

FIVE MIGHTY RIVERS. UNLIMITED WONDER.

DISCOVER **KAVANGO ZAMBEZI**
TRANS FRONTIER CONSERVATION AREA
IN SOUTHERN AFRICA



**Kavango
Zambezi**
RIVERS OF LIFE

FOR ALL OF TIME, PEOPLE HAVE BEEN DRAWN TOGETHER TO SHARE THEIR STORIES, AND IT IS SAID THAT THOSE WHO SHARE THEIR STORIES HONOUR LIFE.

This story's lifeblood is five mighty rivers – the Kavango, Zambezi, Kwando, Chobe, and Kafue. Nourishing a wilderness immensely rich in natural and cultural diversity, these are Rivers of Life, flowing through the epic landscapes of five Southern African countries that are caring, together, for a vast Trans Frontier Conservation Area: Kavango Zambezi.

Leading the way in tourism, and benefitting conservation and communities, as Kavango Zambezi we are inspired by the simple truth that "hands wash each other" and that nothing great is ever accomplished alone.

We are the people of the river and this is our story, to share with all who love wildlife without borders – now, and for generations to come.

WHERE IS KAVANGO ZAMBEZI?

Kavango Zambezi lies halfway between Cape Town and the Equator. Its wild landscapes are fed by two great river systems, the Kavango and the Zambezi. Within its contours, the corners of five countries come together: **Angola, Botswana, Namibia, Zambia and Zimbabwe**. Each is a Kavango Zambezi partner and each has its own wildlife and cultural attractions, an overview of which is presented here.

ANGOLA

**OUR AWE-INSPIRINGLY BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY IS
OPENING UP ITS PARKS FOR NEW DISCOVERY BY
INTREPID EXPLORERS.**

Luengue-Luiana National Park and Mavinga National Park: Two huge parks in the southeast region, which together comprise Kavango Zambezi's largest protected area where elephants and other wildlife now move freely from neighbouring Zambia and Namibia. Access and tourism facilities are under construction.

NAMIBIA

THE KAVANGO AND ZAMBEZI RIVERS CREATE RICH WOODLANDS AND WETLANDS THAT CONTRAST WITH OUR DESERT REGIONS, WHERE OUR RESOURCEFUL PEOPLE AND WILDLIFE HAVE ADAPTED TO FINDING WATER BENEATH THE SAND.

Bwabwata National Park: Between the Kavango and Kwando rivers, and home to elephant, hippo and rich birdlife. You can also find buffalo, roan, tsessebe and sable.

