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Abstract

The ability of Zimbabwe and Africa in generally to advance itself is premised on the value of its natural resources and the skills used to manage the equilibrium. The emphasis in modern society is that communities need to self-drive, create own plans and own all developmental work. Wildlife management is important to Zimbabwe; though the over-hanging threat amongst others is the issue of conflict between human and wildlife. Models do exist, but appear to be top down in manner of formulation and application.

The research question is why with all the available wildlife management models do we still experience a rising frequency of the human / wildlife conflict phenomena?

From a philosophy or metascience point of view the research will be phenomenological, couched in participatory action research. Qualitative and quantitative techniques will be used so as to validate, cross-check findings. Structured and un-structured data gathering techniques will be utilized – mainly utilizing questionnaires, group discussions, observation, discourse analysis, and desk study.

The researcher expects to create models, theories that will offer the community participatory models in the management of the human – wildlife interface and the subsequent economic developments. It is expected that utilization of top-down models will be minimized or eliminated.
