Community-Based Management and Conservation in Africa: Trade-offs and synergies in land-use decisions in local villages

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Kavango-Zambezi Conservation Transfrontier Area (KAZA)

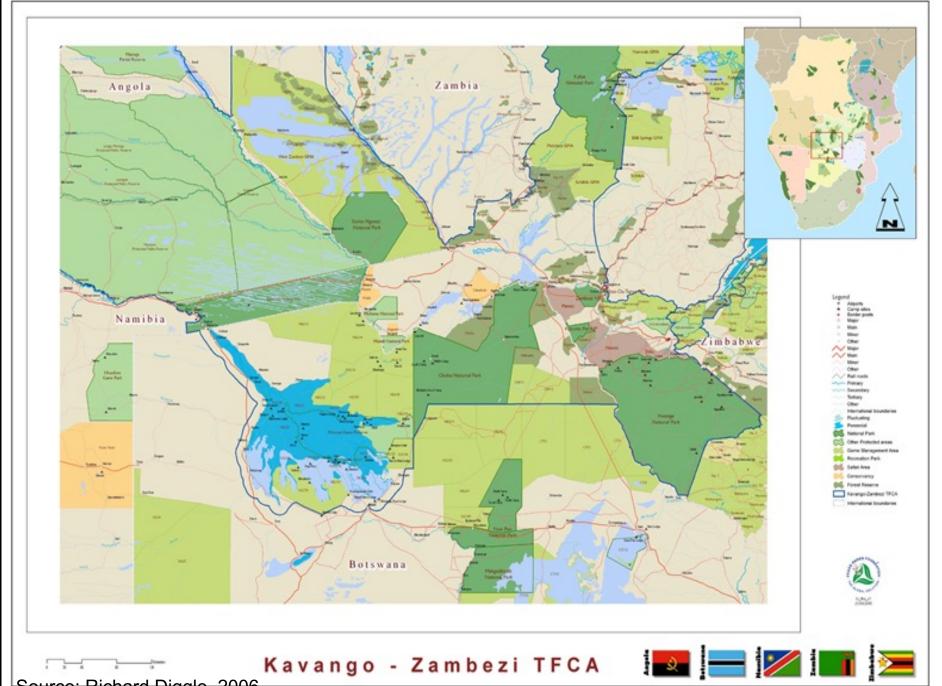
- KAZA vast network of: national parks, game management areas, and conservancies (CBNRM).
- Legal entity starting March 15th 2012!
- ~ 300,000 sq.km: Botswana, Namibia, Zambia, Zimbabwe, and Angola.

• Expressed purposes:

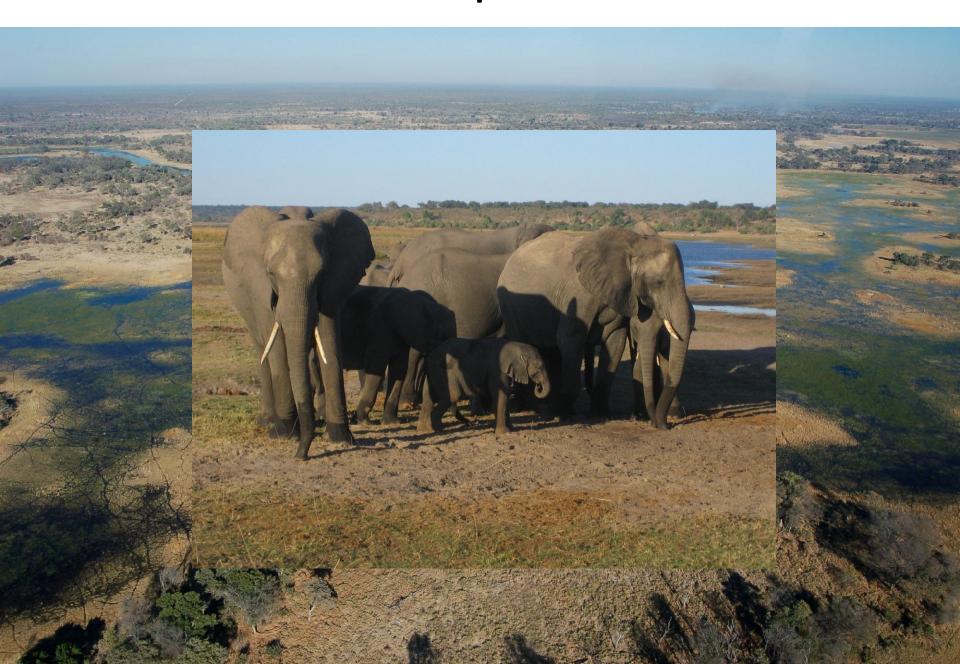
- improve the cooperative management of shared resources
- increase the area available for wildlife and plant populations

 bring economic benefits to the local communities adjacent to protected areas.

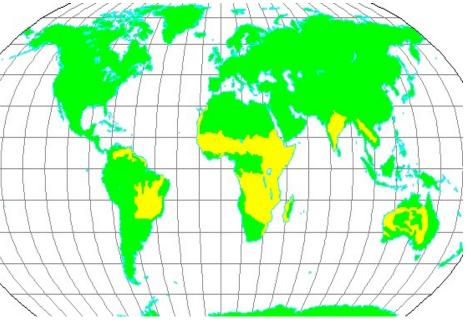
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KAZA in pictures!







