

# MONTHLY REPORT

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## DID YOU KNOW?

14% of land and 3% seascapes in Africa are under formal protection



Advocating for **#SustainableUse** in the Post2020 GBF

## Policy Task Force

### 2020 Recap

ACBA in collaboration with various partners, convened a virtual dialogue on November 24 2020 to share perspectives on **spatial protection targets in the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF)**. It attracted a total of 65 participants on zoom including ACBA members, civil society, Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLCs), youth, academia and UN delegates. You can find full dialogue here (<https://youtu.be/seNz4nJmmKI>).

The second dialogue 'Financing Biodiversity in Africa from All Sources' was between ACBA and the African Development Bank 'on 3 December 2020. The webinar sought to explore how best to scale up finance for biodiversity from multiple sources - public and private, domestic and international –to meet the post-2020 objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). A diverse panel offered global, regional, and national perspectives. You find full dialogue here (<https://youtu.be/OMsw-pyDruA>). Dialogue articles can be found here and here (<https://www.awf.org/news/acba-collaborates-african-development-bank-discuss-financing-biodiversity-africa>)

## Communications Task Force

### 2020 Recap

From 5 August to 17 September 2020, ACBA implemented **#OurNatureOurHealth** campaign in order to spread awareness on zoonotic diseases. This message was conveyed through 7 Infographics that were translated to 3 AU Languages (English, Swahili and French). All infographics can be found here <https://trello.com/b/7P7XcgmT/african-csos-biodiversity-alliance-ournatureourhealth-toolkit>.

From 16 October to 23 October 2020, ACBA implemented **Securing A #Future4GreatApes** to highlight the conservation status of great apes in Africa, the important role they play in the ecosystem and economy, the growing threats to their survival and the recommended actions that need to be taken to protect this iconic species. All the infographics created can be found here <https://trello.com/b/1TyBPKqZ/acba-future4greatapes>

We also organised 5 webinars during the campaigns and all the webinars can be found on our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/acsosba/>

# CSO OF THE MONTH

## The Namibian Association of Community Based Natural Resource Management (CBNRM) Support Organisations (NACSO)

The Namibian Association of Community Based Natural Resource Management (CBNRM) Support Organisations (NACSO) is an association comprising 8 Non-Government Organisations (NGOs) and the University of Namibia. Learn about NACSO members here <http://www.nacso.org.na/members>.

The purpose of NACSO is to provide quality services to rural communities seeking to manage and utilise their natural resources in a sustainable manner.



The philosophy of forming NACSO was to harness the wide range of skills available in Government, NGOs and the University of Namibia into a complementary nation-wide CBNRM support service. The rationale behind this is that it is unlikely that any single institution houses all of the skills, resources and capacity to provide community organisations with the multi-disciplinary assistance that is required to develop the broad range of CBNRM initiatives taking place in Namibia. These skills include advice on governance and institutional issues, on natural resources management and assistance with financial and business planning. Learn more about NACSO here <http://www.nacso.org.na/about-nacso>



# COMMUNITY OF THE MONTH

## Zimbabwe's community wildlife scouts

Wildlife in Zimbabwe roams outside protected areas, crossing communal areas as populations migrate across the country's rich natural landscapes. In Zimbabwe's northern district of Mbire, situated in the Mid-Zambezi Valley and bordering Mozambique and Zambia, the increased interface between people and wildlife raises various risks for communities, wildlife populations, and entire ecosystems.

Community wildlife scouts help ease human-wildlife tensions in communal areas such as Mbire and conduct anti-operations to reduce illegal wildlife trade (<https://www.awf.org/blog/fishers-zambezi-river-fight-illegal-wildlife-trade>). They also respond to incursions by large mammals like elephants and mitigate livestock predation by lions and hyenas while educating residents on the benefits of conservation



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Wildlife scouts members interact with communities on a day-to-day basis — they sit down with people, talk about wildlife conservation issues, and raise awareness related to legislation and natural resource use. Coming from the same community, they can speak to the elders without animosity and with a better understanding of their challenges. Read more about the community here <https://www.awf.org/blog/celebrating-zimbabwes-community-wildlife-scouts-world-ranger-day>



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# POLICY UPDATES

## INTERESTING NEWS FROM THE REGION AND BEYOND

- Briefing webinar on the 2nd of February 2021 to provide information on the documents for Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-24) and for selected agenda items of Subsidiary body on implementation-3 (SBI-3).
- Third world network has released Briefings elaborating more on the state of play of the post 2020 biodiversity framework. [https://www.twn.my/title2/briefing\\_papers/post2020/Post2020%20BP4\\_state%20of%20play.pdf](https://www.twn.my/title2/briefing_papers/post2020/Post2020%20BP4_state%20of%20play.pdf)

## UPCOMING EVENTS



INFORMAL SESSION IN PREPARATION FOR SBSTTA 24  
17th-19th February and 24-26 February 2021



INFORMAL SESSION IN PREPARATION FOR SUBSIDIARY  
BODY ON IMPLEMENTATION (SBI)  
8th-12th and 14th March

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