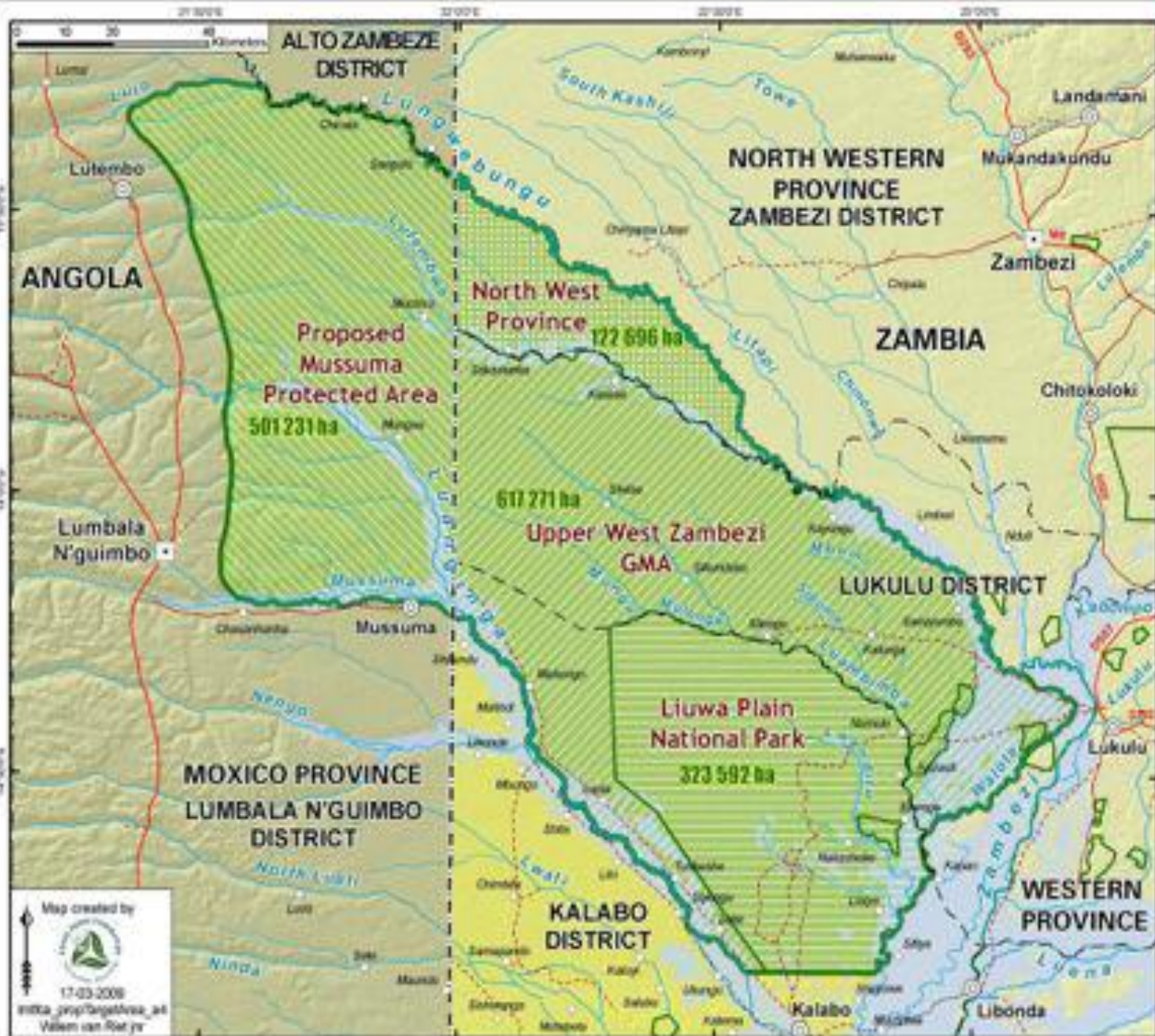




**CO-MANAGEMENT OF
PROTECTED AREAS,
AFRICAN PARKS
NETWORK**

LIUWA PLAIN NATIONAL PARK





Proposed
Liwa-Mussuma
TFCA



- Major town
- Secondary town
- Rural village
- Main: tarred
- Main: untarred
- Secondary: untarred
- Track
- Track (Seasonal)
- Provincial boundary
- District boundary
- International boundary
- Floodplains
- Proposed LMTFCA
- Protected areas
- Proposed LMTFCA
- TFCA Components
- NW Province
- Upper West Zambezi GMA
- Liwa Plain NP
- Mussuma Protected Area
- Zambia: GMA
- Zambia: Open area
- Angola: Open area

