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MINISTRY OF FISHERIES AND MARINE RESOURCES

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2015

DECLARATION OF SIKUNGA CHANNEL AND KASAYA CHANNEL AS FISHERIES RESERVES: INLAND FISHERIES RESOURCES ACT, 2003

Under section 22(1) of the Inland Fisheries Resources Act, 2003 (Act No.1 of 2003), in response to the written initiative of the Zambezi Regional Council and Bukalo Traditional Authority and in consultation with the Council and Traditional Authority, I declare the areas of inland waters of which the geographic boundaries are set out in the Schedule as fisheries reserves.

The fishing activities permitted within the declared fisheries reserves are set out in the Schedule.

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MINISTER OF FISHERIES AND MARINE RESOURCES

Windhoek, 9 November 2015

SCHEDULE

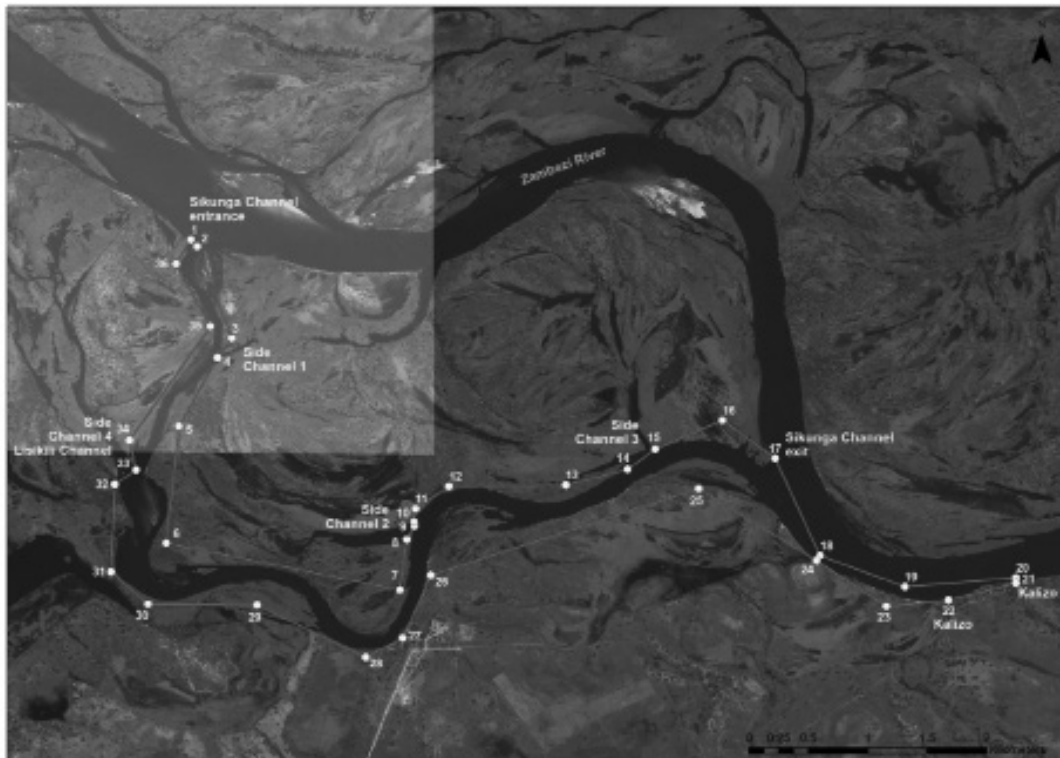
DESCRIPTION OF GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES: SIKUNGA CHANNEL FISH PROTECTION AREA

