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Title Research Project	Community participation in rangeland monitoring and management practices of invasive species (<i>Cylindropuntia fulgida var fulgida</i> and <i>Lantana camara</i>) in Kavango Zambezi TFCA – Hwange District and Gonarezhou NP/ GLTCA, Zimbabwe.

Abstract

This study will involve community participation in rangeland monitoring and management practices of invasive species (*Cylindropuntia fulgida var fulgida* and *Lantana camara*) in Kavango Zambezi TFCA – Hwange District and Gonarezhou NP/GLTCA.. Data will be collected from the communities and from situational analysis and scientific experiments will be carried out. The results from the two different study sites will be compared and used in the devising of the best practise model of weed management in the country. The current status of policy and legal frameworks on community involvement and participation in rangeland monitoring and management will be known. The results will assist in ensuring that the Government efforts and initiatives are met such as Zim assets as well as the Biodiversity Conventions. It hopes to promote the integration of the indigenous knowledge into the western science technologies of managing invasive alien plants.