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The African Parks Approach: Co-Management

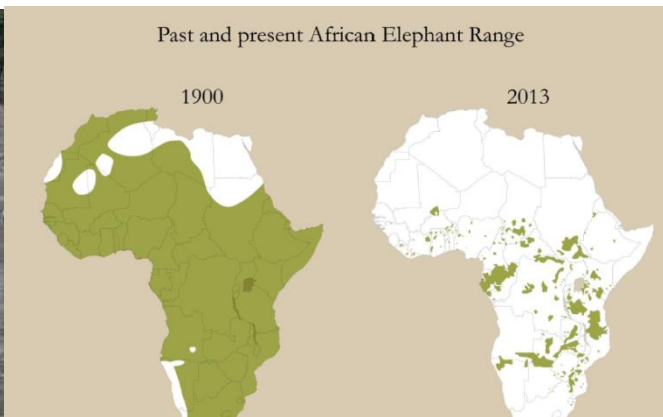


The AP approach involves a partnership with Government and local communities to establish park specific governance and management mechanisms to ensure ecological, social and financial sustainability. This requires:

- A long-term management agreement with government and Local communities
- Implementing strong business, conservation, and governance practices
- Establishing long-term revenue and funding solutions.

Reasons for getting involved: Conservation in crisis

- Organised multi-national crime – high value commodities (rhino, elephant)
- Illegal commercial scale extraction – bush meat, fisheries, timber
- Habitat loss
- Poor management of protected areas is a key contributing factor:
 - Lack of political will – seen as disposable or as competing with economic development
 - Lack of governance
 - Lack of resources
 - Lack of expertise



Zambia as conservation pioneer

- **Conventional Model**
- **Ministry: Policy maker**
- **Department: conservation regulator**
- **In 2004, GRZ, AP and BRE pioneered a new approach implementing a 20 year partnership agreement**



African Parks: Governance Structures



African Parks is made up of interdependent entities:

- African Parks Network (APN)
 - strategic decision making & management entity (not-for profit company)
- Stichting African Parks Foundation (SAPF)
 - Fundraising vehicle Europe
- African Parks USA (AP-US), New York
 - Fundraising vehicle US
- Endowment fund-
 - Covers HQ operations
- Parks are all separate entities, with own boards
- Organization size: field staff: 900; Head office: 16



