our lives have improved.

- Grace Tubalimine



Livelihoods Create Opportunity

Beyond REDD

At BCP, livelihoods are at the heart of conservation. By providing alternatives to deforestation, we create sustainable income opportunities that benefit both people and forests.

Our core initiatives include:



Climate-Smart Agriculture

Helping farmers grow more food on existing land (without expanding), improving food security and incomes, while reducing pressure on forests.



Eco-Charcoal

Producing sustainable, affordable fuel that replaces wood-based charcoal – one of the main drivers of deforestation.



Sustainable Beekeeping

Supporting communities to produce high-quality honey and beeswax sustainably, generating income while protecting vital ecosystems.



At BCP, livelihoods are not a parallel activity to conservation, they are central to it. Our REDD+ model is built on a simple but critical reality: forests are best protected when they deliver real, sustained value to the people who depend on them. By investing in practical, locally driven income opportunities, we reduce the underlying pressures that lead to deforestation while strengthening resilience at household and community level.

Across our project areas, we support a diverse portfolio of livelihoods designed to improve productivity and increase incomes. This includes climate-smart agriculture, which enables farmers to achieve higher yields on existing land, alongside initiatives such as eco-charcoal production and sustainable beekeeping, which provide viable alternatives to forest degradation.

At the same time, communities are investing in a broader range of enterprises, including village banking groups that improve access to finance, small livestock rearing such as chickens, goats, and pigs, and the

development of local businesses that create employment and circulate income within rural economies.

What underpins all of this is a structured, community-led approach. Through facilitated needs assessments, each Community Forest Management Group identifies and prioritises investments based on local realities, challenges, and opportunities. Carbon revenues are not prescribed, they are directed by communities themselves towards solutions that are practical, relevant, and capable of delivering long-term value.

The result is a shift away from short-term coping strategies towards more stable and diversified livelihoods. Households are better able to meet their food needs, manage shocks, and plan for the future. In turn, reliance on unsustainable practices such as charcoal production and land clearing is reduced. This is where conservation becomes durable, when protecting forests aligns directly with improving lives.



Livelihoods

Beyond REDD



From an operational perspective, the data is clear: the adoption of climate-smart agricultural approaches like Minimal Tillage continues to deliver strong results and underlines the critical link between livelihoods and conservation.

Higher yields on existing land are improving food security and incomes, while reducing the need to expand into surrounding forests. These proven outcomes drive our consistent promotion of these practices across seasons and projects. When farmers can meet their needs from the land they already have, pressure on adjacent woodlands decreases.

A total of 5,621 farmers have now converted 1,857 hectares to Minimal Tillage. These meaningful shifts are driving more productive, resilient systems and more stable household incomes. Resilient systems are crucial for adapting to increasingly unpredictable rainfall as a result of climate change.

At the same time, agriculture is only part of the picture. Communities are investing carbon revenues into a broader mix of livelihoods, including village banking, irrigation, honey and vegetable production, and small livestock. Investments such as hammer mills are also reducing costs and creating new income streams.

Together, these efforts are strengthening more resilient, diversified local economies, better able to withstand shocks and plan for the future.

Mike Mailloux, BCP COO.

Mike



Livelihoods

Impacts across BCP



550 LIVELIHOOD PROJECTS SINCE INCEPTION

From goat and chicken rearing to village banking, improving livelihoods is the key to securing a sustainable future.



173 FARMER FIELD DAYS

Hosted in 2025 to share ideas, exchange teaching methods, and work together.



103,08 FARMERS

Attended these Field Days.



1,756 FAIDHERBIA ALBIDA TREES PLANTED SINCE INCEPTION

Enhancing farming systems by naturally fertilizing soils, improving crop yields, and shedding its leaves during the growing season so they do not compete with crops.



379,461 GLIRICIDIA SEPIUM TREES PLANTED SINCE INCEPTION

Improving soil fertility and crop productivity by fixing nitrogen, providing organic mulch, and supporting sustainable, low input farming systems.



