

Bangweulu Wetlands | Zambia

The Bangweulu Wetlands, formerly known as the Bangweulu Swamps, are situated in the Northern Province of Zambia. The Bangweulu ecosystem stretches northwards to include Lake Bangweulu and other adjoining smaller lakes, swamps, floodplains, islands and adjoining woodlands above flood levels.

Conservationists have tried for many years, without success, to create a national park in this area as it is one of Africa's most important wetland systems. African Parks Network were invited by the community to be their private sector partner for the area, and have worked to set up The Bangweulu Wetlands Management Board, a not for profit company made up of local community representatives, national and international conservationists, Zambia Wildlife Authority and African Parks representatives.

The Board has responsibility for the management of the 600,000 hectare area, made up of the Chikuni Community Partnership Park (CPP) and the adjoining Bangweulu Game Management Area (GMA).

Aerial view of Bangweulu Wetlands, Chikuni

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Bangweulu where the water meets the sky

