

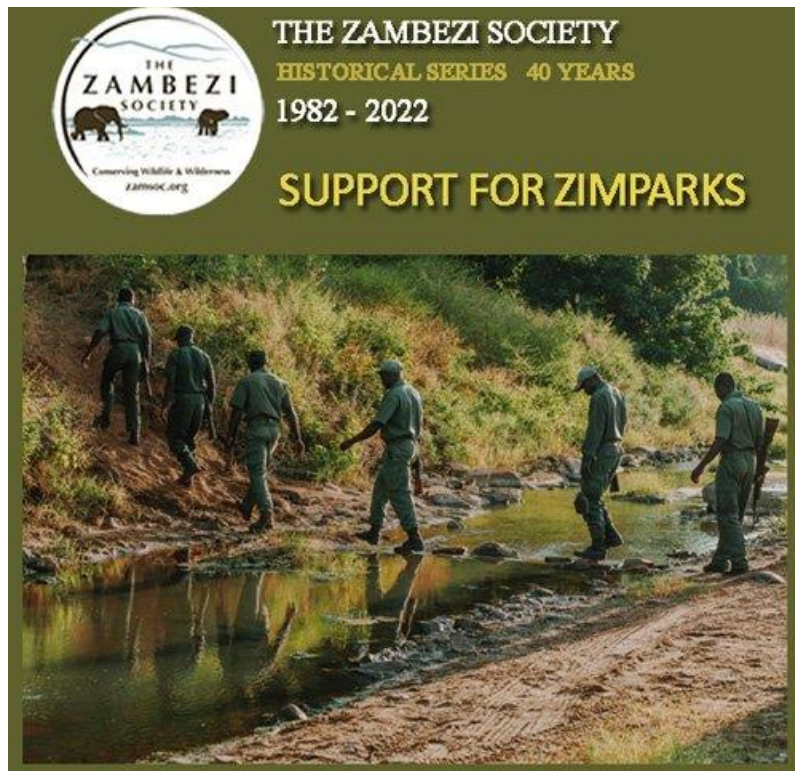
THE ZAMBEZI SOCIETY'S HISTORICAL SERIES. EPISODE 8: SUPPORT FOR ZIMPARKS

April 2022

In 2022, The Zambezi Society (Zamsoc) celebrates 40 years of conserving the precious wilderness and wildlife resources of the Zambezi River.

To mark this important milestone in our history, our series of historical features highlights significant events and conservation achievements that we're proud of, spanning the four decades since the Society's formation in 1982. We are sharing these on our Social Media Instagram and Facebook platforms, with videos on You Tube, on our website and in a special Historical Series of Bulletin mailouts.

EPISODE 8: SUPPORT FOR ZIMPARKS



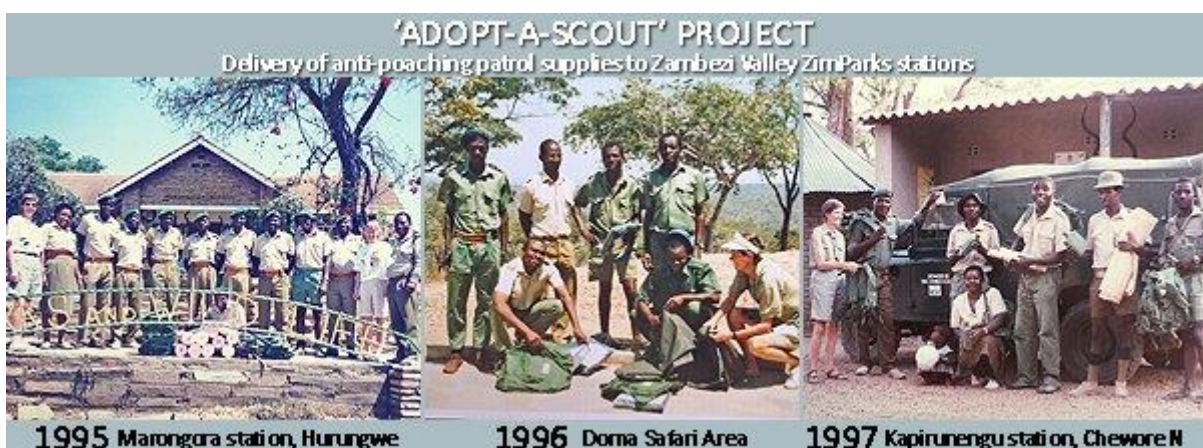
The Zambezi Society has always believed that we owe it to future generations to ensure that those areas of the Zambezi Valley which have been classified as “State Protected” continue to be conserved as a valuable part of Southern Africa’s national heritage.

While many organisations have shied away from supporting [Zimbabwe’s Parks and Wildlife Management Authority - ZPWMA or ZimParks](#) – (which oversees the management of the country’s National Parks and other state protected areas), The Zambezi Society is one of the few conservation organisations which has recognised the need to work closely alongside, and in support of the Authority, to secure the future of the Zambezi Valley’s National Parks and other protected areas. This approach has always been a mainstay of The Zambezi Society’s ethos/culture.

