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# Dedication

*This publication is dedicated to all those who lost their lives  
in the cause of conservation during times of civil strife*

# Acronyms and Abbreviations

<b>ACE</b>	Armed Conflict and the Environment Project
<b>ACTS</b>	African Centre for Technology Studies
<b>AIDS</b>	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
<b>AWF</b>	African Wildlife Foundation
<b>BSP</b>	Biodiversity Support Program
<b>CAMPFIRE</b>	Communal Areas Management Programme for Indigenous Resources (Zimbabwe)
<b>CAR</b>	Central African Republic
<b>CARPE</b>	Central African Regional Program for the Environment
<b>CBNRM</b>	Community-based natural resource management
<b>CBO</b>	Community-based organization
<b>CI</b>	Conservation International
<b>CITES</b>	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species
<b>CMR</b>	Conflict Prevention, Mitigation, Resolution/Reconciliation Division (USAID)
<b>CoCoSi</b>	Comité de Coordination de Site
<b>DRC</b>	Democratic Republic of Congo
<b>EIA</b>	Environmental impact assessment
<b>ESRI</b>	Environmental Systems Research Institute
<b>EWCO</b>	Ethiopian Wildlife Conservation Organization
<b>FFI</b>	Fauna and Flora International
<b>FRELIMO</b>	Frente de Libertação de Moçambique (Mozambique Liberation Front)
<b>GEF</b>	Global Environment Facility
<b>GTZ</b>	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (German Development Aid)
<b>HQ</b>	Headquarters
<b>ICCN</b>	Institut Congolais pour la Conservation de la Nature (Congolese Institute for the Conservation of Nature)
<b>IDP</b>	Internally displaced person
<b>IGCP</b>	International Gorilla Conservation Programme
<b>IRDNC</b>	Integrated Rural Development and Nature Conservation
<b>IUCN</b>	World Conservation Union
<b>MOU</b>	Memorandum of understanding
<b>NC-IUCN</b>	Netherlands Committee-IUCN
<b>NGO</b>	Non-governmental organization

<b>NP</b>	National park
<b>NRM</b>	Natural resource management
<b>OCHA</b>	Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
<b>OFDA</b>	Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance
<b>ORTPN</b>	Office Rwandais du Tourisme et Parcs Nationaux (Rwanda Department of Tourism and National Parks)
<b>RBM</b>	Ranger-Based Monitoring
<b>REA</b>	Rapid environmental assessment
<b>RENAMO</b>	Resistência Nacional Moçambicana (Mozambican National Resistance)
<b>SIDA</b>	Swedish International Development Agency
<b>SIPRI</b>	Stockholm International Peace Research Institute
<b>SPLA</b>	Sudan People’s Liberation Army
<b>TNC</b>	The Nature Conservancy
<b>TRP</b>	Tropical Rainforest Programme
<b>UN</b>	United Nations
<b>UNEP–WCMC</b>	United Nations Environment Programme–World Conservation Monitoring Centre
<b>UNESCO</b>	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
<b>UNF</b>	United Nations Foundation
<b>UNHCR</b>	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
<b>USAID</b>	United States Agency for International Development
<b>USDA</b>	United States Department of Agriculture
<b>UWA</b>	Uganda Wildlife Authority
<b>WCS</b>	Wildlife Conservation Society
<b>WRI</b>	World Resources Institute
<b>WWF</b>	World Wide Fund for Nature; in the USA and Canada: World Wildlife Fund
<b>WWF–EARPO</b>	Worldwide Fund for Nature–Eastern Africa Regional Programme Office

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