



Production and Conservation in Partnership

Applied research,
post-graduate training and expertise
on human-nature interactions
in the periphery of protected areas:
supporting the co-existence of
agriculture and conservation
in Southern Africa.

Funding:

The French Embassy in Zimbabwe and CIRAD have been supporting the RP-PCP since its implementation and provides the core of the funding. Co-funding of studies / expertise is also done by members of the RP-PCP for the benefits of various projects coordinated by one of the partner institutions:

- European Union (EU)
- Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)
- French Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MAEE)
- French National Agency for Research (ANR)
- French Agency for Development (AFD)

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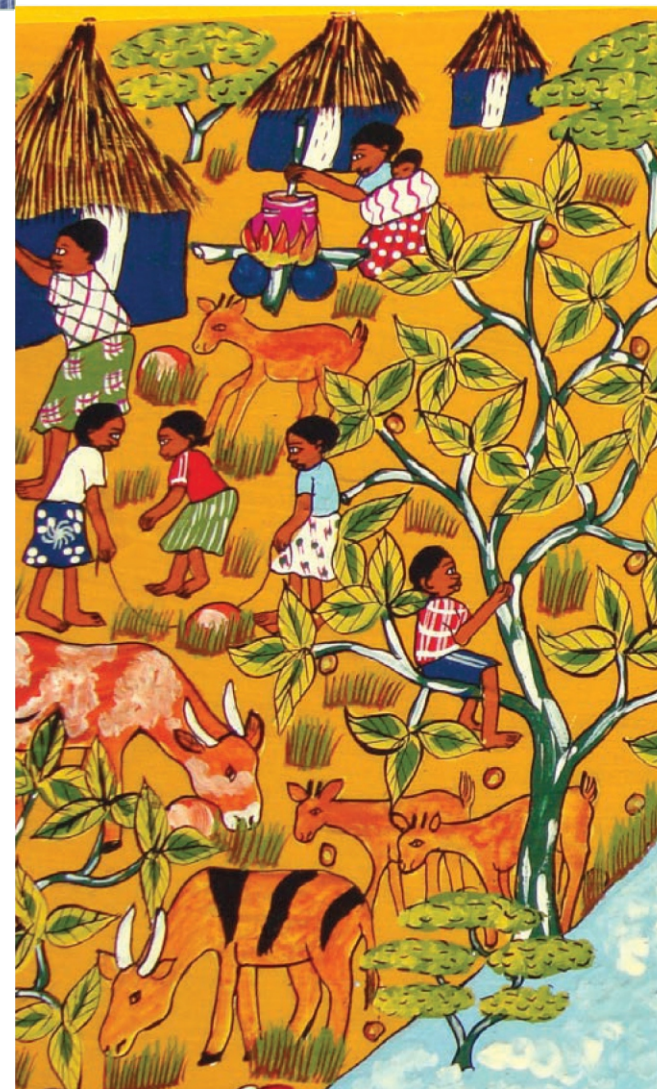
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Who we are:

The research platform "Production and Conservation in Partnership" (RP-PCP) was established in 2007, formally associating

- University of Zimbabwe
- National University of Science and Technology
- CIRAD
- CNRS

since then 5 other Zimbabwean Universities, 1 French research institute and 4 regional universities have joined the platform.

The staff involved in the activities of the RP-PCP represented an international multidisciplinary group of more than 100 senior researchers, academics and post graduate students from a wide range of disciplines, including social sciences, agronomy, ecology, geography and veterinary sciences.



Our objectives:

The overall objective of the RP-PCP is to: "Contribute to sustainable development, biodiversity conservation and improved rural livelihoods in southern Africa" through strengthening national research capacities, multidisciplinary approaches and institutional partnerships with a focus on protected areas and neighbouring production areas.

Our multidisciplinary group is organized in four broad thematic areas:

- Health, Animals and Environment
- Ecology and Sustainability
- Agriculture and Conservation
- Natural resources Governance, Institutions and Policy

The RP-PCP seeks to promote applied research on "wild-domestic interfaces" in order to address issues related to the coexistence of man and nature.

Since 2016 the platform started collaborating regionally with higher education and research institutions in Botswana, Mozambique, South Africa and Zambia to address similar issues across TFCAs.

Key achievements

Since its inception, as a research platform, the RP-PCP aims at promoting applied scientific studies through support to post graduate students, the vast majority of them being Zimbabwean.

So far 148 post graduate students (Msc, Mphil, Ph.D) have been/ still are supervised under the RP-PCP, including 95 Zimbabweans, 13 SADC and 39 European students.

Altogether they have produced:

- Over 180 research articles and books
- More than 150 communications and posters presentations during regional and international conferences.



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