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Lomako-Yokokala Faunal Reserve: Objectives

Improve well-being of local communities

- Increase household revenues
- Improve well-being
- Reduce vulnerability

Preserve environment

- Decrease habitat destruction
- Reduce loss of biodiversity
- Preserve environmental services of ecosystems
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Strategic Community Engagement

- Effective participatory approach
- Concrete and efficient needs assessment (gender inclusion)
- Mutual responsibility (Quid Pro Quo Agreement)
- Building sustainability: economic incentives/conservation benefits
- Education: Ilima School linking protected areas
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Develop Mechanism to Monitor the Partnership

- Critical for communities to have latitude to evaluate actions and effectiveness of NGO and vice versa
- Agree on mutual means of verifications
- Support community livelihoods projects
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Sustainability

• Harmonize long-term NGO conservation logic and community interests
• Support community livelihoods projects
• Local, regional, and national governmental inclusion
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