For decades, ZPWMA/ZimParks has received little funding due to economic and political challenges and its status as a self-funding Statutory Authority has prevented access to funding from the Fiscus. This has resulted in challenges for park management, conservation, anti-poaching activities and research. The work of National Parks rangers, who make a significant contribution to protecting wildlife in remote areas under harsh conditions, is often undervalued. Greater collaboration with the private sector is needed to address these issues as well as boosting staff morale, improving living conditions, training, forward planning and efficiency.

Since the early 1990s, The Zambezi Society has helped to ease these challenges by assisting with training, food rations, logistics and research, to improve operational capacity and policy-making. Today, Zamsoc enjoys a special relationship of trust, collaboration and mutual respect with the Authority at all levels (especially with those working in the field at station level). We are privileged to be an integrated partner with ZPWMA/ZimParks in anti-poaching efforts in the Zambezi Valley, and to take part in various planning processes affecting this globally valuable area.

We are extremely grateful to our many donors over the years, for assisting with the following Zambezi Society operations in Parks Estate areas:-



RESEARCH TO INFORM MANAGEMENT PLANNING & QUOTA SETTING



1990s Aerial surveys
Matusadona



2011 Zambezi dry
forest surveys

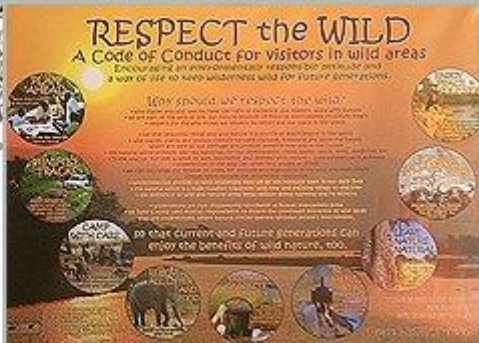
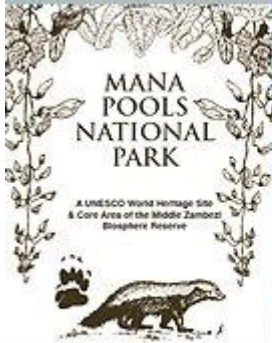


2011-2013 Assistance with WildCru
national leopard project



2015 Predator survey
Mara Pools

VISITOR EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS



1990s - PRESENT Educational materials (in print and online) to inform visitors to Zambezi Valley ZimParks areas

WILDERNESS TRAINING- PARK MANAGEMENT



2002-2006 Training in wilderness awareness and management for senior Park officers, (Zimbabwe & Zambia) traditional chiefs, community resource managers and tour operators.

PARK RANGER SUPPORT- FOOD SUPPLIES



2009 Delivering emergency food supplies,
Mana Pools & Matusadona NPs

2020 Ranger anti-poaching rations
Charara Safari Area

MANA POOLS NATIONAL PARK- ASSISTANCE



2008 Anti-poaching ranger equipment

2010 Workshop air compressor

2011 Ranger patrol sleeping bags

MATUSADONA NATIONAL PARK- ASSISTANCE



2010 Mosquito nets
for rangers

2014 Anti-poaching assistance
Camera traps for monitoring

2016 Ranger patrols
& deployment

RANGER DEPLOYMENTS - FOR ANTI-POACHING PATROLS & REACTIONS



2016- PRESENT

Assistance to ZimParks with land and water-based anti-poaching patrol deployments and reactions by vehicle & boat - Mana Pools, Kariba & Charara Safari Area

2018

FIREARMS TRAINING FOR PARK RANGERS



2016 - 2020

Professional, Zamsoc-led firearms training and refresher courses for Park rangers
Mana Pools, Kariba, Charara, Hwange

ROAD CLEARANCE & OPENING FOR ANTI-POACHING ACCESS



2015 - 2022

Clearing and opening of roads and tracks for improved access for anti-poaching operations
Matusadona, & Mana Pools NPs, & Charara, Safari Area

PARK RANGER WELFARE SUPPORT



2015 - PRESENT Support for Karl Pisec School for rangers' kids, Marangora



2019-PRESENT TV subscription for Mana Pools Ranger recreation



Medical supplies
Mana Pools Clinic

CHARARA SAFARI AREA - ANTI-POACHING SUPPORT



2019 - PRESENT



Vehicle support with Zamsoz driver for ranger deployments & patrols in Charara Safari Area
Equipment supply for anti-poaching fly-camps & mobile patrol camps

CHARARA SAFARI AREA - RANGER TRAINING



New Operations Room
Charara/Kariba



2020 - PRESENT

Construction of Operations/Training Room for Kariba and Charara Safari Area
Training in SMART data collection, First Aid & ambush techniques

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