



Livestock & Meat Advisory Council

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OVERVIEW

Government has announced a soya bean pre-planting price of \$780 per tonne to stimulate soya production in Zimbabwe. National production falls short of the annual requirement for both the stockfeed and the oil expressing industries. Stockfeed manufacturers currently require 120 000 metric tonnes of soya for animal feed production, with the bulk of this being imported.

Zimbabwe has been elected to the chair of the new Southern African Regional Non-State Actors Platform in Fisheries and Aquaculture (SANSAFA). LMAC congratulates the Chairman of the Zimbabwe Fish Producers Association, Garikayi Munatsirei, on his election as inaugural Chairman of SANSAFA.

Council Meeting of the Zimbabwe Fish Producers Association

ZFPA welcomes the formation of the Southern African Regional Non-State Actors Platform in Fisheries and Aquaculture (SANSAFA). Initiated by AU IBAR (African Union Intra-African Bureau for Animal Resources), this formally establishes a regional platform for all fisheries and aquaculture players which are not part of Government agencies. SANSAFA will provide strategic leadership and coordination for NSAs in fisheries and aquaculture, at both country and regional level. NSAs in the fish sector include the kapenta industry and artisanal fishermen.

The ZFPA Chairman and newly elected Chairman of SANSAFA, Garikayi Munatsirei reported that the Nairobi meeting to establish SANSAFA had provided a valuable overview of African Union fisheries programmes and action plans. This presents exciting scope for small-scale fisheries and aquaculture development on the continent.

Through SANSAFA, all NSAs involved in aquaculture and fisheries in the region will have the opportunity to participate in the implementation of the Policy Framework and Reform Strategy for Fisheries and Aquaculture in Africa.

Interest in aquaculture continues to grow with many new fish projects being established across the country under Command Fish. The ZFPA meeting highlighted the importance of cold chain facilities and strong market linkages to support growing small-scale aquaculture production.

The ZFPA Secretariat undertook a visit to Lake Kariba to the large-scale export compliant Lake Harvest operation. This gave a valuable overview of the commercial potential of aquaculture in Zimbabwe, and the current challenges preventing the country's largest commercial fish producer from fully utilising its potential to generate exports.

The Secretariat also visited the Kariba Bream Farm and a recently established reticulated aquaculture system. These businesses demonstrate working examples of fish farms that can form the basis for future large-scale fish farming operations.

This was followed up by a tour of a kapenta capture fish operation also located on Lake Kariba and illustrated that both aquaculture and the capture fish industry generally face the same challenges. The importance of working together as a unified fish sector to stabilise market prices and protect the interests of the fish industry was highlighted.

