



Project Site Visit Guide

Kariba REDD+ forest protection, Zimbabwe

This forest conservation project is aimed at providing sustainable livelihood opportunities for poor communities in Northern Zimbabwe, a region now suffering heavily from deforestation, poverty, and drought.

The rate of deforestation and forest degradation in the area is reduced by the establishment of nutritional gardens, conservation agriculture, promotion of efficient cookstoves, forest fire prevention and management, and enhanced wildlife conservation.



Zimbabwe

Population: 14.6 million
GDP: US\$13.6 billion
GDP per capita: US\$1,031

Currencies: Australian Dollar, Botswana Pula, British Sterling Pound, Chinese Yuan, Euro, Japanese Yen, Indian Rupee South African Rand and United States Dollar.
Official languages: There are 16 official languages. English, Shona, Ndebele are the most widely spoken languages.

Project location

The Kariba REDD+ project is located at Lake Kariba in Northern Zimbabwe, connecting several National Parks and Game Reserves such as Chizarira, Matusadona and Mana Pools National Park (which is also a World Heritage Site), and Lower Zambezi National Park in Zambia.

The area hosts several threatened species such as Black rhinos, lions, African wild dogs, hippos, African elephants, buffalos, leopards and lappet-faced vultures.

Climate

The general climate of the Zambezi Valley is hot and dry with a short rainy season from November to April. The average mean temperature is 31°C with an average minimum of 26°C in July and an average maximum of 36°C in October.

Location

Lake Kariba

Species

- Black rhinos
- Lions
- African wild dogs
- Hippos
- African elephants
- Buffalos
- Leopards
- Lappet-faced vultures

Climate

Rainy season
November - April

Temperature

July 26°C October 36°C





LOGISTICS

Name of client: OECD
Duration of visit: 2018-02-15 – 201-02-19
Number of attendees:

List of attendees

Name	Surname	Position	Email Address	Telephone Number

Transportation & Travel Permits

There are no direct flights from Paris to Harare, however there are several connecting flights. Flight tickets range between €800 and €1600 and the flight time ranges between 13 and 21 hours.

French nationals are required to obtain a Visa upon arrival at Harare International Airport. The cost of a single entry visa is \$30. Travellers are advised to bring cash, as card payments may not be acceptable.

Transportation on-site will be organised by South Pole’s local partners.

Accommodation

South Pole recommends the following safari lodges:

Gache Gache Lodge
This beautiful lodge is situated in the Eastern basin of Lake Kariba. The lodge offers professional guides by boat or car, where you can get up close and personal with hippos, crocodiles, elephants and buffalos.

Bumi Hills Safari Lodge & Spa
Experience luxury in this exclusive 20-room safari lodge, overlooking Lake Kariba and a game-rich shoreline.





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Day 1 – Women’s Nutrition Gardens

The Kariba project has enabled the establishment of 11 community gardens. These gardens provide a stable supply of food for female farmers in the area. The women are empowered, as they are self-employed and have more control over their time.

Meet some of the women and learn how the Kariba project has given them a new sense of freedom.

Day 2 – Black Rhino Conservation with Environment Africa

The project area is home to the black rhino, which is a critically endangered species. There is a strong demand for rhino horns, which poses the greatest threat to its survival.

Environment Africa is a not for profit organisation with over 20 years of experience in sustainable development. The organisation has hands-on experience of Rhino conservation and can provide valuable insight into how projects like Kariba help protect the black rhino from extinction.



Day 3 – Meet and Greet with Mr. And Mrs. Moyo

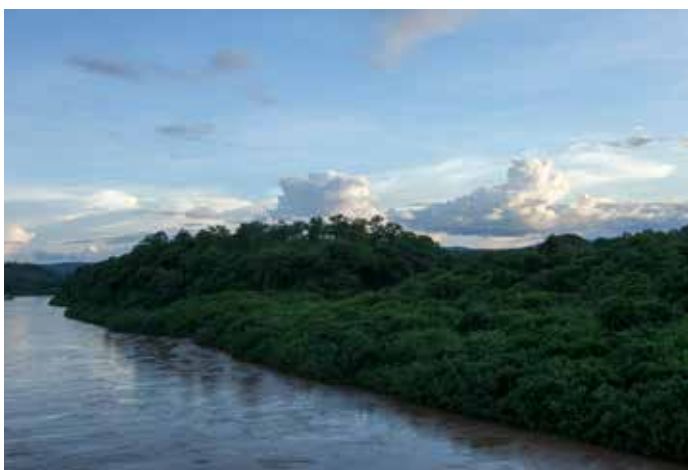
The Mojo family is one of the first participants in the champion farmer program of the Kariba Project.

Due to a series of activities they learned in the Kariba project’s conservation farming course, they have managed to cultivate more maize.

The activities included early field preparation (before the first rains), accumulation of mulch right around the planting holds of the seedlings, the avoidance of burning harvesting residues the year before, and the use of harvesting residues and straw to improve soil humidity retention and soil organic carbon.

With the excess harvest, the family has been able to pay for their children’s school fees.

This meet and greet is an excellent opportunity to get acquainted with an inspiring couple and get a first-hand account of how the Kariba project changes lives.





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Day 4 – Agricultural Classes

Conservation farming and other non-destructive farming approaches are taught in the project's agricultural classes. This has led to greater food security and has generated an increase of 20-30% in harvests. In addition, the climate change awareness and adaptation capabilities of the community has enhanced dramatically. Join the classes and find out how the farmers are benefitting from this education initiative.

Day 5 and 6 - Safari

Spend the last two days of the site visit exploring the rich wildlife in the project area and surrounding towns. The safaris can be booked via the safari lodges mentioned in the accommodation section.





CONTACT

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List of contact person(s) at South Pole:

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Supporting local economy

People benefitting from the project

300'000

Supporting local economy

Income of farmers from sale of local produce (USD/farmer)

400

Infrastructure health & education

Infrastructure improvements

1,200 km of roads and 1 bridge repaired

Infrastructure health & education

Amount of boreholes recovered

65

Supporting local economy

People benefitting from increased income

1742

Infrastructure health & education

Number of students benefitting from school subsidies

2388



Upskilling

Number of trainings set up for local people

55

Environmental

Amount of National Parks protected

3

Environmental

Amount of land conserved or protected

350.000 ha

Upskilling

Number of local people benefitting from environmental workshops

2030

Climate

GHG emissions reduced

44 Million tCO_{2e} over 30 years

Environmental

Number of community gardens established

11 with 280 members

Environmental

Amount of endangered animal species protected

12