

SUSTAINABLE PROSPERITY

FORESTRY COMMISSION



Trees Are Life - Lets Conserve Them!



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FOREWORD

Forestry Commission (FC) is a parastatal under the Ministry of Environment, Climate, Tourism and Hospitality Industry. The Commission was created in 1954 through the Forest Act (Cap 19:05) from where it derives its mandate as well as the Communal Land Forest Produce Act (Cap 19:04). FC is responsible for regulation, management and conservation of forest resources and managing gazetted indigenous forests which cover about 0.8% of the total surface area of the country.

FC has a national mandate to provide for the development, conservation, protection and sustainable utilization of all forest resources for socio-economic development of Zimbabwe. Forests do not only contribute to economic growth, job creation and poverty reduction, but also support other key sectors of the economy such as Energy, Agriculture and Tourism.

FC manages more than 800 000 hectares of indigenous forests located in Matabeleland, Manicaland and Midlands Provinces in Zimbabwe (Matabeleland North and Midlands Provinces in Zimbabwe). This is home to valuable indigenous timber species like Teak, Mukwa, Mahogany and Rosewood. There is mature timber ready for harvesting, sawmilling and processing. FC also administers the Chirinda Forest Botanical Reserve, a 950-hectare biodiversity-rich area. Chirinda means "lookout" or "vantage point" in the local 'Ndau' language and with its unique flora and fauna, it is an ideal location for Eco-tourism.



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VISIONMISSIONVALUES

VISION

To have sustainably managed and utilised forest resources in Zimbabwe by 2030.

MISSION

To regulate, conserve and enhance capacity in sustainable management and utilisation of forest resources.

VALUES

- **Integrity** We always ascribe to high standards of transparency and ensure accountability in conduct of our business.
- **Professionalism** Our decision making and practice will be based on current scientific knowledge and best practices.
- **Results oriented** We pursue timely attainment of targeted results at all levels.
- **Innovation** We encourage and reward creativity in work performance among staff.
- **Teamwork** We embrace mutual support and respect.

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Forestry Commission **Tourism**

Wildlife based tourism and trade are of great importance to conservation in Africa. They are one of the most lucrative wildlife use options, which form an integral part of Zimbabwe's conservation and economic development strategy. In Zimbabwe wildlife production is regarded as a valuable, legitimate and sustainable form of land use and as one of the most appropriate vehicles for development in many rural areas that are marginal for conventional agriculture. The wildlife industry benefits the local economy, in that revenue generated contribute to foreign currency generation, creates employment and stimulates infrastructure developments in the hospitality, communications and transport industries.

The Government of Zimbabwe has already created a favourable and enabling environment for investors through establishment of Special Economic Zones. Some tourist destinations around the country are designated special zones for tourism investments whereby a number of incentives and special provisions to facilitate development are in place.

The Government is promoting various partnership models that will help grow the economy and raise funds for supporting research and conservation projects. It is against this background that FC hopes that both local and foreign Investors will invest in and provide conservation financing for natural resources well-being. Further, the partnership between FC and the investors will enhance the performance of the public entities to function more efficiently so that Zimbabwe remains the world leader in sustainable conservation.

"Zimbabwe is open for Business and Investments in the Conservation Industry".

In line with global trends of moving from consumptive to non-consumptive tourism activities, Forestry Commission has undertaken to provide photographic safaris in Kavira Forest, Sijarira Forest, Umguza Forest and Gwampa Forest. These natural forests support a prolific and diverse number of plant, animal and bird species.

Investors in this area are welcome.

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REDD+

Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+)

The major thrust of the project was to improve forestry and land management, forest and wildlife management as well as REDD+ activities

The Government of Zimbabwe through FC carried out the Hwange Sanyati Biodiversity Corridor (HSBC) Project with the assistance of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) through the World Bank over a five-year period. The project covers an area of 5.7 million hectares.

The major thrust of the project was to improve forestry and land management, forest and wildlife management as well as REDD+ activities as a tool for good forest stewardship in Zimbabwe.


FC is undertaking a REDD+ pilot project in Ngamo and Sikumi gazetted forests and surrounding communities. These forests are found in northwestern Zimbabwe and cover a combined area of 157,300 hectares.

A biomass assessment survey was carried out to quantify the carbon stock baseline for the project area. Using both remotely sensed data and in-situ field based measurements. Two carbon pools were measured, the above ground woody biomass carbon pool and the deadwood carbon pool.

