Situational Analysis of Mukakaza Village, Mozambique, in a Community Based Natural Resource Management Project

Introduction

A Community Based Natural Resource Management (CBNRM) Pilot Project was initiated in 4 communities that border Sabie Game Park (SGP) in Southwestern Mozambique. It focused on governance training to help organize communities and build capacity so they can receive and manage benefits from trophy hunting in SGP.



Objectives

- Develop a comprehensive and participatory methodology for understanding the local context in order to guide and monitor a **CBNRM** project
- Apply this methodology to Mukakaza Village, Mozambique
- Return results back to Mukakaza community members for use in future planning

Methods

Surveys

- Household Livelihood/Economic n=50 (including health/education)
- Governance Dashboard n=35
- Participatory Workshop:
- Historical Timeline
- Needs Assessment Stakeholder Analysis
- Natural Resource Trends
- Community Mapping



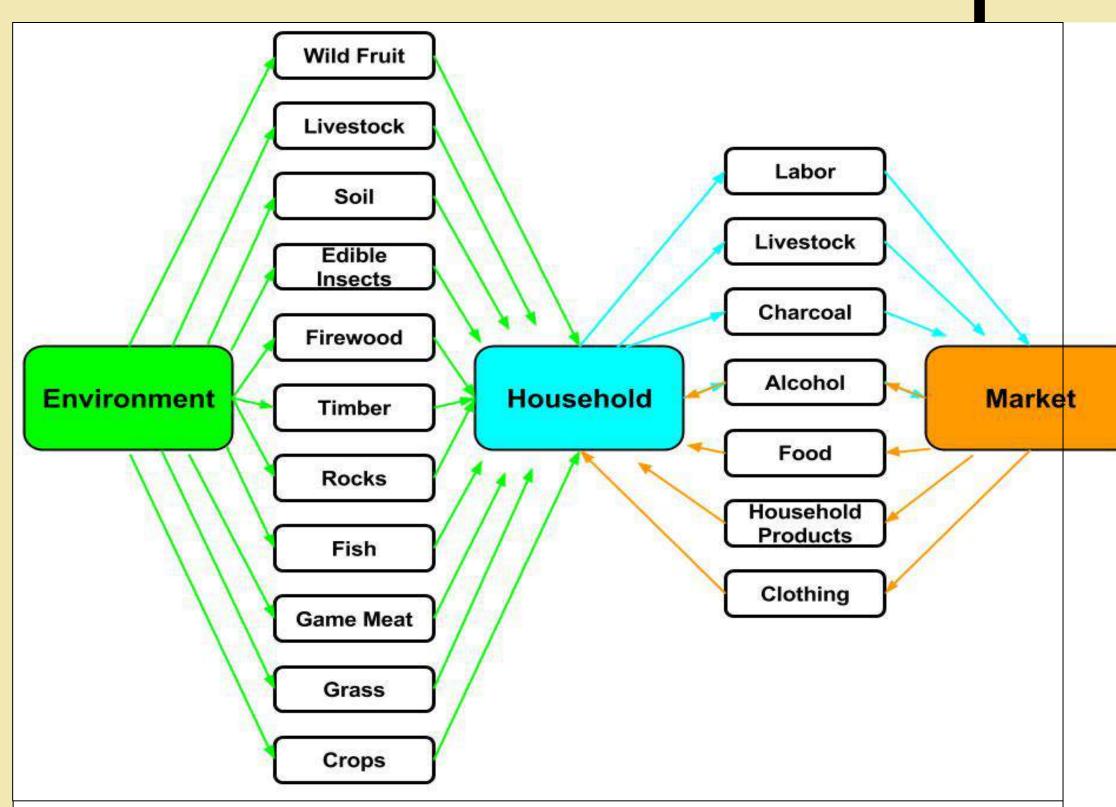
Participatory mapping exercise

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Results

Household Resources Flow



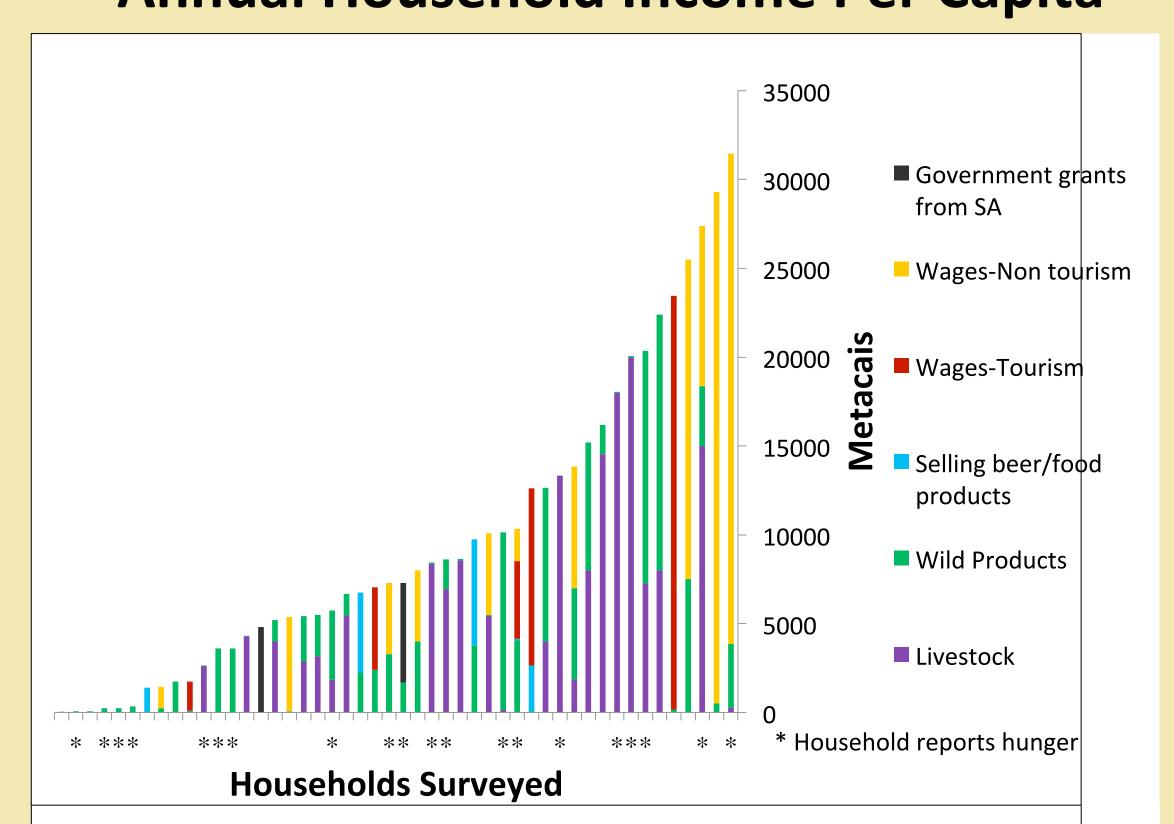
Households are heavily reliant on a variety of natural resources as formal employment opportunities are scarce in the region. Most resources are consumed at the household level, but charcoal and livestock are traded on the market.

