

Legal & Other Frameworks for Environmental Protection in Zambia

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[Constitution of Zambia \(Amendment\) Act \(No. 2 of 2016\)](#)

- The Constitution covers : Traditional rights/customary rights, Economic/social/cultural rights, Gender and natural resources, Indigenous peoples, Protection of environment, Sustainable development, Renewable energy, Polluter pays principle, Pollution control, Public participation, Agricultural land, Sustainable use, Right to water, among others. www.parliament.gov.zm/.../Constitution%20of%20Zambia%20%20%28A..
- [Environmental Management Act, 2011 \(No. 12 of 2011\)](#)
- The Act covers: Air quality/air pollution, Noise pollution, Radiation, Pollution control, Basic legislation, Institution, Environmental planning, Access-to-information, Biosecurity, Ecosystem preservation, EIA, Environmental audit, Environmental standards, Protected area, Land-use planning, Soil conservation/soil improvement, Soil pollution/quality, Pesticides, Transboundary effects, Waste management, Inland fisheries, Freshwater quality/freshwater pollution, Inland waters, Management/conservation, Biodiversity, Protection of habitats, Wetlands. www.zema.org.zm › ... › [Environmental Management Acts](#)
- [Zambia Wildlife Act 2015\(No.14 of 2015\)](#)
- The Act covers: Land tenure, Mining, Basic legislation, Protected area, National parks, Endangered species, Wild flora, Hunting/capture, Hunting gear/hunting methods, Hunting authorization/permit, Hunting authorization/permit fee, Wildlife products, Biodiversity, Dangerous animal/harmful animal, Reptiles, International agreement-implementation, Enforcement/compliance. www.parliament.gov.zm/.../acts/The%20%20Zambia%20Wildlife%20Act

Zambia Wildlife (International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) Regulations, 2007 (S.I. No. 61 of 2007).

- The Act covers: Plant production, Management/conservation, Endangered species, Institution, Wild fauna, Wild flora, Wildlife products, International trade, Authorization/permit, Certification, Registration, International agreement-implementation, Ranching/captive breeding, Offences/penalties, Cartilaginous fishes, Protection of species
- https://www.ecolex.org/details/legislation/zambia-wildlife-international-trade-in-endangered-species-of-wild-fauna-and-flora-regulations-2007-si-no-61-of-2007-lex-faoc133726/?q=land+act+Zambia&xdate_min=&xdate_max=

Forests Act, 2015 (Act No. 4 of 2015)

- The Act covers: Soil conservation/soil improvement, Gender and natural resources, Governance, Desertification, International agreement-implementation, Traditional knowledge/indigenous knowledge, Climate change, Basic legislation, Forest management/forest conservation, Forestry protection measures, Ecosystem preservation, Timber extraction/logging, Protected area, Protection forest, Afforestation/reforestation, Public forest, Marking/identification, Institution, Special fund, Classification/declassification, Authorization/permit, Community management, Private forest, Enforcement/compliance, Offences/penalties, Basin/catchment/watershed, Sustainable development, Sustainable use, Biodiversity, Protection of species, Wetlands.
- <https://www.ecolex.org/details/legislation/forests-act-2015-act-no-4-of-2015-lex-faoc163377/?q=land+act+Zambia&type=legislation&page=2>

Lands Act, 1995 (Cap. 184)

- The Act covers: Land tenure, Traditional rights/customary rights. https://www.ecolex.org/details/legislation/lands-act-1995-cap-184-lex-faoc009900/?q=land+act+Zambia&type=legislation&xdate_min=&xdate_max=

Plant Pests and Diseases Act (Cap. 233).

- The Act covers: Plant protection, Plant production, Pests/diseases, Planting material/seeds, Post-harvest treatment, Tobacco.
- https://www.ecolex.org/details/legislation/plant-pests-and-diseases-act-cap-233-lex-faoc046759/?q=land+act+Zambia&type=legislation&xdate_min=&xdate_max=

Petroleum (Exploration and Production) Act, 2008 (Act No. 10 of 2008).

