



Zambia for Agroforestry, Biodiversity, and Climate – (Z4ABC)

Z4ABC is working towards transformation of agricultural, forestry and wildlife-based value-chains in Zambia to become more sustainable, climate-resilient and productive, while at the same time improving local livelihoods, food security, and biodiversity.

About Z4ABC

Z4ABC is a four-year project funded by the European Union’s DeSIRA initiative. The project is led by the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) and implemented in partnership with the Government of the Republic of Zambia and three Finnish research institutions: The Natural Resource Institute Finland (Luke), the Viikki Tropical Resources Institute (VITRI) at the University of Helsinki, and Häme University of Applied

Sciences (HAMK). The project has also partnered with two local universities: the University of Zambia (UNZA) and Mulungushi University (MU)

The project is collaborating closely with different governmental, non-governmental and private sector actors at national, landscape, and local levels, as well as with different actors involved in the selected nature-based value chains. The target beneficiaries are the local communities.



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Duration

48 months: April 2022 – March 2026

Objectives

The overall objective of the Z4ABC project is to contribute to the development of climate-relevant, productive, and sustainable transformation of agriculture, forestry, and food systems in Zambia to help achieve the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) to cut emissions and adapt to climate impacts.

More specifically, the project aims at:

1. Improving livelihoods and climate change resilience of specific agricultural, agroforestry, forestry, and food systems in the Lower Zambezi – Luangwa – Nyika (ZLN) corridor through value chain (VC) development; and
2. Increasing the climate relevance of Agriculture and Knowledge Innovation Systems (AKIS) in the ZLN corridor.

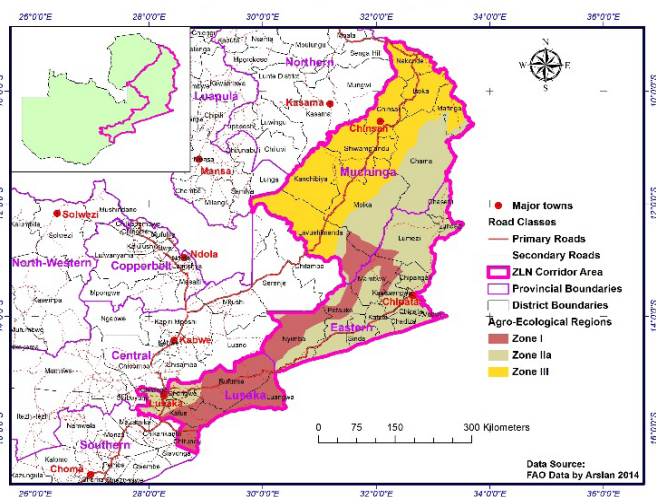
Location

The Z4ABC action will be implemented in the Lower Zambezi – Luangwa – Nyika (ZLN) corridor in Zambia. The target Provinces include Lusaka Province, Eastern Province, and Muchinga Province.

Key activities

- Co-identification and co-development of nature-based value chains with local communities and VC actors (supported by multi-actor platforms).
- Grants and other up-scaling activities for sustainable VC innovations and practices.
- Business incubation and marketing activities, including linking the private sector and the local producers, and matching the quality of the products with the markets.
- Co-learning, capacity building, training, and awareness raising at different levels (e.g., Agricultural Knowledge & Innovation Systems).
- Participatory land-use scenario modelling workshops and policy dialogue.
- Multidisciplinary pre- and post-pilot data collection to measure the performance and impact of the VC interventions.
- Dissemination, communication, and visibility

Z4ABC Project Area Agro-Ecological Region



About CIFOR-ICRAF

CIFOR-ICRAF addresses local challenges and opportunities while providing solutions to global problems for forests, landscapes, people, and the planet.

Our mission

To build, disseminate, and apply evidence about the role of trees, forests, and tree-based agriculture as pathways to solving global crises such as poverty, hunger, land degradation, climate change, and unsustainable supply and value chains. In short, CIFOR-ICRAF strives to improve people's lives while preserving the environment.