The African Parks Approach: set up and principles

Government / Authority

- Legislation
- Policy
- Delegation of LE
- Political support
- Regulation

African Parks

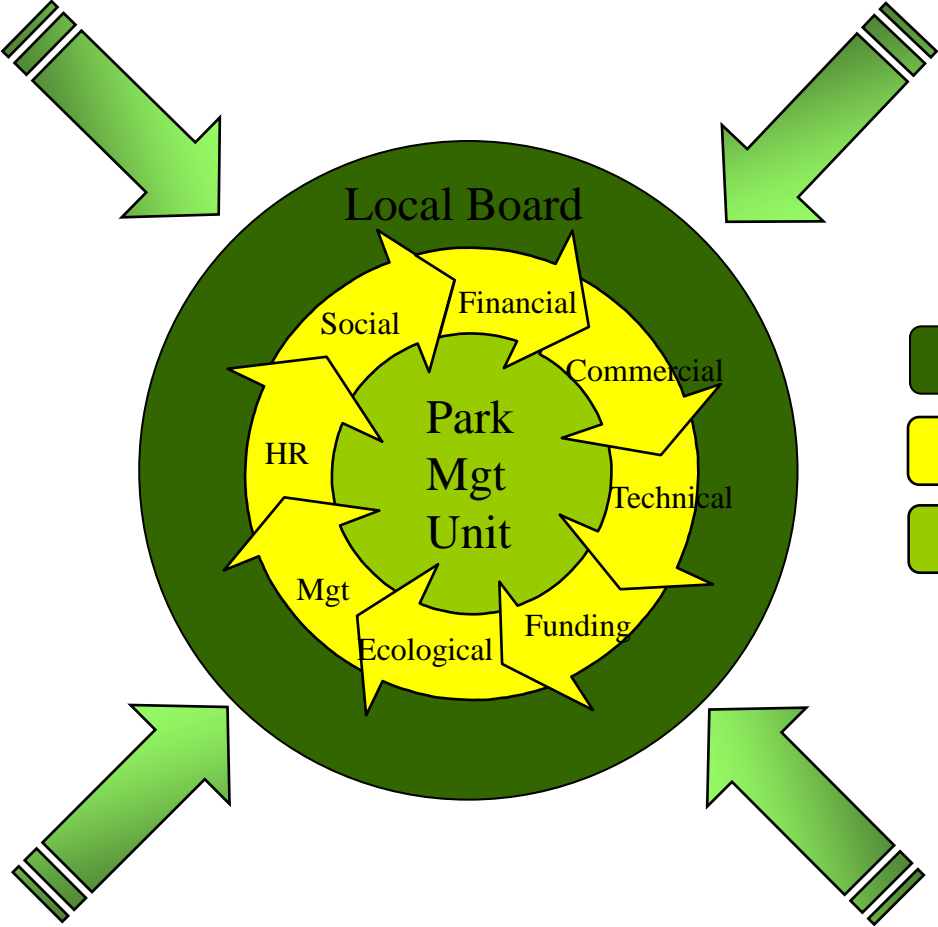
- Mgt expertise
- Mgt support
- SOPs
- Financial support

Communities

- Co-management
- Land-use practices

Commercial operators

- Commercial skills
- Investment capital



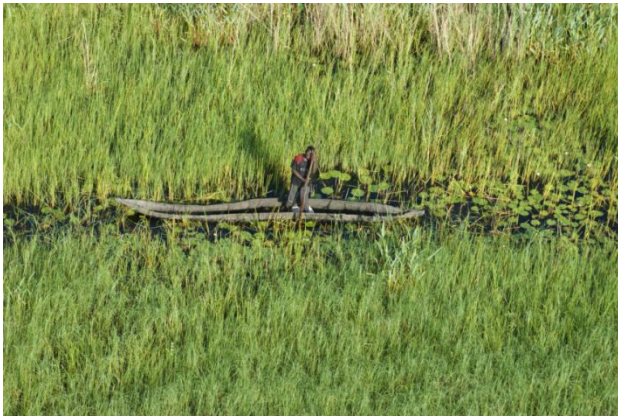
- AP representation
- AP support / SOP
- AP appointed



An Overview of Activities

- Park administration and management
- Infrastructure development
- Community engagement
- Research and Monitoring
- Law Enforcement
- Tourism and Business Development

African Parks: approach to communities



- Building “constituencies for conservation”
- Emphasis on conservation-led economies
- Employment creation and multiplier effect
- Focus on
 - Community participation in management
 - Interventions that combat threats
 - Resource utilisation
 - Environmental education
 - Facilitation of “value-added” activities
- Direct link between interventions and park

