Research paper Presentation

Developing an Environmental Education Programme to address factors behind weak community participation in wildlilife mgt in Mumbwa and Lupande Game Management Areas in Zambia

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 1980 Advocacy for increased community participation in wildlife mgt by international organisations (UN, USAID, DFID) and agreements (Earth summit)



- Argued that it enhances the quality and durability of environmental decision making (Reed 2008; Rowe and Frewer 2000) and sense of ownership (Mashinya 2007).
- Led to increased comm participation in NR mgt (Luyet et al. 2012).

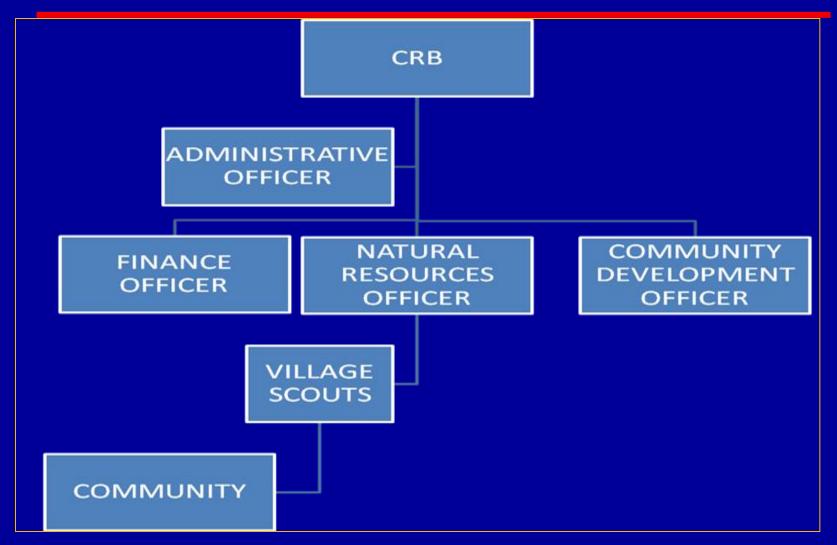


- 1987 CBNRM was introduced by the Zambian Govt through CBNRM progm.
- Formation of Zambia Wildlife Act of 1998
- Act led to formation of ZAWA
- An institution responsible for the control and mgt of GMAs and national parks.



- Led to creation of CRBs in the GMAs
- 63 CRBs
- Comm participation still weak despite the efforts.
- Illegal activities still on the increase, leading to loss of wildlife.

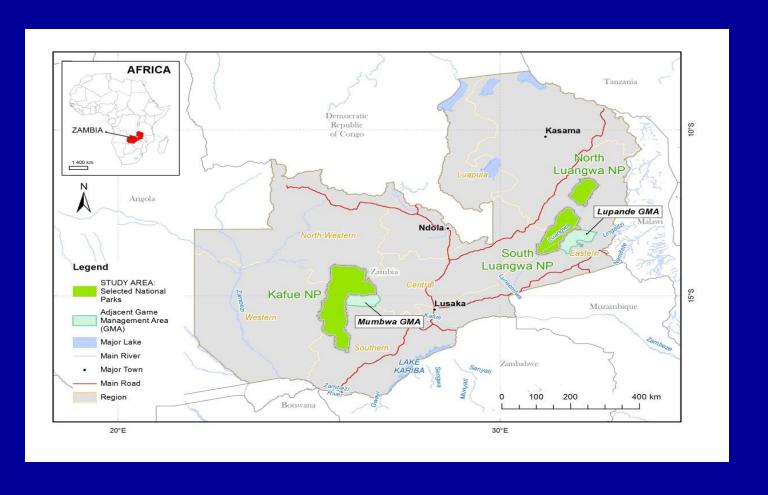
Structure of CRB





- Structure lacks a unit of Environmental Education (EE)
- Despite govt efforts to promote EE through non-formal education by all government institutions, NGOs and private sector.

