

Zimbabwe CAMPFIRE — Communal Areas Management Programme for Indigenous Resources

PES & Nature-Based Solutions · Good practice · Zimbabwe

Quality score: 47/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

Africa's longest-running community wildlife PES: Zimbabwe Rural District Councils market wildlife access to safari operators, distributing revenues to 50+ communal areas across 2M+ ha. USD \$20M+ to communities 1989–2001; 2022 reform mandates 100% of revenues to communities. Peer-

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	1/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	3/3
Water & soil — retention, infiltration, erosion control	1/3
Fire resilience — risk reduction, evidenced	0/3
Governance, certification & transferability	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-06-22

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[Community economics analysis \(T&F; 2019\)](#) — accessed 2026-06-22

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