5,030 HA OF FARM LAND

Under Sustainable Agriculture Farming techniques.



1,159 DEMO PACKS DISTRIBUTED

Allowing farmers to trial improved seeds and practices on a small, low risk scale, building confidence and accelerating adoption of more productive and climate smart farming methods.



504 HORTICULTURE FARMERS

By enabling access to productive, sustainable livelihood options, the reliance on practices that drive deforestation such as charcoal production or shifting cultivation decreases.



73 OF WHOM ARE WOMEN

Training women in horticulture delivers returns across food security, income, resilience, and conservation.



43,7608 KGS OF HONEY

Harvested using sustainable beekeeping methods and honey production, since inception.

Biodiversity

Safeguarding Wildlife Habitat

African species still migrate through large landscapes in Sub-Saharan Africa. Historically, humans have divided land with country borders and National Parks, which in some cases isolate wildlife populations, putting them at greater risk of extinction. By protecting threatened areas of biodiversity significance, we're helping to recreate some of Africa's migration corridors.

Community-led conservation efforts are crucial for protecting African wild spaces because they foster a sense of ownership and responsibility within local communities, leading to more sustainable and effective conservation outcomes. By involving our local communities, conservation initiatives can address the root causes of conflict between people and wildlife, reducing poaching and deforestation.

Our REDD+ project areas protect numerous wildlife species at risk of extinction:

CRITICALLY ENDANGERED



WHITE-BACKED VULTURE



HOODED VULTURE



WHITE HEADED VULTURE



LAPPET-FACED VULTURE

ENDANGERED



AFRICAN WILD DOG



AFRICAN LEOPARD



AFRICAN LION



AFRICAN ELEPHANT

VULNERABLE



SOUTHERN GROUND HORNBILL



TEMMINCK'S PANGOLIN

Conservation

Fire Management: Protecting Forests Through Proactive Action

Fire management is a critical part of protecting the landscapes we work in. Across BCP's project areas, uncontrolled late-season fires pose a significant risk to biodiversity, carbon stocks, and community livelihoods. In response, BCP supports a structured, community-led approach to early burning that reduces these risks while strengthening local capacity.

At the core of this approach are Fire Management Working Groups, established in each chiefdom and made up of the Forestry Department (FD), Department of National Parks and Wildlife (DNPW), and community representatives through CRBs and CFMGs. These groups are responsible for developing fire management plans, coordinating activities, and selecting and training community fire marshals.

Training equips fire marshals with practical skills to safely manage fires and reduce their impact on both ecosystems and people. BCP supports this work by providing essential equipment, including drip torches, fire beaters, and personal protective equipment.

Using historical fire hotspot data, targeted burn areas are identified and planned in advance.

Early burning is then carried out between June and August, when vegetation is still relatively moist and fires are cooler, slower, and easier to control. Fire marshals are deployed in teams, typically around 50 individuals per chiefdom, to conduct controlled, patchy burns across approximately 25 to 30 percent of community forest areas.

These burns are carefully managed using natural and man-made firebreaks such as rivers, streams, and roads. The result is a mosaic of burnt and unburnt areas, which significantly reduces the spread and intensity of destructive late-season fires. Fires are naturally extinguished overnight by cooler temperatures and dew, further limiting risk.

Following early burning, fire marshals remain active throughout the season, responding to and reporting any late-season fires that may occur.

This proactive approach reduces fuel loads, protects high-value forest areas, and helps safeguard both biodiversity and community livelihoods. It also reinforces the role of communities as active stewards of the landscapes they depend on, combining local knowledge with structured support to deliver long-term conservation outcomes.

Conservation

Living Together: How Chiawa Is Redefining Coexistence Between People and Wildlife

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With funds earned from forest protection through REDD+, the community has invested in solar-powered fencing—a transformative intervention that now safeguards six farming blocks and over 300 households from crop-raiding elephants and hippos.

