

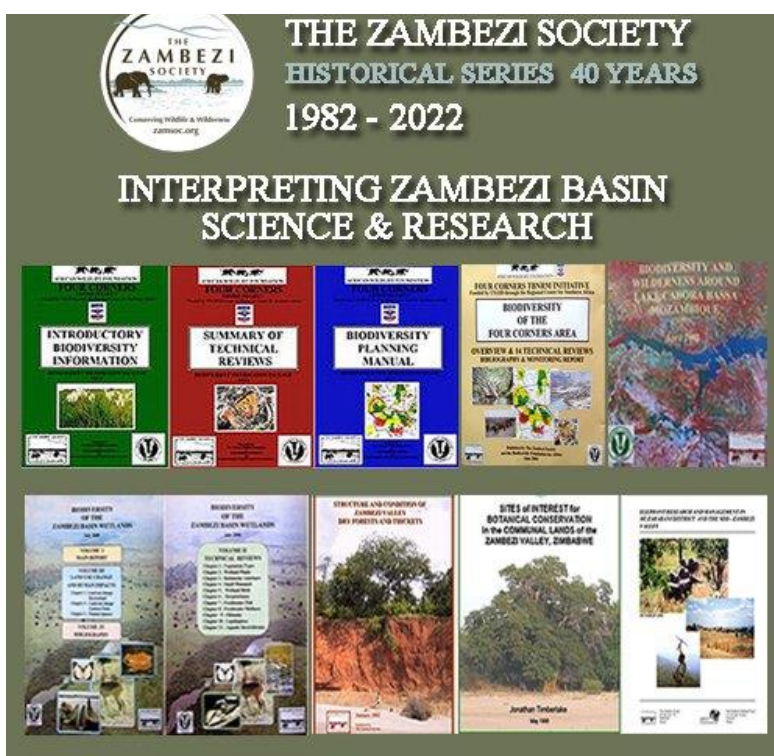
# THE ZAMBEZI SOCIETY'S HISTORICAL SERIES. EPISODE 6: INTERPRETING ZAMBEZI BASIN SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

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

*As a lead-up to 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.*

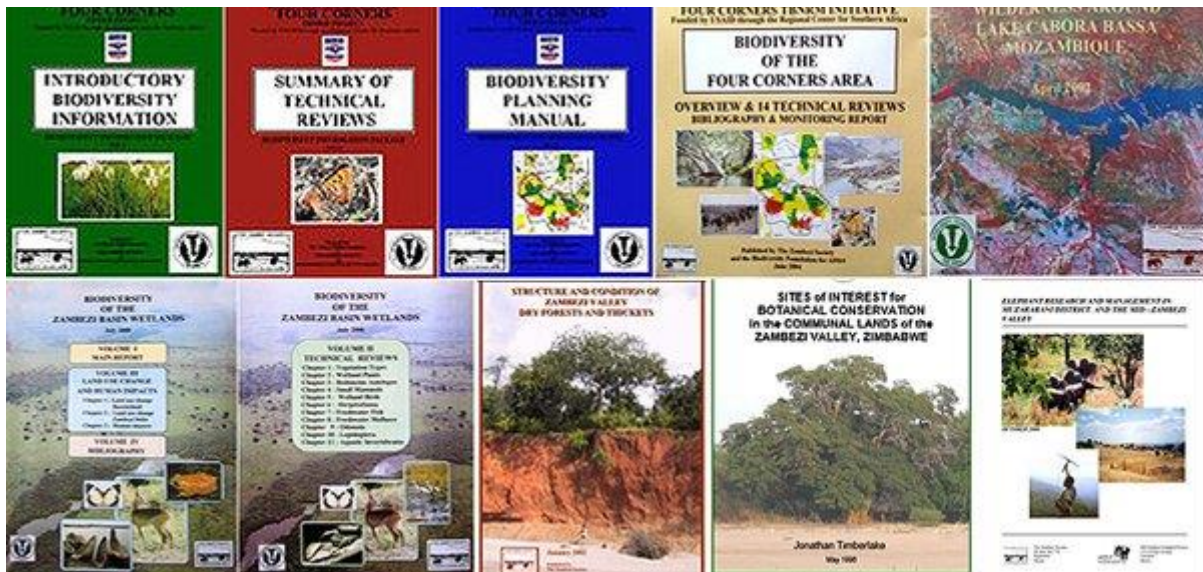
## EPISODE 6: INTERPRETING ZAMBEZI BASIN SCIENCE & RESEARCH FOR A WIDER AUDIENCE



Supporting and interpreting scientific research has been a key element in The Zambezi Society's 40 year reputation, as part of our long-standing "wider vision" of planning for and conserving the Valley as a whole.

For a decade in the 1990s and early 2000s Zamsoc was involved in RESEARCH & INTERPRETATIVE work in the wider Zambezi Basin – in partnership with other organisations – namely **The Mid-Zambezi Elephant Project** (which worked in Muzarabani District in Northern Zimbabwe), the **Biodiversity Foundation for Africa (BFA)** - a group of scientists who were regional specialists in the fauna and flora of Zambia, Zimbabwe and Mozambique, - and the **African Wildlife Foundation**. Zamsoc's role was to carefully interpret and "package" this detailed research for a wider (public) audience. The projects that we were involved in had relevance across boundaries, in the Northern Zimbabwe/Cahora Bassa area, in the Four Corners (now known as the KAZA area, encompassing parts of Zimbabwe, Botswana, Namibia

and Angola) and in the wetland areas of Barotseland and the Zambezi Delta. The work provided extremely valuable baseline scientific data for future scientists, researchers, planners and community leaders working in these key areas of the Zambezi Basin.



The documents produced for this key research and interpretation work are available as PDFs on the Zamsoc website under [RESOURCES – RESEARCH DOCUMENTS](#) (scroll down a few years). Here's a list of the key work:-

- **Biodiversity of the Four Corners Area** (2004) – detailed scientific & technical reviews of what is now known as the KAZA area, and a series of summary “**Information Packs**” designed for non-scientists to use for planning purposes - BFA/Zamsoc
- **Biodiversity and Wilderness around Lake Cabora Bassa, Mozambique** (2002) BFA/Zamsoc
- **Study of the structure and condition of Zambezi Valley dry forests and thickets** (2002) BFA/Zamsoc
- **Elephant research & management in Muzarabani District and the Mid-Zambezi Valley** (2000) Zamsoc/Mid-Zambezi Elephant Project
- **Biodiversity of the Zambezi Wetlands** (two Phases & 3 Volumes) covering Zambia, Zimbabwe and Mozambique (1998 – 2000) BFA/Zamsoc
- **Sites of interest for botanical conservation in the communal land of the Zambezi Valley in Zimbabwe and identification of appropriate conservation measures** (1996-1999) BFA/Zamsoc

The Zambezi Society is extremely proud to have been involved with this research work. We continue to support sound, science-based projects which have relevance to conserving the wildlife and wilderness values of the whole Zambezi River Basin, including the work of **Oxford University’s WildCru**, the **Lion Recovery Fund** and **Panthera**.

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