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Biodiverse Landscapes Fund

Early Market Engagement

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Purpose of the event



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- We aim to provide an overview of the Fund's purpose and objectives, and highlight key timelines
- This event will begin to connect the expertise that will be needed to deliver the Fund effectively
- We will answer questions you may have on the Fund
- The materials you see today, as well as the questions answered and a list of organisations that have dialled in, will be published on BRAVO after the event

Outline of the event



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1. Introduction
2. Why a Biodiverse Landscapes Fund? What is it?
3. Objectives of the Fund
4. Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E)
5. Programme Funding
6. Landscape information
7. Next steps
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Why a Biodiverse Landscapes Fund?

What is it?

Why have a Biodiverse Landscapes Fund?



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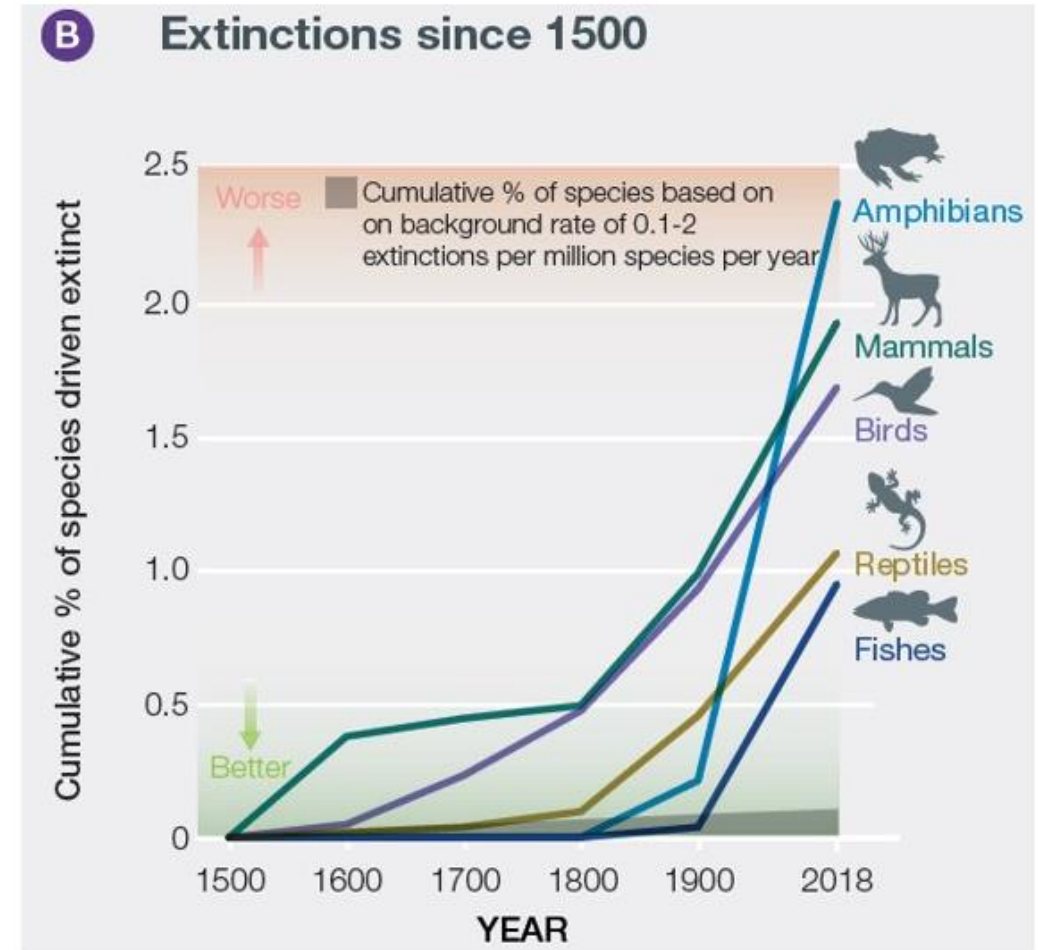


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Nature and its vital contributions to people, which together embody biodiversity and ecosystem functions and services, are deteriorating worldwide.