Currently FC has a total of 228 plots across all vegetation cover classes in both Ngamo and Sikumi Forests with 52 different tree species in Ngamo and 62 tree species in Sikumi with *Baikiaea plurijuga* being dominant in both forests. Sikumi has an average above ground carbon stock of 19.4 tonnes per ha whilst Ngamo has 18.2 tonnes per ha.

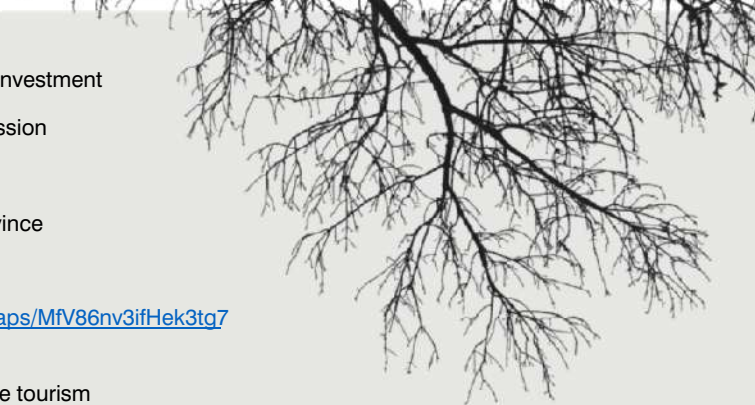
Investors have an opportunity to partner FC in this lucrative business.

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Project Code	Kavira Forest Investment
Project Location	Kavira Forest Matabeleland North Province Binga District
Map Link	https://mapcarta.com/14123828/Map
Type of Project	Non consumptive tourism
Sector Tourism	Tourism
Description	<p>Approximately 28 600 hectares of land with a good water front from the Zambezi River and a variety of wildlife including aqua species.</p> <p>The investments will be the following areas;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Conservation of the forest and wildlife. -Construction of upmarket lodge in the area. -Introduction of non-consumptive tourism activities.
Partnership Proposal	Joint Venture
Partner contribution	TBA

Project Code	Mafungabutsi Forest Investment
Company Name	Forestry Commission
Project Location	Mafungabutsi Forest Midlands Province Gokwe District
Map Link	https://goo.gl/maps/YQuYBAP7tZQAXZyFA
Type of Project	Non consumptive tourism
Sector Tourism	Tourism
Description	<p>Lutope camp lies on an 82 000 hectares of forest land with natural undisturbed forests. The camp consists of two chalets each with 5 bedrooms.</p> <p>The investment will be in the following area;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Conservation of the forest and wildlife. -Renovation of Lutope camp. -Introduction of non-consumptive tourism activities.
Partnership Proposal	Joint Venture
Partner contribution	TBA



Project Code	Chirinda Forest Investment
Company Name	Forestry Commission
Project Location	Chirinda Forest Manicaland Province Chipinge District
Map Link	https://goo.gl/maps/MfV86nv3ifHek3tg7
Type of Project	Non consumptive tourism
Sector Tourism	Tourism
Description	<p>A 950-hectares biodiversity forest of high ecological value is a National Monument conserved for its aesthetic, scientific, educational and recreational importance. This area is a unique natural rain forest surrounded by communities with a rich and undiluted cultural identity with its unique flora and fauna. The known tallest indigenous tree in Zimbabwe is found in this forest. It is an ideal location for Eco-tourism.</p> <p>The project will include among other things:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Conservation of forests and wildlife. -Construction of upmarket lodge in the area. -Introduction of non-consumptive tourism activities.
Partnership Proposal	Joint Venture
Partner contribution	TBA


Project Code	Sijarira Forest
Company Name	Forestry Commission
Project Location	Sijarira Forest Matabeleland Province Binga District
Map Link	https://osm.org/go/lh_CDne-
Type of Project	Non consumptive tourism
Sector Tourism	Tourism
Description	<p>25,600-hectares of teak, miombo and mopane woodlands.</p> <p>25,600-hectares of teak, miombo and mopane woodlands. The forest lies on the shores of Zambezi River giving it a magnificent water front. It is ideal for photographic tourism, fishing expeditions and other water activities such as boat sailing and cruises. The forest is home to the country's pristine wildlife that include elephant, lion, leopard, buffalo crocodile, hippo and many more.</p> <p>The investor will be involved in the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Conservation of forests and wildlife. -Construction of upmarket lodge in the area. -Introduction of non-consumptive tourism activities.
Partnership Proposal	Joint Venture
Partner contribution	TBA



