



Incentive Strategies in Zimbabwean Conservation: A Critical Assessment of Mana Pools National Park Programmes

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Abstract

Incentive-based conservation programmes in Zimbabwe's Mana Pools National Park aim to balance wildlife preservation with local livelihood development. A comprehensive literature review was conducted, synthesizing existing research and case studies from diverse disciplines including ecology, economics, and social sciences. Findings indicate that while incentives have shown promise in promoting coexistence between humans and wildlife, there is a need for more tailored approaches to address specific community needs. The review concludes that effective incentive strategies require nuanced understanding of local contexts and ongoing evaluation to ensure long-term sustainability. Recommendations include the development of context-specific incentives and regular assessments to adapt strategies as needed.

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