Degradation of precious ecosystems is negatively impacting the wellbeing of at least 3.2 billion people, in particular the world's poorest.

Biodiversity provides ecosystem services which protect water sources, absorb pollution, contribute to climate stability and protect/recover areas from natural disasters.



Why have a Biodiverse Landscapes Fund?



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The **£100m Biodiverse Landscapes Fund** is part of a larger £220 million International Biodiversity Fund which was **announced by the UK Prime Minister** at the UN General Assembly in September 2019.



- 2020 is the **super-year for nature** – the **Biodiverse Landscapes Fund** supports the **UK's commitment** to halting unprecedented biodiversity loss, preventing the illegal wildlife trade, and protecting and restoring key landscapes
- The Fund will support **approximately five highly biodiverse landscapes across the globe, between £10 million and £20 million each, over five years**
- Our primary objective is to secure both **biodiversity protection and enhancement** and **sustainable development**

How is the fund set up?



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- This is a joint Defra-DFID programme and will count as Official Development Assistance, **part of the UK's commitment to international development**
- Activities (and funding) to start in April 2021 for the first two landscapes. All funding will cease by April 2026



Delivery mechanism

- The delivery mechanism is still under consideration
- Landscape projects should last the duration of the funding cycle





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Fund objectives

What is the programme trying to achieve? (Objectives)



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- Areas in which the Fund intervenes will transition to **using land and natural resources sustainably**
- Areas in which the Fund intervenes will see a **slowing, halting or reverse of biodiversity loss**
- To support **sustainable livelihoods**
- To improve community stewardship of landscapes

Likely activities



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The broad objective of the Fund is to improve biodiversity and to secure sustainable development.

- Improving management of protected areas and linking of protected areas (green corridors)
- Creating alternative livelihoods for community members based on sustainable use of resources
- Strengthening land rights, stewardship and the governance of natural resources
- Interventions in illicit activities such as poaching and illegal logging
- Identifying sustainable finance mechanisms to support communities after the Fund has ended

How will progress be measured?



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- To measure the extent to which projects are achieving the Fund's objectives, it is anticipated that we will collect and review data against our Fund-level Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)
- We are compiling a list of indicators to collect across the landscapes over the lifetime of the Fund, covering aspects such as area of land protected, measures of biodiversity, and poverty alleviation/livelihoods
- Landscape and/or project specific indicators and milestones are expected to be developed by delivery partners in their monitoring and evaluation framework, and will form part of their proposal



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Monitoring and Evaluation

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- Delivery partners are expected to develop a monitoring and evaluation plan that ensures the project meets its objectives
- Some projects may have the internal expertise to deliver on regular monitoring and annual evaluation requirements; in some cases external monitoring may be engaged
- Delivery partners may be required to include and factor in any cost estimates associated with monitoring of results within their proposals
- Independent post-inception and final evaluation of the Fund will be required across all landscapes to ensure an accurate and objective evaluation



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Programme Funding

Official Development Assistance and funding international projects



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- Only ODA eligible activities can be funded. We will provide guidance on ODA eligible countries in due course
- Proposals will need to outline detailed spending forecasts
- We do not expect project spend to be equal across the five years. For example, project spend may increase over the first three years before levelling out
- We will also expect implementers to demonstrate how they will mitigate against risks of underspend or overspend within the programme



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Landscape information

Identification of Landscapes



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- We have used an internal, evidence-based approach to identify a number of appropriate landscapes
- Landscapes are transboundary (where possible), highly biodiverse, and Official Development Assistance-eligible
- Two preferred landscapes will be selected in the first tranche, followed by the remaining landscapes in the second tranche
- The remaining landscapes will be announced in due course

