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Attention Mr. Roland Seri
The Deputy Resident Representative,
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LUSAKA.

Dear Sir,

**RE: MANAGEMENT RESPONSES AND ACTION PLAN TO THE GEF V
PROJECT TERMINAL EVALUATION CONSULTANCY.**

Reference is made to the above subject.

Kindly find attached duly completed and signed Management Response and Action Plan schedules on the GEF V Project Terminal Evaluation for your use.

Yours usual cooperation is always highly appreciated.

Yours Faithfully,

Dr Chuma Simukonda
DIRECTOR

Copy: The Director
Forestry Department
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Management Response and Action Plan**Award ID:****Project ID:**

Project titled: Strengthening Management Effectiveness and Generating Multiple Environmental Benefits within and around the Greater Kafue National Park and West-Lunga National Park in Zambia

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Overall Comments: We agree with the findings of the Evaluation and have recommended actions to address them in the detailed responses.

Evaluation Recommendation I: Formalise PPPs for Kafue National Park and West-Lunga National Park

Management Response: Agreed: Government recognises the role that the private sector plays in the development of the wildlife sector particularly as investors in both consumptive and non-consumptive tourism in PAs and customary lands. These investments generate the revenues that finance conservation programmes. Government is therefore desirous to increase private sector participation as articulated in the National Parks and Wildlife Policy of 2018. Further, Government has active collaborative agreements (MoUs) with some private sector players regarding management of wildlife resources. However, the PPP that was being developed in West Lunga during the project lifespan could not be completed due to change in the prospective private sector partner's business focus.

Key Action (s)	Time Frame	Responsible Unit (s)	Tracking	
			Status	Comments

Establish and formalise Public Private Partnerships to enhance management of protected and other public conservation areas	31 December 2026	Department of National Parks and Wildlife	Initiated	Government will continue to encourage private sector participation and the PPPs formalisation will depend on private sector interest to take up the opportunity.
Evaluation Recommendation 2. Establish PES for Kafue National Park				
Management response: Agreed: Government recognises the importance of the wildlife sector's contribution to economic development and diversification. In this regard Government desires to create enabling conditions that will unlock the economic potential and enhance the performance of the sector				
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Develop guidelines on investments in public wildlife estates	31 December 2024	Department of National Parks and Wildlife	Initiated	Lessons need to be learnt from countries that have successfully implemented PES in Southern Africa region (South Africa, DR Congo, Madagascar, Malawi) and Asia.
				Some preliminary steps identified during the project lifespan will be used as a basis for developing the guidelines.
Promote establishment of tourism and other wildlife-based enterprises	31 December 2026	Department of National Parks and Wildlife	Not initiated	
Evaluation Recommendation 3: Complete and validate ILUPs)				
Management Response: Agreed: ILUPs have since been completed and validated. No action needed				
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Printing of ILUPs for communities and sharing of soft copies with communities		31 December 2021	FD & DNPW	Initiated	
Evaluation Recommendation 4: Ensure roll out of training manual for extension staff to establish CFMGs in VAGs					
Management Response: Agreed. Government seeks to develop human capacity with extension skills to meet stakeholders' needs, and to broaden skills and knowledge of personnel involved in forest management and development as articulated in the National Forestry Policy of 2014					
Key Action (s)	Time Frame	Responsible Unit (s)	Tracking		Comments
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Develop and implement a dissemination strategy	1 April 2021 to 31 December 2021	FD	Not initiated		-
Implement trainings at both TOT and local levels	1 April 2021 to 31 December 2022	FD	Initiated		Trainings have already started to capacity build CFMGs that have been established and will continue until December 2022
Review training manual to include any emerging issues	31 December 2023	FD	Not initiated		-
Evaluation Recommendation 5: Gather all outstanding data, surveys, information and reports and ensure that they are collated in a central, accessible location					
Management Response: Agreed. Government seeks to strengthen linkages to facilitate documentation and dissemination of information to end users. Government has set up the Smart Zambia Institute which is providing a platform for e governance to enable online information depository making information access more efficient.					
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Integrate and deposit outstanding data, surveys, information and reports into Smart Zambia platform through the National Remote Sensing Centre	1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021	FD & DNPW	Initiated		Publications are being finalised and other information products are being gathered for uploading onto the web platforms.
Evaluation Recommendation 6: Undertake final meetings or issue announcements to all stakeholders to communicate the end of the project and realised outcomes. Sub-national and local-level stakeholders need to be informed of: i) the reason for the abrupt end of the project; ii) what was achieved under the project; and iii) what plans were put into place through partner organisations to ensure the long-term sustainability of alternative livelihoods and CF					
Management Response: Partially Agree: The project had informed stakeholders of the end of the project but communities were still hoping for a continuation. Nevertheless, Government will communicate through its structures at subnational level and local levels to address this concern that may have affected some stakeholders.					

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End of project terminal evaluation findings and plans for sustainability of initiatives to be disseminated at subnational and community levels through the government structures	1 May to 31 December 2021	DNPW & FD	Initiated	The TE is being shared with stakeholders which will be followed by engagement meetings

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Signed: _____

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Date: 05-May-2021