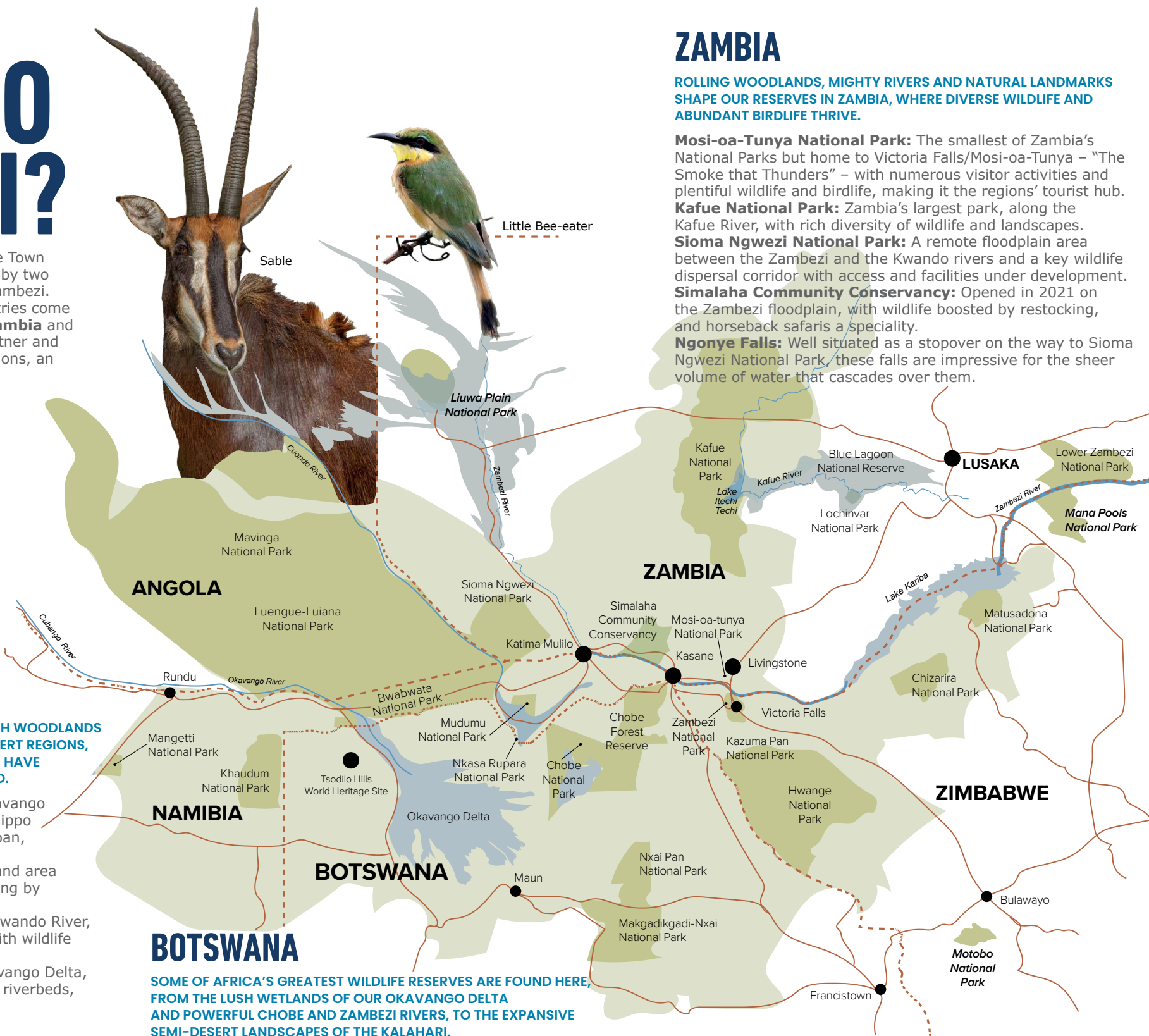
Mudumu National Park: A mopane woodland area along the Kwando River, offering game viewing by boat and prolific birdlife.

Nkasa Rupara National Park: Along the Kwando River, opposite Botswana's Chobe National Park, with wildlife moving back and forth seasonally.

Khaudum National Park: West of the Okavango Delta, a remote expanse of woodlands and ancient riverbeds, abundant wildlife and Kalahari sand.



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ZAMBIA

ROLLING WOODLANDS, MIGHTY RIVERS AND NATURAL LANDMARKS
SHAPE OUR RESERVES IN ZAMBIA, WHERE DIVERSE WILDLIFE AND
ABUNDANT BIRDLIFE THRIVE.

Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park: The smallest of Zambia's National Parks but home to Victoria Falls/Mosi-oa-Tunya – “The Smoke that Thunders” – with numerous visitor activities and plentiful wildlife and birdlife, making it the regions’ tourist hub.

Kafue National Park: Zambia's largest park, along the Kafue River, with rich diversity of wildlife and landscapes.

Sioma Ngwezi National Park: A remote floodplain area between the Zambezi and the Kwando rivers and a key wildlife dispersal corridor with access and facilities under development.

Simalaha Community Conservancy: Opened in 2021 on the Zambezi floodplain, with wildlife boosted by restocking, and horseback safaris a speciality.

Ngonye Falls: Well situated as a stopover on the way to Sioma Ngwezi National Park, these falls are impressive for the sheer volume of water that cascades over them.



