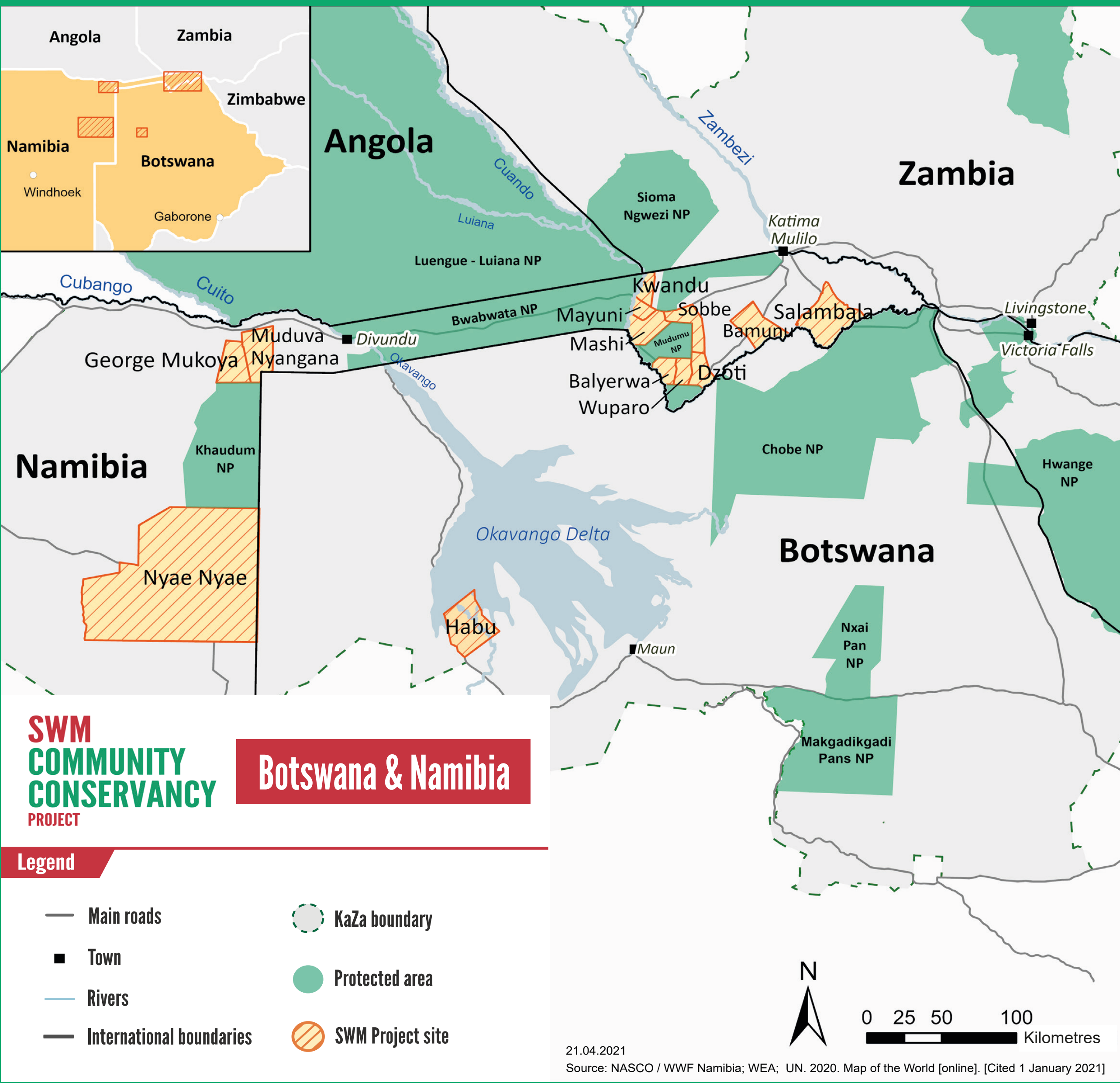




Habu Community Wildlife Conservancy

In Botswana, the Sustainable Wildlife Management (SWM) Community Conservancy Project is being implemented in the Habu Community Wildlife Conservancy, which is located in the communal livestock grazing areas of western Ngamiland. This area is also part of the Kavango-Zambezi (KaZa) Khaudum-Ngamiland Wildlife Dispersal Area (WDA), connecting northeast Namibia with northern Botswana. As such, it has the potential to contribute to ecological connectivity in the KaZa region, allowing for both local and international transboundary movement of wildlife.

The Project is located in an area under communal tenure in the Miombo ecoregion, where semi-arid habitats, erratic rainfall, poor soils, and high frequencies of Human–Wildlife Conflict (HWC) are common challenges, limiting the development of the communities' livelihoods.



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Project Objectives

- 1 Improve the institutional and legal framework for the sustainable use of meat from wild species resilient to hunting or fishing.
- 2 Improve the sustainable management of wildlife that is resilient to hunting or fishing.
- 3 Increase the supply of protein from domesticated animals so that the demand for wild meat is reduced to sustainable levels.
- 4 Understand the levels of wild meat consumption and identify ways to ensure its consumption becomes sustainable.
- 5 Undertake monitoring, evaluation and learning so that lessons and approaches can be replicated.
- 6 Generate and share knowledge to support public policies that reconcile conservation issues and food and nutrition security.

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Project Coordination

In Botswana, the Project is coordinated by FAO and implemented in the field by Wild Entrust Africa (previously Botswana Predator Conservation Trust), which has worked at the site for years and has developed strong relationships with the stakeholders at local and national levels.



Sustainable Wildlife Management (SWM) Programme

Around the world, overhunting for wild meat and habitat loss are threatening hundreds of wildlife species with extinction. As wildlife populations decline, many rural communities and indigenous peoples are being left without food and income. This situation is becoming more critical as the demand for wild meat grows in urban areas.

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