# Livestock and wildlife: The conflicts and rural development options

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#### Role of Agriculture

- Livelihood support
- Food and nutrition security
- Employment
- Fibre, hides skins
- Downline industry input
- Nutrient recycling
- Trade

# Characteristics of current agricultural policy

- · Pro-growth
  - Production efficiencies
  - Export led growth
- Pro-poverty alleviation
  - incomes
  - Reduction of public health externalities
    - · Zoonotic diseases
    - · Food safety
- Inclusive of the marginalised
- Pro environmental sustainability
  - · Conservation farming
  - · Land & biodiversity conservation
  - Waste recycling
  - · Holistic resource management

#### Synergies with Environmental Policy

- Biodiversity conservation
  - agro-biodiversity
  - Biological threat reduction (biosecurity)
  - Invasive species
  - Biosafety
  - Animal welfare
- Livelihood support diversification
- Inclusivity
- Support for economic growth

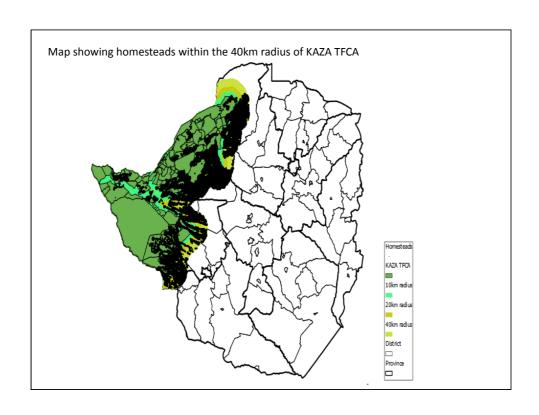
#### Conflicts with Agriculture

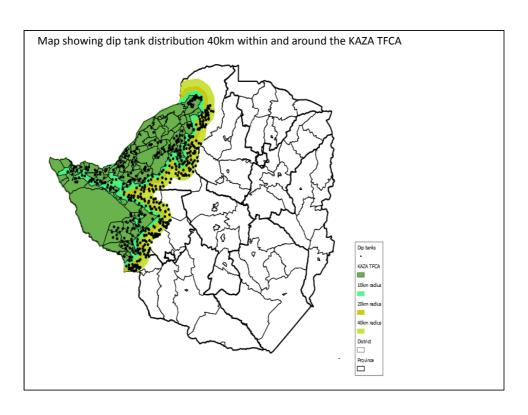
- Unfair responsibility shouldered by communities in wildlife conservation
- Spatial encroachment
  - Grazing, area cultivated, water
- Physical security
- Biosecurity and trade standards
  - · Food safety
  - · Animal and plant pests and diseases &
  - · Sustainable environment

### Some biosecurity concerns in the livestock/game interphase

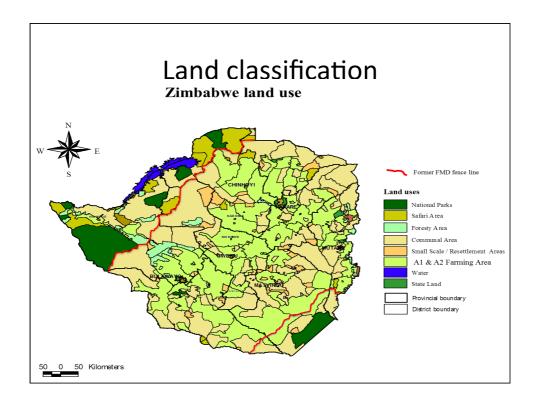
- Bacterial diseases
  - Anthrax, TB, Brucellosis,
- Protozoal diseases
  - Trypanosomoses, theileriosis,
- Viral diseases
  - Newcastle, Avian Influenza, CCHF, Ebola,
    Malignant Catarrh, African Swine Fever, Peste des petites ruminants, rabies, distemper

Foot and Mouth

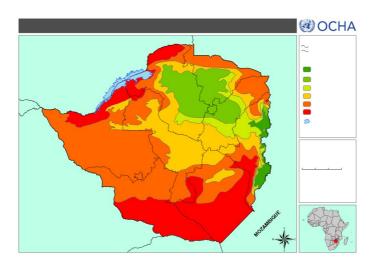




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#### Map of Agro-ecological regions



# Options for risk mitigation in the interphase with game

- Disease free areas/zones
- Disease/pest freedom by risk management
  - Compartments (what size? Recruitment)
  - Disease-free commodity (evidence of infection in wildlife, meeting the cost of vaccinaiton)
    - Risk-based management practices
      - By product treatment
      - By value chain approaches
- Measures useful in the context of export-led initiatives!!

# Conditions for integrated rural Development

- Improve control of problem animals
- Provide mechanisms for traceability on rules of origin
- Strengthen Veterinary Services
  - Surveillance,
  - sanitary control oversight
  - certification
- Stakeholder empowerment on quality & sanitary standards
  - Extension services

### Conditions for integrated rural Development

- Empower of local communities economically
  - Grassroots involvement in public policy formulation and implementation
  - Natural resource-based entrepreneurship
  - Governance in benefit sharing ventures
  - Financing and credit
  - Provision of basic public infrastructure (roads, power, services)
  - Link to employment and income needs
  - Devolve ownership to local community