Trends in Natural Resource Abundance

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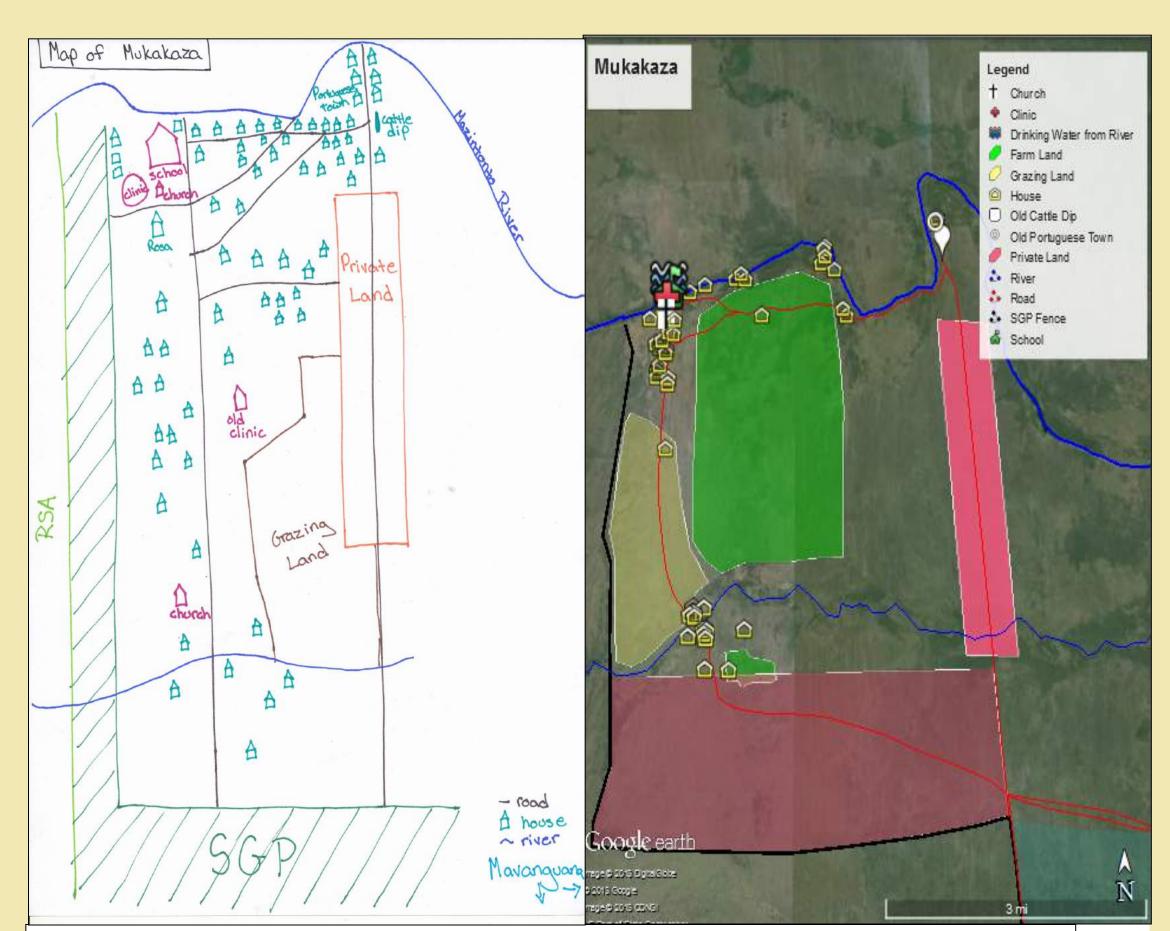
Resources declining over time from human use, but a temporary surge in the 1980s when people fled the civil war.

Annual Household Income Per Capita



Livelihoods are diverse and often combine different sectors. Wealthy households all have non-tourism employment, but not all households with non-tourism employment are wealthy. Hunger is not correlated to wealth.

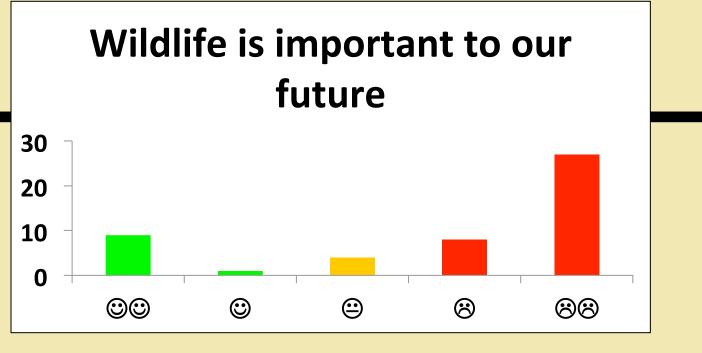
Participatory Community Mapping



We used hand drawn maps and GPS points to digitize maps of Mukakaza with houses, grazing area, farming land and other sites that are important to the community.

Conclusions

- Household economic spreadsheets show livelihoods are diverse, but heavily reliant on the environment for survival
- Natural Resources are declining due to over-exploitation and households are vulnerable to declines in natural resources
- Top Five Needs are: water, employment, supplies for the clinic, improved roads, a bridge
- The Situation Analysis methodology provides valuable background for village planning in a CBNRM initiative
- Negative value of wildlife due to humanwildlife conflict, low benefits and broken promises



Recommendations

- Improve negative attitudes to wildlife through effective CBNRM governance and improved livelihoods
- Encourage and support community landuse planning and economic development that includes livestock, agriculture, fish, and wildlife
- Support sound governance of communal natural resource management
- Use of this methodology in other CBNRM projects to guide participatory planning

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Situational Analysis Workshop