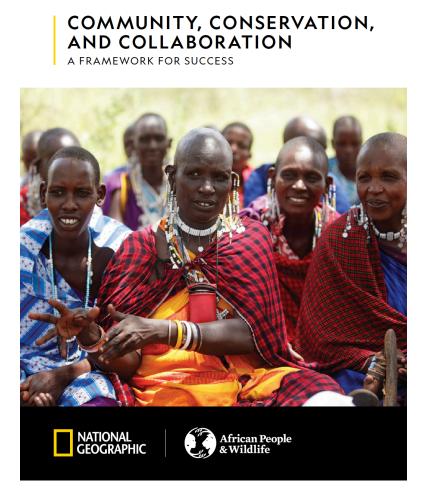
Gorongosa National Park is highlighted in a publication from African People & Wildlife and National Geographic Society: "Community, Conservation, and Collaboration: A Framework for Success"



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Mozambique, Africa – The support and active engagement of local communities is a critical component of a healthy future for our planet - including all beings, human and wild. "Community, Conservation, and Collaboration: A Framework for Success" - created by African People & Wildlife, in partnership with National Geographic Society - provides lessons, strategies and best practices to anyone working to engage and empower communities in the process of enhanced conservation and natural resource management.



"This framework is a critical step toward the creation of a growing, open-source cooperative of conservation practitioners in Africa who are developing innovative partnerships with local communities." — Laly Lichtenfeld, Ph.D., co-founder and CEO, African People & Wildlife.

Gorongosa National Park, in Mozambique, is excited to be included for its best practices in community engagement in this essential publication from African People & Wildlife, in partnership with National Geographic Society.

"By reframing Gorongosa National Park as a 'human development engine,' we are supporting and enhancing national health services, agricultural programs, and education for local people, trying to lift them out of poverty and create more support for the park in a positive feedback loop—with a special focus on providing more opportunities for women and keeping girls in school." — Greg Carr, Oversight Committee, Gorongosa National Park.

Please visit <u>africanpeoplewildlife.org/community-conservation-collaboration</u> for more information and resources. To learn more about the creation of the framework and explore some of the case studies, including Gorongosa National Park, please visit the interactive ArcGIS StoryMap <u>here</u>.

About the Gorongosa Project

Gorongosa National Park (GNP) in Mozambique is perhaps Africa's greatest wildlife restoration story. In 2008 a 20-year Public-Private Partnership was established for the joint management of GNP between the Government of Mozambique and the Carr Foundation (Gorongosa Project), a US nonprofit organization. In 2016 the Government of Mozambique approved the extension for another 25 years of joint management. By adopting a 21st Century conservation model of balancing the needs of wildlife and people, Gorongosa is protecting and saving this beautiful wilderness, returning it to its rightful place as one of Africa's greatest national parks.

GNP has been described as one of the most diverse parks on Earth, covering a vast expanse of 400,000 hectares. In recent years, the Gorongosa Project, with the support of Mozambique's National Administration of Conservation Areas (ANAC), has ensured the protection of a recovering population of Lions in this system, successfully reduced key threats, and seen the Park recognized as one of National Geographic's 'Last Wild Places.'

If you would like more information about this topic or would like to schedule an interview with those involved in the project, please call Vasco Galante at +258 822970010 (WhatsApp) or email vasco@gorongosa.net.

For more general information, visit <u>http://www.gorongosa.org</u>

You may follow the daily activities of Gorongosa National Park here: <u>https://www.facebook.com/gorongosa/</u>.