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Implementation of the Global Instruments on Aquatic Biodiversity & Environmental Management

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Zambezi Watercourse Key Features

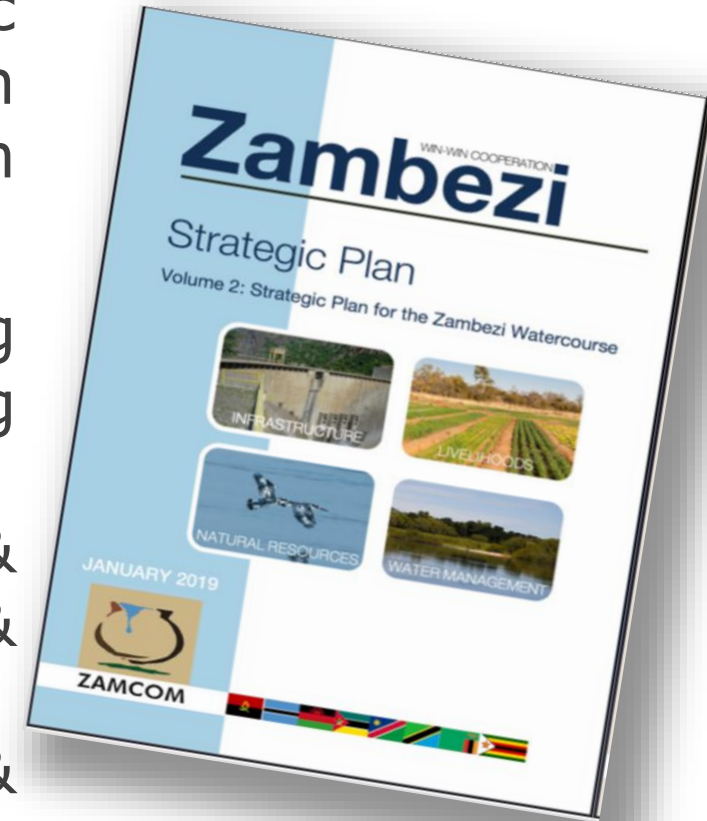
- Shared by 8 countries
- 13 sub-watercourses
- Length: 2,700km
- Watercourse Area: 1.37m Km²
- Pop: Over 40m, Projected 51m in 2025
- Vision: ensure equitable & sustainable utilization of water for social & env. justice, regional integration & economic benefit for present & future generations



Zambezi Strategic Plan

ZSP (2018–2040) aligns & contributes to the implementation of the key global instruments on aquatic biodiversity & env. management by focusing on sustainable dev, biodiversity conservation & ecosystem resilience

- ✓ Convention on Biological Diversity: promoting protection of aquatic biodiversity & enhancing ecosystem resilience to CC
- ✓ SDGs: Goal 6 (WRM & pollution reduction); SDG 14 & 15 (conservation of riverine ecosystems, wetlands & biodiversity & sustainable land management)
- ✓ Ramsar Convention on Wetlands: Conservation & sustainable use of transboundary wetlands
- ✓ UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD): Promotion of sustainable land & WRM



Key Regional Challenges

Persistent Poverty

Over exploitation
of natural resources

Competing Water Uses

Compromising env. flows

Infrastructure Deficit

Substantial deficit: HP, Irr, water
supply, health, roads

Disaster Risk

Floods & droughts affecting
ecosystems & habitats

Environmental Degradation

Loss of Biodiversity & Freshwater Ecosystem Health



Pillars of the Strategic Plan

PILLAR 1



Infrastructure Investment

- HP Generation
- Agricultural Water
- Water Supply Services
- Catchment & Natural Assets Management

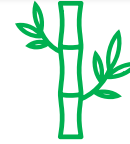
PILLAR 2

Livelihood Support

Improve livelihoods through addressing socio-economic, environmental & climatic challenges affecting the ability of communities to respond to shocks



