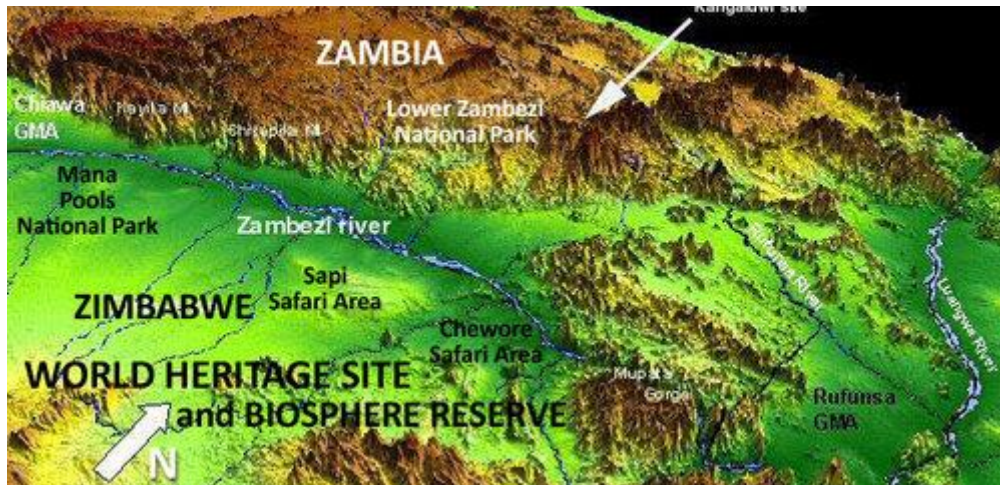


# ZAMBIAN MINE THREATENS LOWER ZAMBEZI – PLEASE SIGN THE PETITION AGAINST IT

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Way back in 2012, the extremely controversial Kangaluwi open pit copper mining project proposed for development by Mwembeshi Resources Limited inside Zambia's Lower Zambezi National Park opposite the Mana Pools/Sapi/Chewore World Heritage Site was the source of media headlines and conservation concern both within Zambia and the whole region.



At the time, Civil Society organisations in Zimbabwe (including The Zambezi Society) added their weight to Zambian objectors, by lobbying their government to put pressure on Zambia to stop the mine. The concerns centred on the mine's potential long-term impacts on the downstream section of the Zambezi River, a shared resource that contributes to economic, environmental and social development throughout the region.

We reported on the issue (outlining the major concerns) in a Zambezi Society news article in November 2014: [ZIMBABWE CIVIL SOCIETY SUPPORTS BID TO PREVENT LARGE SCALE COPPER MINING IN LOWER ZAMBEZI NATIONAL PARK, ZAMBIA](#)

For years, dedicated individuals and organisations fought against the project. Even Zambia's former President, the late Dr Kenneth Kaunda, in 2019, spoke out strongly against mining in the Lower Zambezi National Park, emphasising the Park's economic and ecological importance.

It is a long and sad story of delays and missed opportunities..... (see the timeline summary below put together by Zambian NGO Conservation Lower Zambezi ).

# KANGALUWI COPPER PROJECT TIMELINE



Timeline of key events since the prospecting was approved in 2003 for a proposed large-scale open-pit copper mine to be located in Lower Zambezi National Park.

But, in February 2021, the final appeal against the project was dismissed.

On 7th May 2021 Zambia's Environmental Management Agency (ZEMA) issued a letter approving the mine's environmental impact statement (EIS).



## SAVE ZAMBEZI, SAFE ZAMBEZI CAMPAIGN & PETITION LAUNCHED

In response to the above, a new campaign to stop the proposed mine was launched in June 2021 by Zambian and international stakeholders. The **SAVE ZAMBEZI, SAFE ZAMBEZI** campaign reiterates previous objections that a mine of this scale would permanently destroy the Lower Zambezi National Park, a shared resource that contributes to economic, environmental and social development not only in Zambia but in the region as a whole.

**The campaign calls on concerned individuals and organisations to sign a petition directed at Zambia's President Edgar Lungu to stop the mine from going forward.**

The future well-being of the Zambezi landscape's rich biodiversity and wilderness values depends on organisations like **Conservation Lower Zambezi**, The Zambezi Society and people like you standing up against developments that have potentially harmful impacts for the landscape and the people who live and work within it.

We urge you to read the details and concerns in the Media Statement and sign the Petition by clicking on the links below:-

[READ THE DETAILS & CONCERNS](#)

[\*\*SIGN THE PETITION\*\*](#)