

LIVING ON THE FRINGES OF A PROTECTED AREA: GONAREZHOU NATIONAL PARK (GNP) AND THE INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES OF SOUTH EAST ZIMBABWE, 1934-2008

Baxter Tavuyanago
Department of Historical and Heritage Studies
University of Pretoria

Objectives of the Study

Determine

- The lives of pre-colonial indigenous communities of south east Zimbabwe before the establishment of the Gonarezhou National Park (GNP);

Discuss

- The establishment of the GNP in relation to the eviction of locals during the colonial period;

Examine

- The nature of responses to eviction from GNP adopted by the indigenous communities at various stages of the period under review;

Explore

- The tension and conflict that characterised relations between the GNP management and displaced locals;

Scrutinise

- Post-colonial community empowerment programmes for the evicted locals;

Analyse

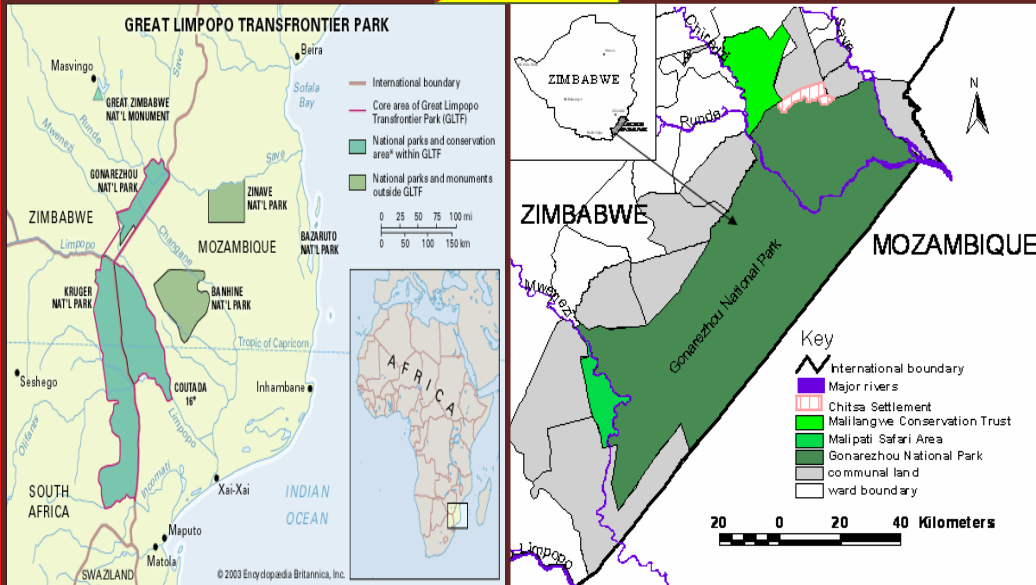
- The 'Fast Track Land Reform' programme in relation to the attempts by the locals to re-claim lost ancestral lands;

Investigate

- The socio-economic impact of the displacement on the livelihoods of the affected communities;

Provide

- Debates about the Great Limpopo Transfrontier Park project in relation to the Zimbabwean communities who may be affected by the establishment



Gonarezhou National Park