**- Chiwala Matesamwa,
Chiawa CFMG.**

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For a region where women often have to sleep in fields to protect harvests, this is more than a fence, it's a step toward dignity, food security, and gender equality.

As land and resource pressures intensify, the Chiawa community is showing what peaceful human-wildlife coexistence can look like—reducing conflict while protecting biodiversity.

And they're not stopping here. With stronger harvests and increased security, the community is turning its attention to building a maternity ward and drilling boreholes, creating a ripple effect of health and resilience through REDD+ benefits.

This is conservation that empowers. A model for how climate finance can unlock equity, security, and harmony for both people and the planet.


107

Community
Scouts

17

Of Whom are
Women

10,296

Conservation
Days

24

Lions Observed
in REDD+ Zones

96

Southern Ground
Hornbills Observed
in REDD+ Zones

3

Wild dogs
Observed in
REDD+ Zones

63

Elephants
Observed in
REDD+ Zones

26

Giraffes Observed
in REDD+ Zones

13

Hippos Observed
in REDD+ Zones

Conservation

BCP Community Scouts Shine in the 2025 Kafue Wild Ranger Challenge



On 20 September 2025, our BCP Community Scouts proudly participated in the Kafue Wild Ranger Challenge, covering an incredible 21 kilometres through the breathtaking landscapes of Kafue National Park. This annual event celebrates the courage, commitment, and endurance of the men and women who protect some of Africa's most important wildlife areas.

We are delighted to share that one of our BCP teams achieved an impressive third-place finish, while another secured an eighth-place finish. Their performance reflects the strength, resilience, and unity that define our Community Scouts, who work tirelessly every day to safeguard wildlife habitats and support the communities that depend on these natural resources.

The Ranger Challenge is more than a race. It honours the daily efforts of rangers and community scouts who defend Zambia's wildlife corridors, helping ensure the survival of elephants, lions, wild dogs, and many other iconic species. Their work supports the coexistence of people and wildlife, protecting both ecological integrity and community wellbeing.

We extend our sincere appreciation to African Parks Network, Tusk, sponsors, and partners for organising this remarkable event and for their unwavering commitment to conservation across Africa.

At BCP, we are proud to stand with those who protect our planet. Whether on the ground, in the field, or on the trails, our teams continue to demonstrate the spirit, dedication, and purpose that drive our mission to make the conservation of wildlife habitat valuable to people



Creating value within the communities where we operate remains central to BCP's model. In 2025, 60 percent of our workforce were Chiefdom hires, recruited directly from local communities. This ensures the benefits of conservation are felt locally through employment, skills development, and increased household income, while strengthening trust, ownership, and long-term capacity.

BCP is a top tier certified B Corporation, ranked as the second highest scoring B Corp in Africa and among the top 20 globally. Recognised as a Best for the World B Corp for our impact on workers, we continue to prioritise employee wellbeing, inclusive practices, and a strong values-driven culture.

Recognising the people behind our impact remains central to who we are. In Zambia, Zikomo Day brings together teams from across our operations to celebrate dedication, resilience, and shared purpose. This year's award winners included Mundia Akende, Francis Mulenga, Nchimunya Haambote, Giyani I. Sakala, and Cynthia Sikana.



In Mozambique, the inaugural Obrigado Day marked an important milestone for the Greater Limpopo REDD+ Project team, recognising excellence across field, agriculture, logistics, and operations. Award recipients included Antonio Chico, Batista João, Afonso Helder, Raimundo Manuel, Naimo Juma, Clementina Elias, Afonso Quinto, Dalton Malenco, Nabila Modan, Hermengildo Luís, Orlando Fenias, Ozias Litango, Noé Goma, and Antonio Martins.

Together, these moments reinforce a simple truth: BCP's impact is driven by its people.

338
BCP Employees

20%
Of Whom are
Women

80%
Of Whom are
Youth

99%
Of BCPeople are
African-born

200
Of Whom are
Chiefdom Hires

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