- The Act covers: Mining, Oil, Registration, Institution, Contract/agreement, Environmental planning, Environmental standards, Authorization/permit
- <https://zambialii.org/node/8125>

Fisheries Act, 2011 (No. 22 of 2011).

- The Act covers: Fishery management and conservation, Fishing area, Institution, Aquaculture, Mariculture, EIA, Policy/planning, Special fund, Protected area
- www.ilo.org/dyn/natlex/natlex4.detail?p_lang=en&p_isn=94966

Energy Regulation Act (No. 16 of 1995).

- The Act covers: Energy conservation/energy production, Institution, Authorization/permit, Environmental planning.
- www.erb.org.zm/downloads/legislation/Energy%20Regulation%20Act.pdf

Water Resources Management Act, 2011 (No. 21 of 2011).

- The Act covers: Freshwater resources management, Groundwater, Surface water, Freshwater quality/freshwater pollution, Institution, Access-to-information, Aquaculture, Basin/catchment/watershed, Climate change, Disasters, Effluent waste water/discharge, Enforcement/compliance, Environmental planning, Flood, Monitoring, Protected area, Recreational water use, River basin institution, Water abstraction, Water conservation zone, Water quality standards, Water rights, Water shortage/drought, Water supply, Water users' associations, Waterworks, Well sinking/boreholes.
- nepadwatercoe.org/wp-content/uploads/zam117433.pdf

Environment Protection and Pollution Control Act, 1990 (Cap. 204).

- The Act covers: Pollution control, Air quality/air pollution, Noise pollution, Radiation, Basic legislation, Institution, Fishing authorization, Waste disposal, Hazardous substances, Pesticides, Effluent waste water/discharge, Freshwater quality/freshwater pollution, Inland waters, Registration
- [https://www.ecolex.org/.../environment-protection-and-pollution-control-a.](https://www.ecolex.org/.../environment-protection-and-pollution-control-a)

Biosafety Act, 2007 (No. 10 of 2007)

- The Act covers: Biotechnology, Biosafety, Biosecurity, Traditional knowledge/indigenous knowledge, Plant production, Plant protection, Biodiversity, Liability/compensation, EIA
- <https://www.ecolex.org/.../legislation/biosafety-act-2007-no-10-of-2007-le...>

Mines and Minerals Development Act, 2015 (No. 11 of 2015) as read together with **The Mines and Minerals Development (Amendment) Act No. 14 of 2016. (this was further amended in 2021)**

- The Act covers EIA, Soil pollution/quality, Soil conservation/soil improvement, Basic legislation, Mining, Exploration, Soil rehabilitation, Freshwater quality/freshwater pollution
- www.parliament.gov.zm/.../acts/The%20Mines%20and%20Minerals%20Ac...

- **Agricultural Lands Act (Cap. 187)**
- The Act covers land and soil use.
- **Disaster Management Act, 2010 (No. 13 of 2010).**
- The Act covers: Disasters, Environmental planning, Traditional knowledge/indigenous knowledge.
- **The Tourism and Hospitality Act 2015 (No. 13 of 2015)**
- This Act covers: environmental management and protection and empowerment of local communities; heritage, energy, forestry, fisheries, wildlife and water resource management, among others.

Responsible Government Institutions

Ministry of Land and Natural Resources

Ministry of Green Economy and Environment

Ministry of Mines and Minerals Development

Ministry of Agriculture

Ministry of Water Development and Natural Resources

Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development

Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock

Ministry of Energy

Ministry of infrastructure, housing and urban development

Ministry of Technology and Science

Ministry of Information and Media

Ministry of Education

Ministry of Commerce trade and industry

Ministry of Justice

Ministry of Home affairs and internal security

Other institutions are:

The Water Resources Management Authority

Zambia Environmental Management Authority (ZEMA)

Energy Regulation Board (ERB)

Metrological Department