Improving the lives of poor farmers, rewarding farming practices that protect nature: COMACO

COMMUNITY MARKETS FOR CONSERVATION
Jairos Zimba’s decision-making process

Without COMACO

With COMACO

- Subsistence snaring
- No need to snare
COMACO conservation incentive program

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![Conservation Farmer Wildlife Producer Depot](image)
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The “better” alternative....

The deal....
Results of a successful COMACO....

Major savings for Government

Increased economic opportunities

Increased family care and well-being

Environmental costs avoided
Applying the COMACO model to forest protection....

Joint-managed honey concessions: require agreements for forest protection to gain top value for honey

- Buffer forest areas against increased settlement pressures
- Reduce soil and water loss
- Reduce spread of fires in national forest
Applying the COMACO model to forest protection: set charcoal caps, compensate with increased trade value for other commodities, maximize honey value and help with hives and extension, adopt tree-friendly ways to make charcoal.
Applying the COMACO model to forest protection…

Community designated conservation areas:
- stakeholder agreement to honor community decision to forbid certain land use practices and to protect customary land from unwanted settlements:
  - legal way to prevent charcoal sales in conservation area
  - Increased role of traditional leader
  - Possible need to resettle people
  - Strict land use plan for the area

Legend:
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- NyimbaLuangwa_ChiromoProduction
- NyimbaLuangwa_Aplures
- NyimbaLuangwa_ProtectionAreas
- NyimbaLuangwa_GameRanches
The promise....