STUDY AREAS (Mumbwa and Lupande GMAs)



Mumbwa GMA cond.

Economic activities: fishing & subsistence farming



 To develop an EE programme to address factors behind weak community participation in wildlife resource mgt in the two study.



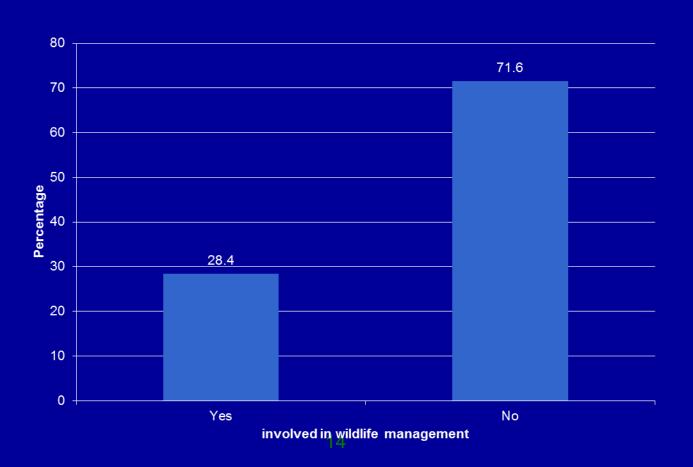
- Three methods of data collection were utilised:
- Interviews with locals, chiefs and key informants who included ZAWA officials.
- Personal observations and
- Literature review

Data analysis

- Structured interviews with the local community were analysed using SPSS software package.
- Key informant responses were analysed by summarising the data into key themes for further analysis.

Results

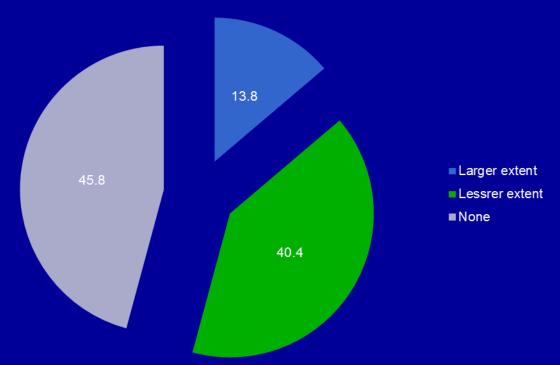
Local community participation



Results cont'd

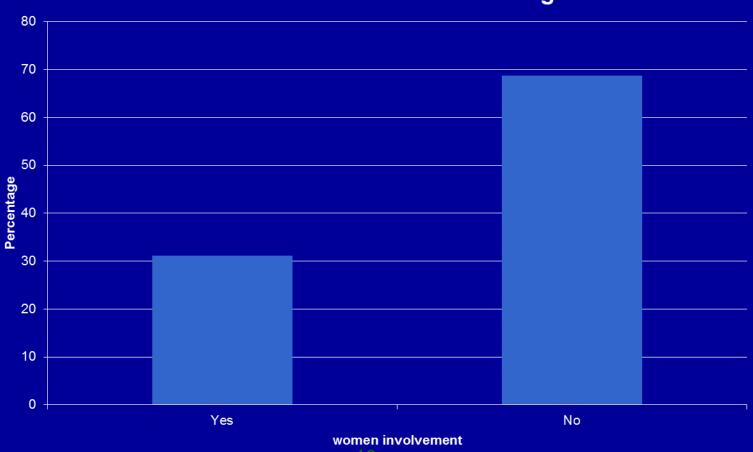
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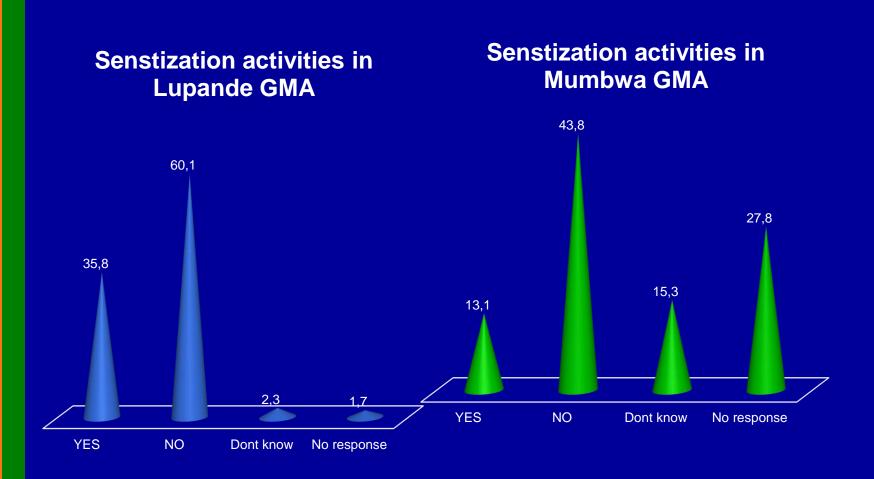