PILLAR 3



Environmental Resources Protection & Utilization

Ensure the sustainable protection & conservation of natural resources

PILLAR 4

Water Resources Management

Ensure sound water resources management & development



Zambezi Investment Programmes

1. PIDACC Zambezi

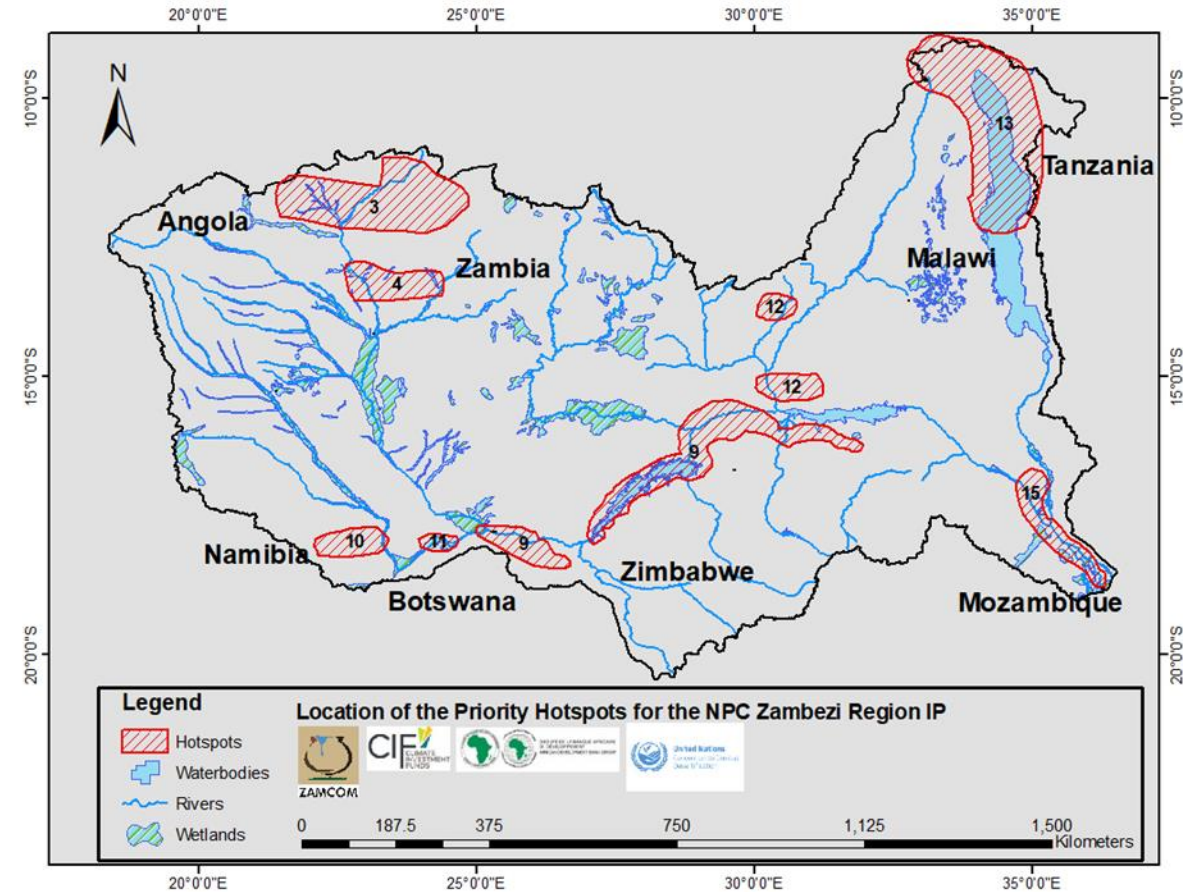
- 5 years (2023 – 2028) Program, financed by ADF through AfDB (14.7m UA)
- Mozambique National Component: Ministry of Agriculture & Rural Development
- Zambia National Component: Ministry of Agriculture
- Regional Component: ZAMCOM
- Components & Activities:
 - ✓ Integrated landscape & WR Management
 - ✓ Supporting adaptive capacities of communities & strengthening of institutional foundation to adapt to climatic & economic shocks
 - ✓ Climate resilient infrastructure development



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2. Zambezi Region NPC IP

- 1m US\$ from CIF for preparation of the Zambezi Region NPC IP
- Promotes NbS to address the CC challenge in the 8 priority hotspots in the basin & the intension is to shift towards sustainable uses of land & other ecosystems in the next 10 years
- Estimated Investment Cost is US\$ 1.5b over a period of 10 years
- Potential Financiers: CIF & MDBs (AfDB, WB & IFC)



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3. Zambezi Watercourse Infrastructure Development Study

- Swedfund (8m SEK): Selection, prioritization & pre-feasibility studies of mid-size infrastructure projects
- Advancing readiness of priority infrastructure investments of transboundary relevance to implementation: Catchment & natural resources management; floods & drought control
- Support ZAMCOM & the riparian states in their pursuit of promoting and coordinating the cooperative transboundary management and development of the water resources of the Zambezi Watercourse in a sustainable and climate-resilient manner





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Thank you / Merci beaucoup!



Magnificent Aerial View of Victoria Falls at Zambia / Zimbabwe Border



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