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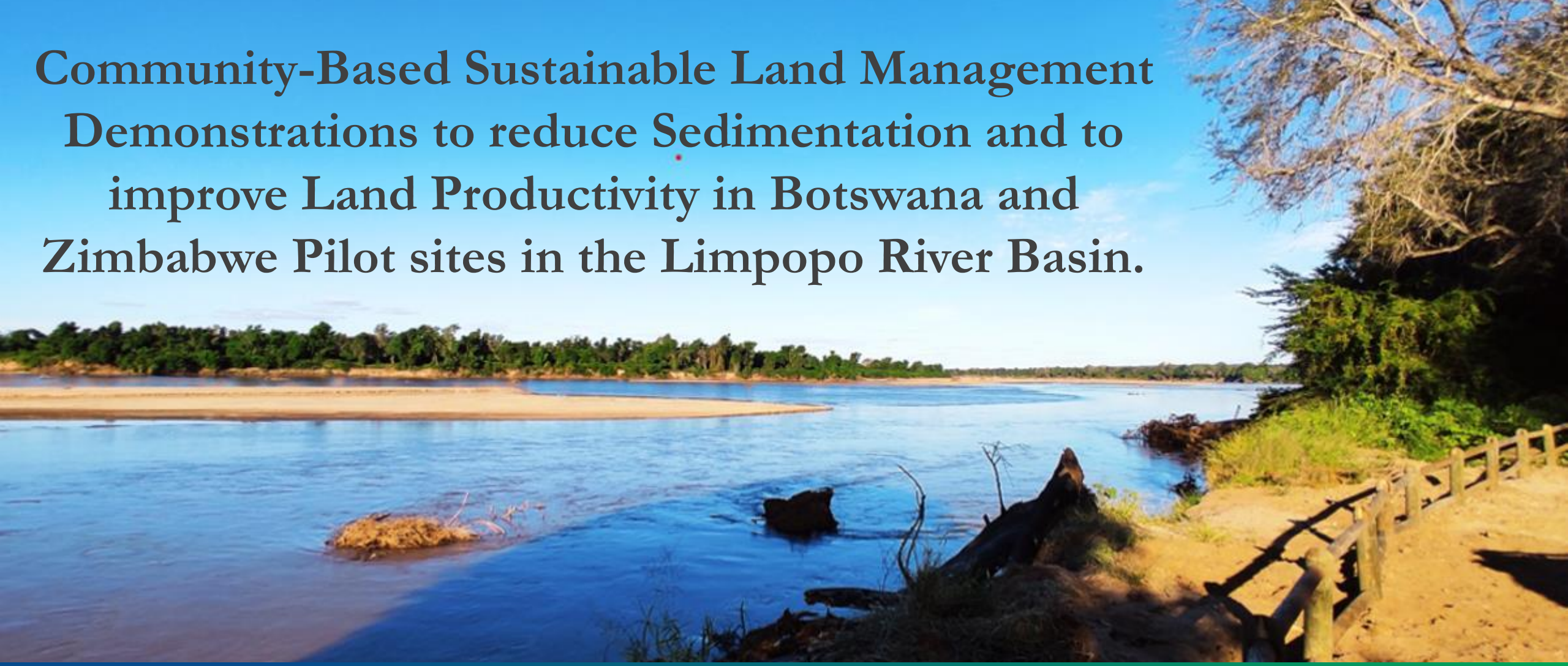

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Presentation Outline

- Project Summary & Location
- GESI Integration into Drought Planning
  - Mogobane SLM Pilot, Botswana
  - Guyu –Chelesa SLM Pilot, Zimbabwe
- Success Key Factors for GESI Integration
- Impact on Communities

