



Lavushimanda Community Conservation Project

Mid-Year Impact Report
January - June 2025



**Lavushimanda, Muchinga
Province, Zambia**
Miombo Belt



Timeline:
2022 - 2032



Main implementing partner:
WeForest Zambia



Targeted ecosystem:
Miombo woodlands



South Luangwa #7195
North Luangwa #7196
Mutinondo #24242
LavushiManda #7200



Activity update



Improving forest governance and stewardship

- **Community Resource Board elections** took place and orientation for new office bearers was carried out.
- A new process “People’s Adaptation Process - Village Land-Use Planning” (PAP-VLUP) was rolled out with initial engagements across the three districts covering the project area done.
- **Law enforcement activities** continued on Community Forest Areas and private lands.



Restoring and conserving at-risk forests

- **27 camera traps** continue to monitor wildlife as part of the yearly systematic monitoring program.
- **240 soil samples** were collected from 40 sample plots as part of the baseline soil organic carbon assessment.
- The impact of fires in 2024 was evaluated: up to 20% of the conservation areas were exposed to late burning.





Introducing forest-friendly livelihoods and behaviors

- **500 farmers** each received and planted 20kg of bean seed.
- Field days and exchange visits to other areas to showcase good practices were successfully delivered and well-attended
- **72,000 agroforestry seedlings** were raised in nurseries.
- **Refresher training** was given to participants in the beekeeping program to strengthen data collection and technical support
- **216 farmers' beekeeping plots**, containing 1080 beehives, were mapped and verified.



»» Looking forward

Activities for July - December 2025 include:

- Continuing to support governance, law-enforcement and the PAP-VLUP project.
- Continuing to undertake fire management and monitoring and biodiversity monitoring.
- Strategizing to improve community adoption and buy-in of conservation agriculture and agroforestry.
- Rolling out the beekeeping programme in Salamo Village.
- If feasible, setting up the caterpillar harvesting program.
- Further understanding and developing REDD+ upscaling trajectories.

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