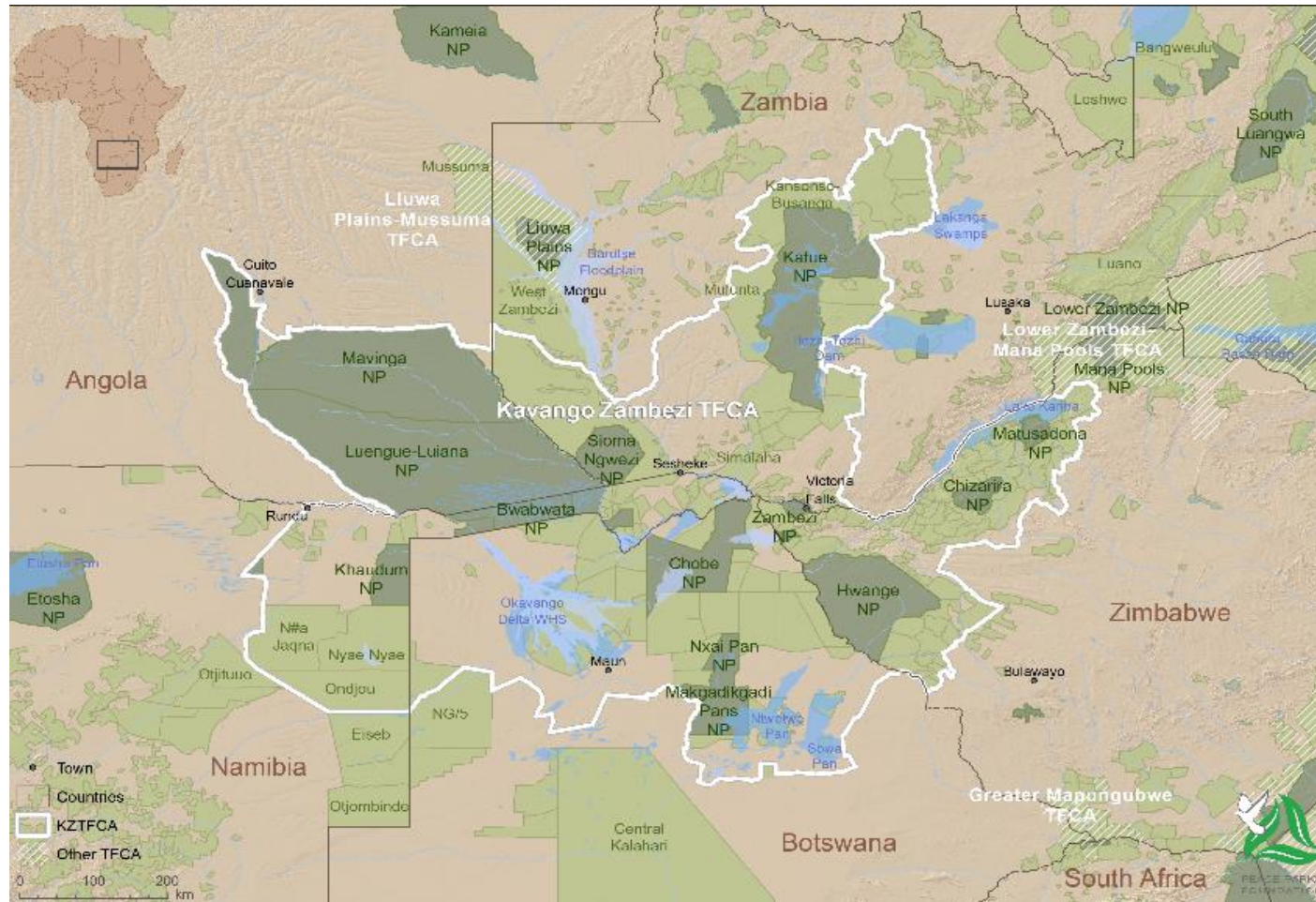
Kavango-Zambezi Transfrontier Conservation Area



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Indicative
location outlined
in red. Preferred
area to be
finalised at a
later date.

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Next steps – indicative timeline for first tranche of funding



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* Timelines will be reviewed following further development of the delivery mechanism



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Questions