World Heritage Site shared between Zimbabwe and Zambia

ZIMBABWE

HOME TO WORLD-FAMOUS NATURAL ATTRACTIONS, OUR RICH
LANDSCAPES IN ZIMBABWE OFFER ADVENTURES FOR ALL WHO
LOVE WILDLIFE WITHOUT BORDERS.

The Victoria Falls/Mosi-oa-Tunya: “The Smoke that Thunders” – a World Heritage Site the Earth’s largest waterfall, shared with Zambia. The region’s tourist hub, with numerous visitor activities.

Zambezi National Park: This is one of the most beautiful parks on the doorstep of Victoria Falls. The most popular section of the park has a lengthy river frontage with photogenic reed islands and bubbling rapids, making it excellent for birding.

Hwange National Park: The country's largest national park, bordering on the Chobe district of Botswana; and a key wildlife dispersal area including Africa's largest elephant migration.

Kazuma Pan National Park: A remote, less developed area situated to the north of Hwange and bordering on the Chobe district of Botswana, suited to the adventurous traveller looking for abundant wildlife.

Chizarira National Park: A wilderness destination on the Zambezi escarpment, with shy game, rich birdlife, and wild hiking.

Matusadona National Park: On the shores of Lake Kariba, with plentiful elephant, buffalo and hippo.

KAVANGO ZAMBEZI AT A GLANCE – OVERVIEW

3 MILLION (approximately) total human population

19 national parks

5 partner countries: Angola (17%), Botswana (30%), Namibia (14%), Zambia (25%), Zimbabwe (14%)

5 major rivers: Zambezi, Kavanago, Kafue, Chobe, Kwando

3 UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Okavango Delta, Tsodilo Hills, Victoria Falls

3 wetlands of international importance: Okavango Delta, Mahangu National Park and Victoria Falls National Park.

HOME TO THE WORLD'S...

LARGEST LAND MAMMAL African Elephant

TALLEST MAMMAL Giraffe

FASTEST MAMMAL Cheetah

LARGEST BIRD Ostrich

HEAVIEST FLYING BIRD Kori Bustard

Also home to key threatened species such as the lion, cheetah, and African wild dog.



Ground Hornbill



KAVANGO ZAMBEZI AT A GLANCE – WILDLIFE

227,900 elephants
(over half of Africa's savannah elephants)

24% of Africa's wild dogs

197 animal species, including globally significant populations of the Big 5: lion, leopard, elephant, buffalo and rhino.

600+ bird species (524 breeding) hosting various migratory birds including great white pelicans, and one of only two breeding colonies of greater flamingos in Southern Africa.

3000+ plant species (including ± 100 endemics)

128 reptile species

50 amphibian species



African Wild Dog

GETTING THERE

There are numerous flights to Kasane & Maun (Botswana), Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe), Livingstone (Zambia), and Katima Mulilo (Namibia).

GETTING AROUND

A good road network links all Kavango Zambezi partner nations, and there are internal flights between key safari areas, as well as boat transfers on the Zambezi.

ACTIVITIES

The area offers game viewing, bird watching, fishing, boat trips (canoe, mokoro and pleasure cruises) as well as horse-riding, white water rafting and cultural encounters and experiences.



DID YOU KNOW?

At 2,574km from source to mouth, the Zambezi is Africa's fourth longest river.

At 520,000km² (±200,000 sq miles), Kavango Zambezi is the largest terrestrial Trans Frontier Conservation Area in the world.

At 1,7km wide by 108m high, Victoria Falls/Mosi-oa-Tunya is the world's largest waterfall by overall size.

The Okavango Delta, measuring approximately 16,000 sq miles, is the largest inland delta in the world.

GET TO WHERE THE WATER IS

Freedom means different things in different places. Here, in this place of unique beauty beneath a boundless sky, you will find the space to connect with and explore the landscape of the soul. Here, in this place of spectacular natural wonder, you will feel the pulse of life at its most essential. Immersed in a world that lives and breathes beyond our wildest imaginings, you will make new and everlasting memories. You will sense the longing of the lone fish eagle's cry. You will sleep beneath stars as you've never seen them, anywhere. You will experience the ultimate adventure. You will get lost in time. You will go wild.



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