Project Code	Victoria Falls Airport Lodges
Company Name	Forestry Commission
Project Location	Fuller Forest Matabeleland North Province Victoria Falls
Map Link	https://goo.gl/maps/4s6ggXUCzvFdkHxb6
Type of Project	Photographic Lodges
Sector Tourism	Non Consumptive Tourism
Description	<p>Approximately 700 hectares of virgin land next to the Victoria falls Airport. The area is ideal for construction of upmarket lodges which would cater for guests dropping off at the airport or intending to board their flights from the airport.</p> <p>The investor will be involved in the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Conservation of forests and wildlife. -Construction of upmarket lodge in the area. -Introduction of non-consumptive tourism activities.
Partnership Proposal	Lease
Partner contribution	TBA

Project Code	Lupane Sanctuary
Company Name	Forestry Commission
Project Location	Gwaai Forest Matabeleland North Province Lupane District
Map Link	https://osm.org/go/lhugSG2l
Type of Project	Photographic Lodges
Sector Tourism	Non Consumptive Tourism
Description	<p>Approximately 1,700 hectares of virgin land near Lupane State University and Lupane town, the provincial capital of Matabeleland North Province. The area has a good water front from Lupane Dam.</p> <p>The area is ideal for establishment of game sanctuary as it lies within the game corridor of Hwange National Park. The investor will be involved in the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conservation of forests and wildlife. - Construction of upmarket lodge in the area. - Introduction of non-consumptive tourism activities
Partnership Proposal	Lease
Partner contribution	TBA

Project Code	Fuller Forest
Company Name	Forestry Commission
Project Location	Fuller Forest Matabeleland North Province Victoria Falls
Map Link	https://osm.org/go/lhwte04 --
Type of Project	Photographic Safaris
Sector Tourism	Non Consumptive Tourism
Description	<p>Approximately 14,000 hectares of virgin land on the south west of Victoria Falls town near the airport. The forest lies in the peripherals of the Mighty Victoria Falls and is ideal for photographic safaris.</p> <p>The area is ideal for establishment of game sanctuary as it lies within the KAZA game corridor and on the borders of Zambezi National Park. The investor will be involved in the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Conservation of forests and wildlife. -Construction of upmarket lodge in the area. -Introduction of non-consumptive tourism activities
Partnership Proposal	Lease
Partner contribution	TBA
Project Code	Amandundumela
Company Name	Forestry Commission
Project Location	Gwaai/Bembesi/ Umgusa Forest Matabeleland North Province Lupane District
Maps Link	<p>Gwaai: https://mapcarta.com/14126778/Map</p> <p>Bembesi: https://mapcarta.com/14136116/Map</p>
Type of Project	Photographic Safaris/ Hunting Safaris
Sector Tourism	Non Consumptive Tourism/Consumptive Tourism
Description	<p>Approximately 230,000 hectares of forest land. It is one of the biggest block of forest land. The forest is home to major wildlife species such as elephant, leopard, lion, sable and buffalo.</p> <p>Currently parts of the forest land is used for hunting safaris and timber harvesting. There is a fully fledged hunting camping.</p> <p>The investor will be involved in the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Conservation of forests and wildlife. -Construction of upmarket lodge in the area. -Introduction of non-consumptive tourism activities.
Partnership Proposal	Lease
Partner contribution	TBA



Project Code	Chesa Forest Reserve
Company Name	Forestry Commission
Project Location	Chesa Forest Matabeleland North Province Umguza District
Maps Link	https://mapcarta.com/14133976/Map
Type of Project	Photographic Safaris, Conferencing , Game sanctuary
Sector Tourism	Tourism
Description	<p>Approximately 14,000 hectares of forest land situated about 40km south west of Bulawayo. Because of its proximity to the city of Bulawayo the area has a great potential for MICE tourism blended with outdoor and game viewing activities.</p> <p>The investor will be involved in the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Conservation of forests and wildlife. -Construction of upmarket lodge in the area. -Introduction of non-consumptive tourism activities
Partnership Proposal	Lease
Partner contribution	TBA

Project Code	Enterprise RD Project
Company Name	Forestry Commission
Project Location	Forestry Commission Head Office Highlands Harare
Map Link	
Type of Project	Shopping Mall
Sector Tourism	Business
Description	<p>Approximately 7 hectares of prime land situated along Enterprise Rd in Harare . The area has great potential for good business.</p> <p>The investor will be involved in the servicing and construction of a Shopping Mall or any other business venture.</p>
Partnership Proposal	Lease
Partner contribution	TBA

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