Bots & Zim SLM Pilot Sites Location
ZIMBABWE
Bulawayo
Beira
MOZAMBIQUE
Guyu
Limpopo River Basin
Massingir Dam
Polokwane
Inhambane
Gaborone
Mapochs Site
Mogobane Dam
Mbombela
Pretoria
Maputo
Johannesburg
Mbabane
ESWATINI
SOUTH AFRICA
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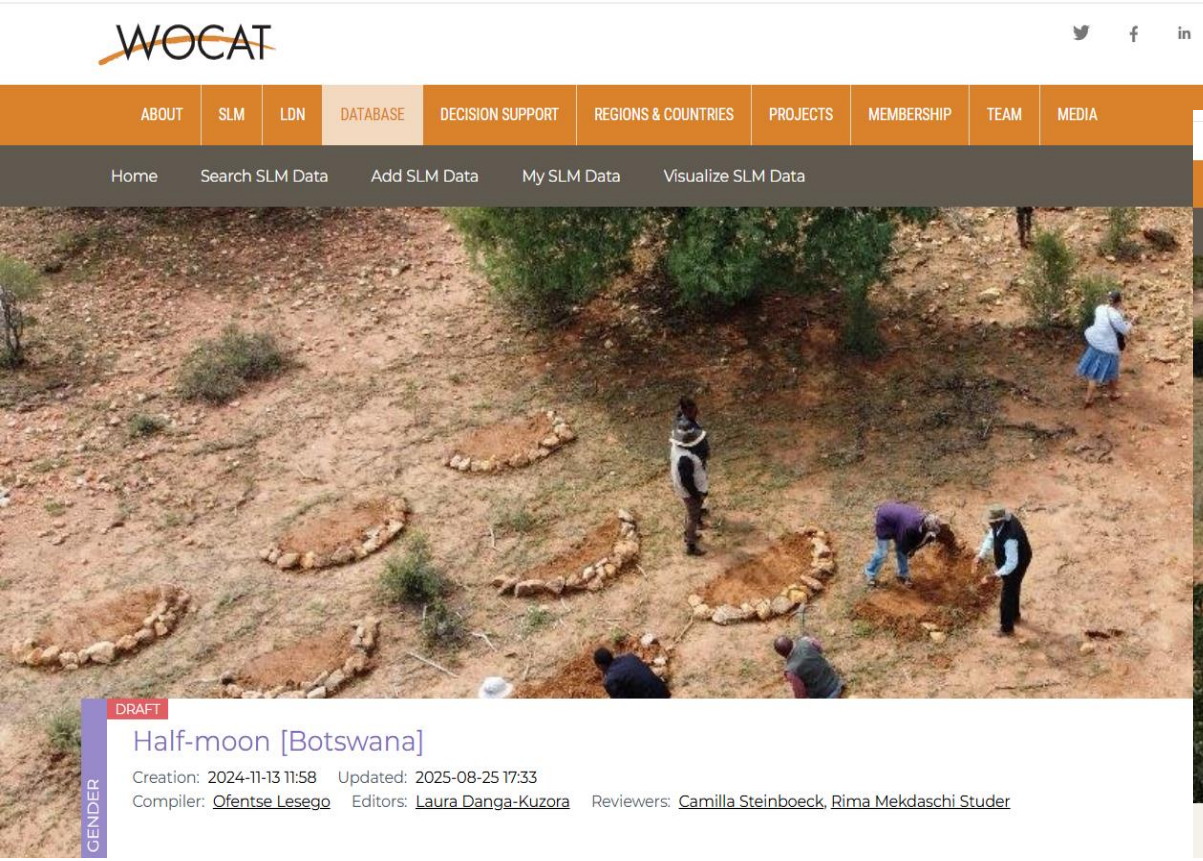
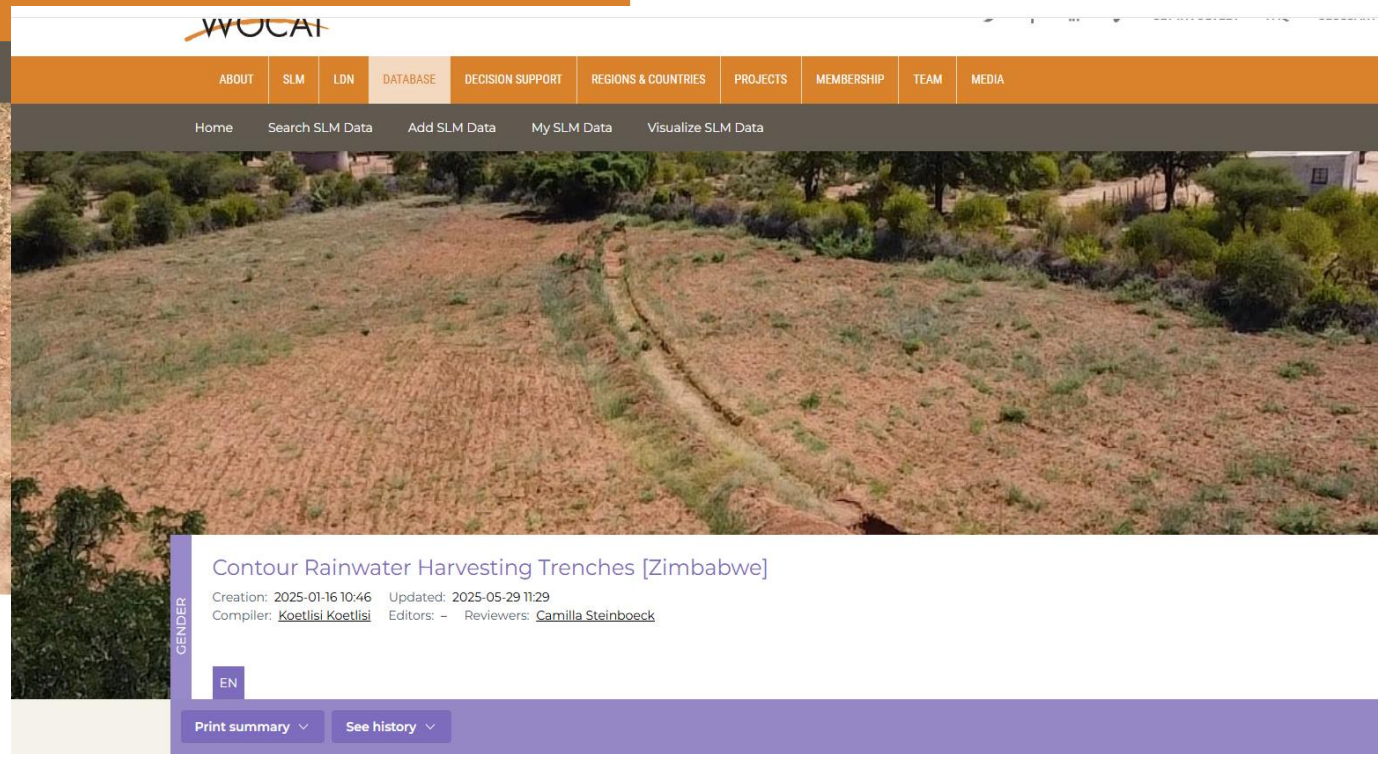
GESI Integration into SLM for Drought Planning