Gender

Women involvement in wildlife management



Sensitisation activities





- ✓ Conflict resolution
- Equity (No transparency in benefit sharing)
- ✓ Biodiversity conservation in the GMAs(lack of basic data on wildlife pop trends and habitat for most of the species.



- ✓ Human encroachments threatening ecological sustainability
- ✓ Leading to shrinking wildlife habitat.
- ✓ Wildlife conservation impossible.

Other GMA Threats

- Increased settlements
- Cultivation
- Poaching and
- charcoal production.

Charcoal production

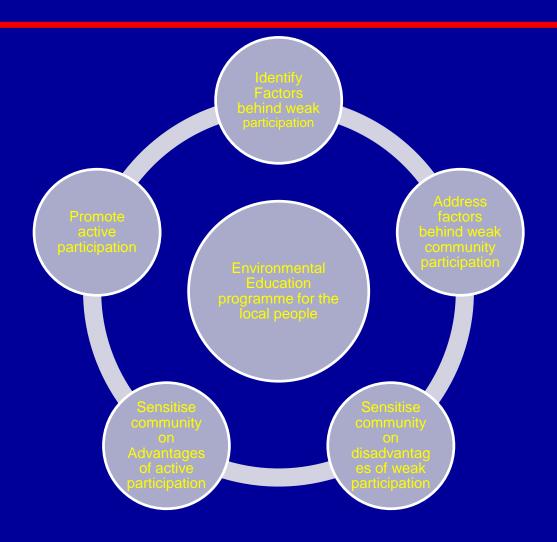












Activities of the proposed EE programme

- ✓ Holding of various forums(workshops, seminars) with locals where the locals would be taught how to live in harmony with the environment.
- ✓ Having performances such as sketches and drama in communities aimed at sensitising the locals on the benefits of using wildlife sustainably.



- ✓ Public broadcasting of environmental issues through television programs and local radio documentaries.
- ✓ Distribution of brochures and pictures portraying the effects of unsustainable utilisation of natural resources and how it can be solved.
- ✓ Inclusion of EE in the school syllabus from grade 1 to 12.



These sensitisation programmes in formal and non formal education systems would:-

- ✓ promote understanding of the importance of sustainable utilisation of wildlife resources.
- Create awareness on the link between biodiversity and sustainable livelihood.
- ✓ Promote behavioural change among local resource users



- ✓ Discourage illegal activities
- ✓ Helps the local community acquire sufficient knowledge that will allow them to contribute to the sustainable use of wildlife resources.
- ✓ Increase & enhance public awareness & participation on environmental conservation within the communities

Proposed EE programme Activities contd.....



Conclusion

The study showed that

- ✓ Establishment of an EE unit would help to spearhead activities regarding the utilisation of EE prog in the GMAs
- ✓ EE would help communities to acquire sufficient knowledge hence improve their participation leading to sustainable use of wildlife resources.

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Thank you