

Update on ILRI in Southern Africa

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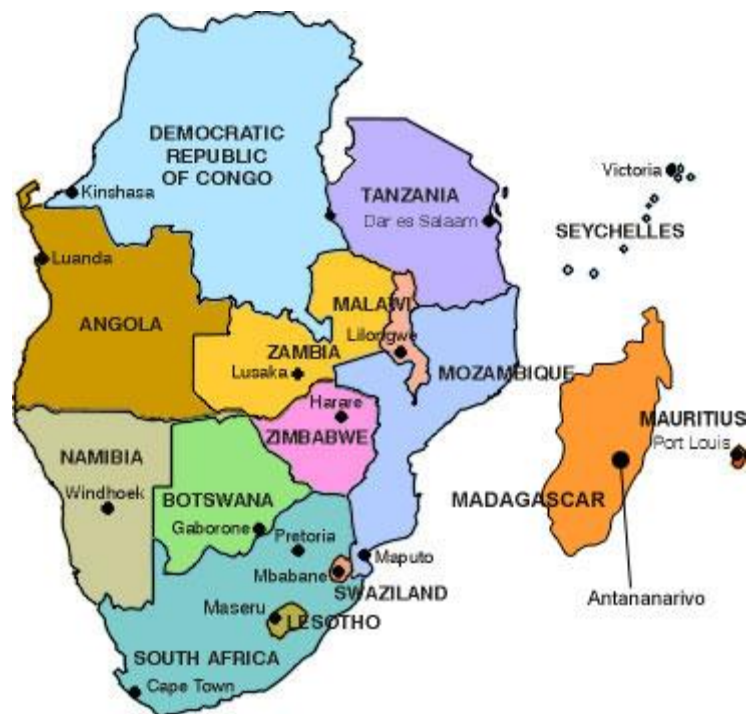
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Southern Africa – Facts & Figures

- Home to over **295 million people**
- **2015-2016** worst drought in **35 years** (3.5 yr. cycles)
- **634 000** cattle have died, over **18 million people** worst affected, mostly in livestock producing areas
- 41% of the land is **rangelands, suitable for livestock production**

Livestock population in the SADC region

Species	Numbers
Cattle	64,000,000
Goats	28,000,000
Sheep	39,000,000
Chickens	380,000,000
Pigs	7,000,000
Equines	1,000,000



Research & Development Priority Areas

- Feeds & Forages (rangeland management, cultivated pastures, crop residues etc)
- Red meat value chains
- Dairy value chains
- Indigenous Poultry

Ongoing research

- **Mozambique:** Pro-poor value chain development in the Maputo and Limpopo corridors (PROSUL) - **IFAD**
- **Zimbabwe:** Zimbabwe Crop x Livestock Integration for Food Security (ZimCLIFS) - **ACIAR**
- **Swaziland:** Innovative beef value chain development schemes in Southern Africa - **IFAD**
- **Zambia:** Food safety in Zambia (milk and fish)

Research Questions

- What are the effective models of value chain organization?
- How do we enhance competitiveness of smallholder farmers?
- In the drier marginal areas issues of rangeland management are important, therefore, how do we reduce vulnerability and increase resilience in these areas?

Partners

- CCARDESA has started engaging in livestock research, especially in the smallstock and poultry sector
- AU-IBAR is involved in Livestock Policy development in the region through partnerships with FAO and NARS
- Farmer's Organizations, NARS
- NGOs (SNV, Heifer International, CRS, Technoserve)

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