UCCD-WOCAT GESI-responsive Tool application at Mogobane, Botswana & Guyu-Chelesa, Zimbabwe.





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Success Factors for GESI Integration

Inclusive Participation – Ensuring balanced involvement of women, men, and youth in decision-making structures and field activities.

Capacity Building – Strengthening skills, awareness, and confidence of women and youth to actively engage in SLM practices.

Cultural Sensitivity – Addressing and transforming social norms and beliefs that limit women's and youth participation.

Leadership Opportunities – Creating pathways for women and youth to hold leadership and executive roles in committees.

Access to Resources – Guaranteeing equitable access to land, water, credit, and technical support for all groups.

Monitoring & Accountability – Establishing gender-responsive indicators to track progress and ensure equitable benefits.

Community Empowerment – Promoting local ownership of SLM interventions that recognize diverse community needs.

Policy Alignment – Integrating GESI principles into local and national SLM policies to ensure sustainability.

Present Situation

Mogobane SLM Site	Guyu-Chelesa SLM Site

Impact on Communities: GESI Progress in Bots & Zim

- Awareness raised on the need for balanced participation in SLM decision-making.
- Baseline established: Men 70% vs Women 30% participation -now 50% and 80% women participation in Bots & Zim respectively.
- Recognition that inequity drives land degradation, creating urgency for change –SLM Champions have been identified.
- Momentum building to empower women and youth as active leaders in land restoration and adaptation.

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