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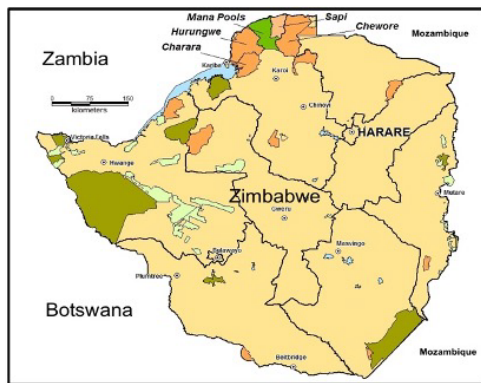


Figure 1: The Protected Areas of Zimbabwe: the Lower Zambezi Valley with Charara, Hurungwe, Mana Pools, Sapi and Chewore Protected Areas in the Northern Zambezi River hinterland



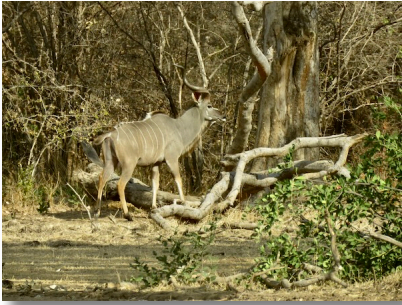
Figure 2: The Lower Zambezi Valley with Charara, Hurungwe, Mana Pools, Sapi and Chewore Protected Areas. The Red & Black line demarcates the UNESCO World Heritage Site. SA=Safari Area / Multi-use area, NP= National Park

The Tashinga Initiative (TI) (www.tashinga.org), a Zimbabwean charitable wildlife protection trust, continues to support conservation issues that affect Zimparks' capacity towards long-term conservation measures. TI has fundraised for and implemented core conservation philanthropic projects within the Middle and Lower Zambezi protected areas since 2006 through a Memorandum of Understanding with ZPWMA. TI has also implemented bi-lateral European Union and CITES funded projects from 2011 to 2019. A grass-roots approach and determined focus on key fundamentals being in place has seen TI weather the socio economic storms of Zimbabwe. It maintains a strong relationship with ZPWMA, but itself requires urgent financial support to sustain this input.

TI's efforts are directed to supporting ZimParks Rangers' well-being, their daily operational environment, providing support towards the efficacy of patrol activities through the provision of Ranger Insurance, recreational facilities, food security through the provision of foodhampers and the establishment and maintenance of Ranger vegetable gardens, the provision of solar power for energy and water pumping, infrastructure to support the enabling environment, operational infrastructure such as VHF, digital internet and operations rooms. TI also provides Ranger patrol and operational equipment, vehicle and boats, including boat maintenance. TI has provided Ranger training in antipoaching operations, driver and coxswain training, SMART at field and management levels, and riverine antipoaching.

Snapshot of our inputs this Year 2023.

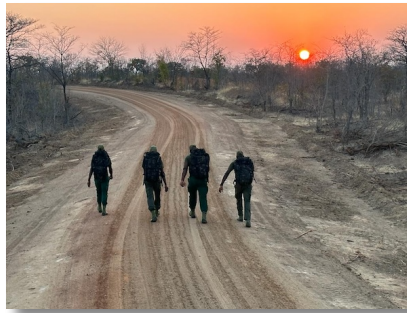
1. Successful **facilitation** by Tashinga Initiative for Natural Capital (www.naturalcapital.earth) to become new concessionaires of Rifa, at the exit of Hemmersbach Rhino Force end March 2023 after 5 years' tenure.



2. Ongoing partnership with GRAA and Jim Green Boots for the **distribution of Jim Green Patrol Boots to 303 Rangers** and other field related personnel across the Mid-Zambezi Region from Doma Safari Area through to Charara-Kariba.



3. For the third time, from April through to September, preparation, funding, material support, training provided to all teams and execution of **Wildlife Ranger Challenge 2023** for **7 x 4-man Zimparks Teams**, the world's largest celebration of solidarity, support and fundraising for the ranger profession was provided by Tashinga Initiative Trust. The Teams were from the Mid-Zambezi Region fully supported by Regional Manager Mr Felix Chimeramombe, and 2 private teams, one from Harare and one in the UK to take part in the 2 mini-challenges, Push Up and Sit Up Challenges and the 21km marathon, carrying 22kg backpacks. On marathon day, 16th September, foodstuffs and soft drinks for luncheons for each of the 7 teams across LZV were supplied. As a result of the participation of 35 ZimParks Rangers for WRC 2023, **320 Zimparks Mid-Zambezi Rangers** will directly benefit from WRC 2023.



4. **1000 litres of boat fuels** provided to Kapirinhengu Field Station, to support the two Tashinga Initiative donated/loaned Pelican patrol boats based there.



5. **200 food hampers** were provided to the Rangers of Chewore South and Chewore North, comprising a one-month dry stuffs food hamper plus 10kg mealie, several deliveries of several months.



6. **6 boat services**, repairs, maintenance and boat accessories spares replacements for **two Pelican Ranger Patrol Boats** based at Kapirinhengu Field Station. Annual servicing to 2 boat trailers, licensing and insurance.



7. Ranger **patrol kit provided to 43 Rangers** across LZV: Patrol boots, backpacks, t-shirts and caps.



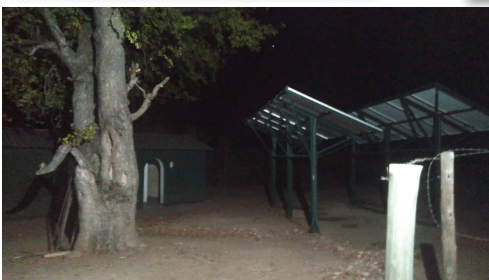
8. Provision of 4 **services to the solar powered water pumping installation**, Kapirinhengu during 2023 and the upgrade of its water pumping capacity through additional solar panels wired into the system.



9. Installation of an **8 kva Solar Energy Plant** for Kapirinhengu Field Station, Chewore North, including the manufacture of a theft proof 14- solar panel installation.



10. We funded a **comprehensive electrical upgrade project at Kapirinhengu Field Station** to complement our earlier installation of an 8 kva Victron Solar Energy System supporting the 20 personnel based there: re-wiring, provision of plug points, USB points to suit all needs throughout the admin-operations block, external security lighting, provision of 12v batteries for VHF radio system, with custom made battery stand, installation of a 5kva diesel generator into the system as backup power source, provision of 2 airconditioners, 2 freezers, windows and door handles replaced in respect of appropriate functioning of the aircons, servicing of solar panel washing system, wifi dongle connected for use of the Victron App.



11. Replacement of the ZAVARU (Zambezi Valley Reaction Unit) road signpost which had become unreadable after it was placed in 2016. .



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