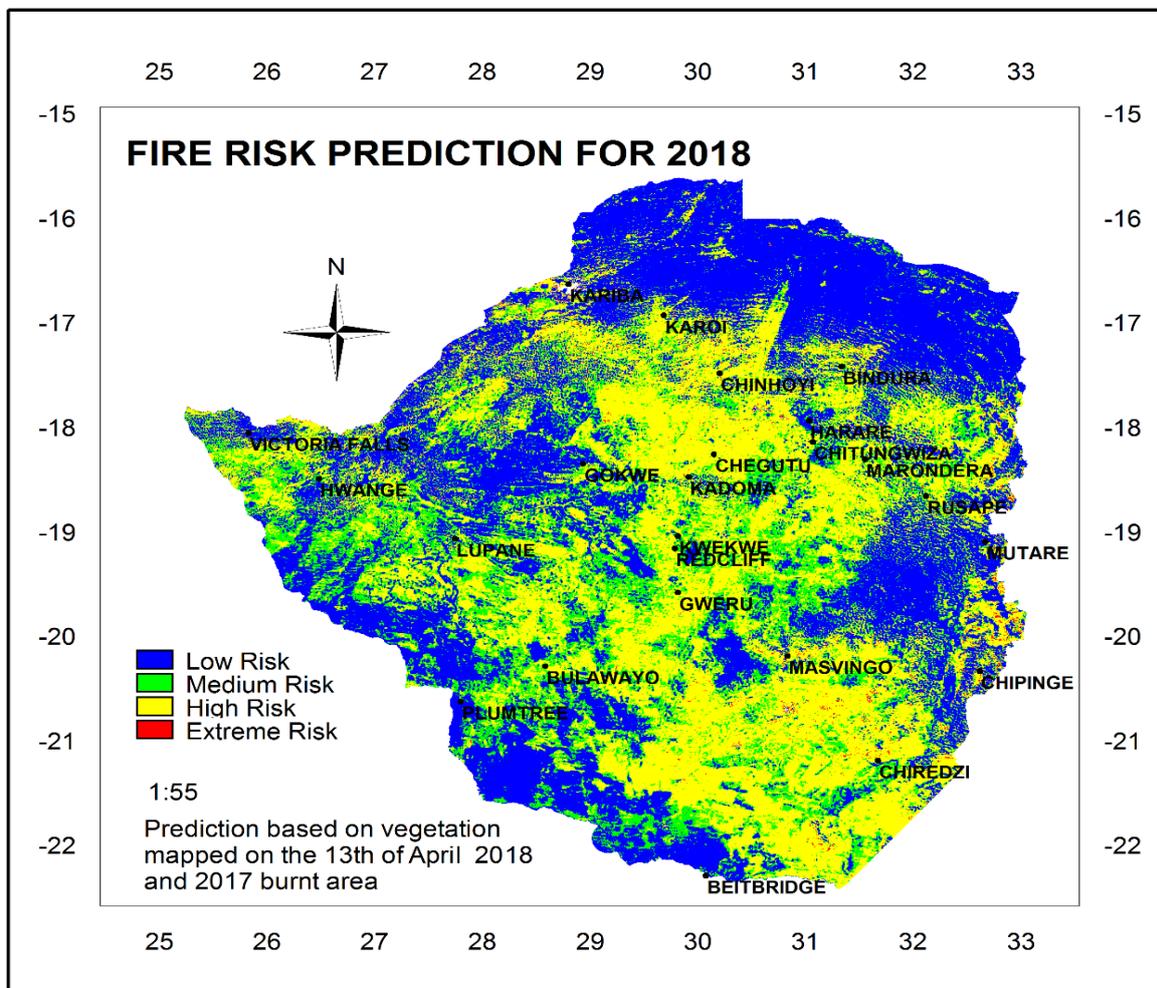
Veld Fire Management Meeting

The first veld fire management meeting for 2018, coordinated by the Ministry of Environment, Water and Climate, was held on 10th May. The purpose of the meeting was for stakeholders to validate reports on 2017 activities and submit 2018 action plans and targets for fire prevention, forecast and reduction of incidence.

The "fire season" commences on 31st May and the Environmental Management Agency gave a summary of the report for 2017. According to the statistics, 3.29% of total land area was burnt across the country, a hectareage of 1 268 534ha with the leading cause being land clearing activities. Property including agricultural equipment, household property, plantations, livestock and transport systems amounting to an estimated value of \$314 509 has been destroyed. Some of the activities carried out to curb fires, which will also be carried forward into the forthcoming fire season include encouraging, and training on, construction of fire guards, holding fire management meetings to raise awareness, establishment and training of firefighting teams especially in the communal areas, clearing road servitudes, carrying out fire suppression activities (hay baling, thatch grass combing, small animals rearing and apiculture).

In the upcoming fire season, 65% of the country is forecast to be at medium to high risk for incidence of fire (please see map below), a prediction based on mapped vegetation and previous fire history.

In conclusion, all stakeholders were urged ensure that they put the appropriate fire suppression measures in place and be proactive in protecting the environment.



Schedule of forthcoming meetings and events:

June 7th Council meeting of the Zimbabwe Poultry Association
 Open meeting of the Pig Producers Association of Zimbabwe

Enclosures

- SMA Returns, March 2018
- Draft Programme, PPAZ Symposium 2018
- Notification of the African Conservation Agriculture Congress