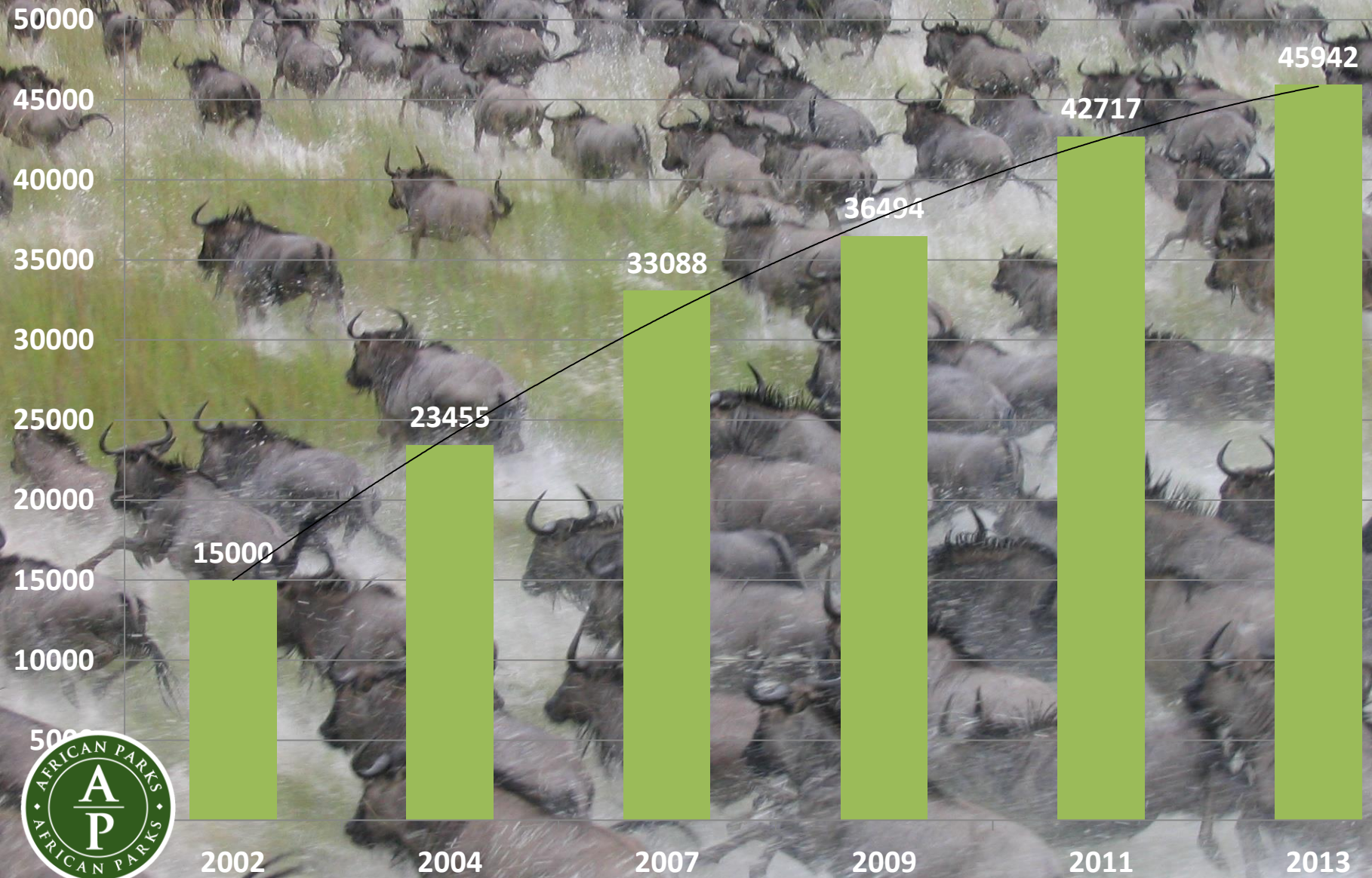
How is sustainability achieved

- **Develop a diverse range of quality tourism products and services capable of attracting and meeting the needs of international, regional and local visitors;**
- **Maximise net revenue streams from tourism through prudent investment, efficient operations and matching rates with the value proposition of each product and service;**
- **Support and promote community tourism around the park;**
- **Effective marketing programme;**
- **Build the relationship with the existing concessionaire and explore new opportunities for partnerships to promote tourism potential in LNP;**
- **Influence policy at a national level and gain political support**
- **Explore and implement alternative revenue generating activities to diversify income**

EFFECTIVENESS AND LESSONS LEARNT

- **Managed to review agreements**
- **The Challenge borders on adequate funding to balance between financing operations and community benefits**
- **Park Management working well: qualified staff with a financed budget**
- **Lesson learned: Need total mandate to manage the park, accountable to government and community**
- **Do Differently: work with gvt and other stakeholders to support community livelihoods**

Benefits to the Parties



THANK YOU