Savannas (Tropical Grasslands)

Contain the greatest number of grazing animals on Earth.

Location: Found in the tropics

Amount of precipitation supports tall grasses but only occasional trees.

The word savanna stems from an Amerindian term for plains



Tropical Savanna

Abiotic Factors

Rainy and dry season
25-150 in/yr precipitation
Fire plays a large role in this ecosystem



Umbrella Thorn Acacia



Kangaroos Paws



Baobab

Whistling Thorn



Tropical Savanna

Plant Adaptations

Grow in Tufts
Resistance to Drought
Many plants have thorns and
sharp leaves to protect
against predation.



Zebras



Chacma Baboon

Tropical Savanna

Animal Adaptations

Adapt for short rainy season—migrate as necessary

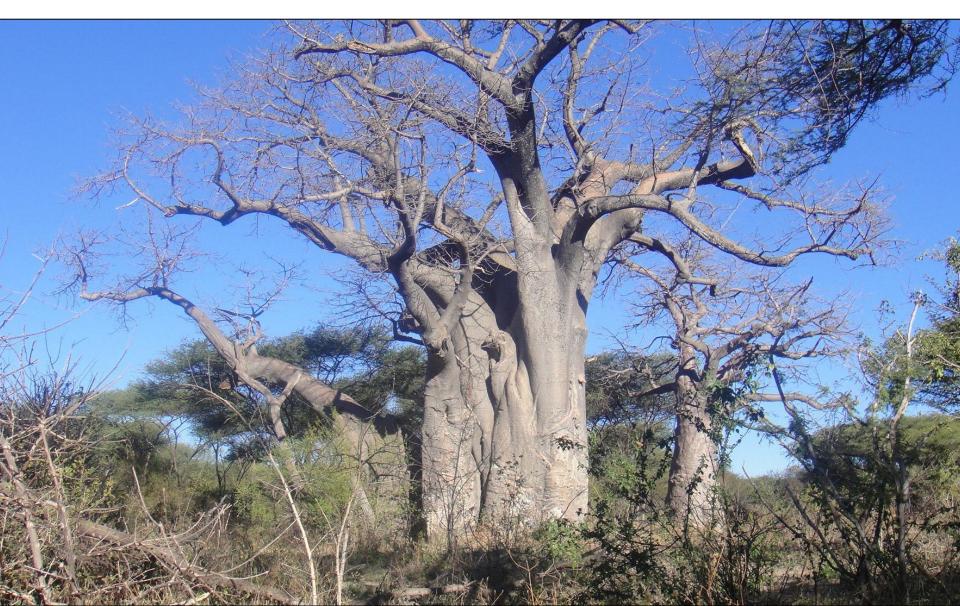
Limited food leads to vertical feeding

Reproduce during rainy season—ensures more young survive

http://www.blueplanetbiomes.org/savanna animal page.htm



Baobab Tree! Botswana





















Threats to the Tropical Savanna

Land use and land cover changes
Changes in fire management
Overpopulation
Invasive species
Hunting and poaching

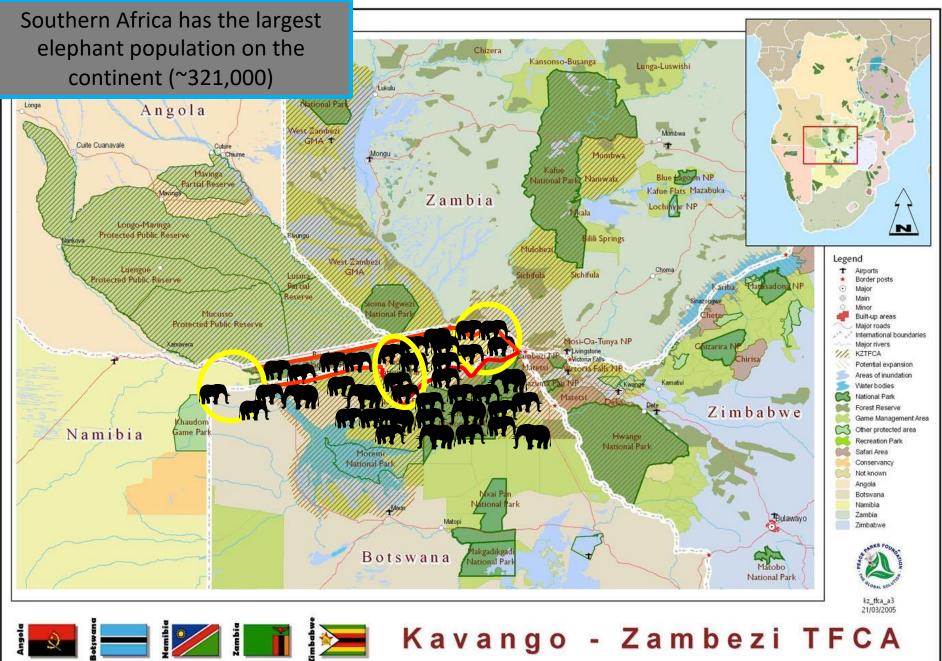




Loxodonta africana

Global climate change and variability!

Wet area in a relatively dry part of the world....



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