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MISSION

To conserve Zimbabwe's wildlife heritage through protection and sustainable utilization of natural resources for the benefit of the present and future generations.

VISION

To be the world leader in sustainable conservation.

CORE VALUES

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Accountability

Commitment

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Innovation

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Attention: CBD Secretariat

RE: ZIMPARKS MESSAGE FOR INTERNATIONAL BIODIVERSITY DAY 2025

The above subject matter refers.

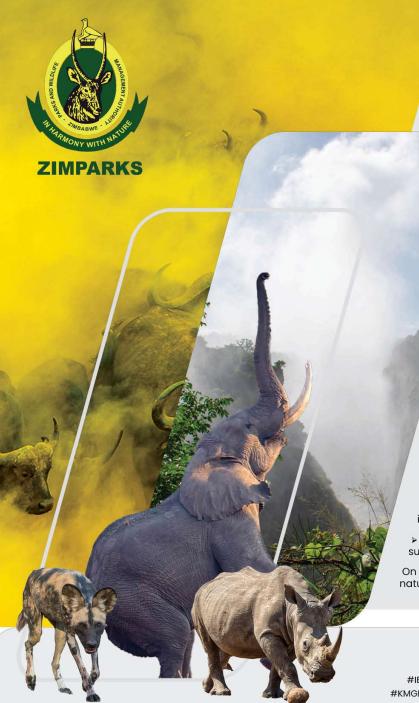
Zimbabwe Parks and Wildlife Management Authority acknowledges the request from the CBD Secretariat for messages in celebration of International Biodiversity Day (IBD) 2025. In response, we are pleased to submit our message, which is attached to this letter.

Biodiversity remains a cornerstone of our nation's environmental and sustainable development efforts, and we are honored to contribute to this global initiative. We appreciate the Secretariat's continued leadership in promoting biodiversity conservation and look forward to engaging in the upcoming celebrations.

Kind regards,

Prof. E Gandiwa

DIRECTOR GENERAL



Championing Biodiversity for a Sustainable Future

Biodiversity is the foundation of life, it sustains our ecosystems, supports livelihoods, and drives economic prosperity. In Zimbabwe, our rich natural heritage, from the majestic Victoria Falls World Heritage Site to our 7 Ramsar sites, is a testament to the vital role biodiversity plays in our wellbeing.

As we embrace the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF), we must transform our relationship with nature in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. This means integrating biodiversity conservation into national policies, agrifood systems, infrastructure, energy, and urban planning, ensuring a future where we live in harmony with nature.

ZimParks: Guardians of Zimbabwe's Biodiversity

The Zimbabwe Parks and Wildlife Management Authority (ZimParks) plays a crucial role in protecting our natural heritage. Through initiatives such as:

- Endangered species conservation, including black rhinos, pangolins, and painted dogs.
- Anti-poaching patrols and habitat protection.
- Community engagement to promote coexistence between people and wildlife.
- Freshwater biology research and invasive species control.

However, conservation efforts face challenges, including mining activities in protected areas, which threaten biodiversity and tourism. ZimParks continues to advocate for stronger policies to safeguard Zimbabwe's ecosystems.

A Call to Action

- Action for Biodiversity: Zimbabwe is committed to developing National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) that align with the KMGBF and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- All Hands on Deck: Success requires a whole-of-society approach, government, businesses, indigenous communities, women, and youth must unite to protect our ecosystems.
- Protect Our Natural Heritage: Let's safeguard our forests, wetlands, and wildlife. Let's promote sustainable practices and advocate for policies that protect our biodiversity.

On this International Biodiversity Day, let's reaffirm our commitment to preserving Zimbabwe's natural treasures for generations to come.

#IBD2025 #ZimbabweBiodiversity
#KMGBF #SDGs #NatureForLife #ZimParks

