

# NORTH LUANGWA NATIONAL PARK

## ZAMBIA, AFRICA



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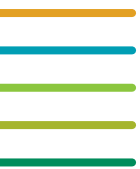
### **NORTH LUANGWA NATIONAL PARK – AFRICA'S WILDERNESS AT ITS BEST**

North Luangwa gains its outstanding global value from the Luangwa River, which has shaped a rich and biodiverse landscape over millennia, and its pristine wilderness, giving the park its very special character.

The remote North Luangwa National Park in Zambia is one of the finest wilderness experiences in the entire Southern African region, boasting the 'big-five': elephant, buffalo, rhino, leopard and lion, also the endemic Cookson's wildebeest.

In 2003, an ambitious translocation was started to reintroduce the black rhino back into the park. Hence, the North Luangwa National Park harbours Zambia's only black rhino population and is now home to Zambia's highest elephant population.

North Luangwa National Park is the anchor of the transboundary conservation initiative, the Malawi Zambia Transfrontier Conservation Area encompassing more than 32,000 km<sup>2</sup>.



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## LEGACY LANDSCAPE DETAILS

### Established

1972

### Region

Muchinga Province

### IUCN Category

National Park (CAT II)

### Project Size

4,653 km<sup>2</sup>

### Population in and Adjacent to the Protected Area

66,000

### Biome

Miombo-Mopane woodland and savanna

### Key Species

The 'big five' game: elephant, buffalo, rhino, leopard and lion;  
Cookson's wildebeest

### Conservation Relevance

Key Biodiversity Area  
Important Bird Area,  
Ramsar Site  
Source of 4 of the 6 perennial rivers of the Luangwa river

### Managing Authority

Department of National Parks and Wildlife

### NGO Partner

Frankfurt Zoological Society

### Funding Partner

Wyss Foundation

## KEY THREATS

- Bushmeat and ivory poaching and illegal high value timber extraction
- Land conversion and encroachment
- Uncontrolled fires and agricultural effects on hydrology

## KEY ACTIVITIES

- Natural resource management, law enforcement and protection
- Support and diversify livelihoods of local communities
- Develop Community governance and ownership for natural resources

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