1. The Sikunga Channel Fish Protection Area is described as follows -
- (1) the Sikunga Channel Fish Protection Area (FPA) starts at the entrance to the channel from the Zambezi River, as defined by the line between the two sets of coordinates on Point 1 in Table 1;
 - (2) includes the whole channel between the banks until Point 2 on Table 1 and site A on the map, where the coordinates mark the entrance to a side channel that is excluded from the FPA;
 - (3) includes the whole channel between the banks from Point 2 to Point 3 on Table 1 and site B on the map, where the coordinates mark the entrance to the Lisikili Channel, which is excluded;
 - (4) includes the whole channel between the banks from Point 3 to Point 4 on Table 1 and site C-D on the map, where the coordinates mark the entrance to side channels and lagoons that are excluded;
 - (5) includes the whole channel between the banks from Point 4 (Table 1) to Point 5 (Table 1, site E-F on map), where the coordinates mark the entrance to side channels and lagoons that are excluded from the FPA.
 - (6) The FPA includes the whole channel and small islets between the banks from Point 5 to Point 6 on Table 1, the channel exit on the map where the coordinates mark the North corner of the exit to the Zambezi River; and
 - (7) the south bank of the FPA extends to the downstream eastern boundary of Kalizo Lodge.
2. The in-river boundary is as follows -
- (1) a straight line from point 6 to point 8 which is 50 m offshore from point 7, which is site G on the map; and
 - (2) 50m from the riverbank, following the riverbank from point 8 to point 11, which is 50 m offshore from site 10 which is Kalizo 1 on the map.

Table 1. The boundaries of the Fish Protection area with key points numbered as listed in the detailed description above. Letters in brackets indicate points shown on the map below.

Point	Coordinates		Name
ID	Lat	Long	Name
1	-17.51375	24.50622	Sikunga Channel Entrance
2	-17.51425	24.50668	Sikunga Channel Entrance
3	-17.52119	24.50930	
4	-17.52268	24.50823	Side Channel 1
5	-17.52786	24.50532	
6	-17.53672	24.50434	
7	-17.54024	24.52205	

8	-17.53645	24.52257	
9	-17.53542	24.52313	Side Channel 3
10	-17.53507	24.52312	Side Channel 3
11	-17.53411	24.52323	
12	-17.53241	24.52576	
13	-17.53231	24.53461	
14	-17.53113	24.53930	Side Channel 4
15	-17.52958	24.54138	Side Channel 4
16	-17.52740	24.54649	
17	-17.53030	24.55048	Sikunga Channel Exit
18	-17.53765	24.55390	50 m boundary off point 24
19	-17.54000	24.56031	
20	-17.53932	24.56875	Kalizo Lodge downstream 50 m boundary
21	-17.53973	24.56875	Kalizo Lodge upstream boundary
22	-17.54102	24.56362	Kalizo Lodge downstream boundary
23	-17.54147	24.55891	
24	-17.53802	24.55362	South bank
25	-17.53258	24.54469	
26	-17.53913	24.52441	
27	-17.54388	24.52227	
28	-17.54534	24.51945	
29	-17.54138	24.51124	
30	-17.54132	24.50295	
31	-17.53889	24.50017	
32	-17.53225	24.50043	
33	-17.53117	24.50205	Side Channel 2 (Lisikili)
34	-17.52894	24.50155	
35	-17.52031	24.50768	
36	-17.51558	24.50509	



3. Specific activities permitted in Sikunga channel fisheries reserve -
- (1) The management agreement drawn up for the Sikunga Fisheries Reserve by the Sikunga Conservancy in association with the Bukalo Traditional Authority, the Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources, and the Regional Council in Katima Mulilo is hereby formally recognized.
 - (2) A person may not use netting or any net in the Sikunga Channel Fisheries Reserve.
 - (3) A recreational angler may only practice catch-and release when fishing in the Sikunga Channel Fisheries Reserve.
 - (4) An annual fee as agreed between the lodges and the conservancy must be paid to the conservancy by the lodges and angling clubs.
 - (5) An annual fee as agreed between the local angling clubs and conservancy must be paid by the angling clubs to the conservancy.
 - (6) A day visitor fishing in the Sikunga Channel Fisheries Reserve must pay the daily fee as agreed between all stakeholders.
 - (7) Trophy fish caught may be kept at a cost per kilogram paid to the Sikunga Conservancy as agreed between relevant stakeholders.
 - (8) Boat movement is only allowed on the water in the FPA between 05:00 and 20:00.
 - (9) Patrols for management of the Sikungu Channel Fisheries Reserve must be made by the conservancy tour guides, conservancy game guards and conservancy fish monitors, in agreement with, and through cooperation with, the Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources and they must be assisted by the Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources and by the Namibian Police and Ministry of Environment and Tourism when necessary.
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