

World news story: UK opposes illegal wildlife trade in Angola

UK Ambassador John Dennis and the Angolan NGO MBAKITA's Director Pascoal Baptistiny signed the project contract that will contribute to reducing the illegal trade in endangered species, fauna and flora in the Cuando Cubango province over the next 8 months.

This project will facilitate and promote environmental education as well as sustainable agricultural practices in the communities of Menongue, Calai, Cuangar and Dirico. The project expects to reach 500 people in urban and rural areas of Cuando Cubango and help preserve the province's wildlife and natural resources.

The UK government is committed to tackling illegal wildlife trade, a global criminal industry worth more than £6 billion each year threatening both wildlife and people. Our focus is on improving enforcement, reducing demand for products and supporting sustainable livelihoods and economic development in the communities affected.

Further information

Quando Cubango, Angola's most south-eastern province has an area of 199,049 km² of which 80% is covered by forests. It is the second largest province in Angola and holds 40% of the country's water resources, including three navigable rivers (Cubango, Cuando and Cuíto). The province has borders with Zambia and Namibia and is home to most of Angola's elephant population, as well as an abundance of other wildlife.

Press release: Environment Agency to tackle decline in salmon population

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The consultation aims to understand how the Environment Agency can better manage salmon fishing in England and the Border Esk in order to reduce the impact on salmon stocks, which are currently among the lowest on record.

It will also look at the impact that any restrictions could have on those whose livelihoods and interests depend on salmon. The initial consultation runs until Monday 9 October 2017 and invites anglers, netsmen, fishery

managers and the public to give their views and to help shape the future of salmon stocks in England and the Border Esk. The results will then be used to issue a formal consultation later this year.

Salmon stocks across the Atlantic are challenged by a number of factors including marine survival and barriers to migration. The Environment Agency is working with partners on a programme of action to restore salmon stocks throughout England.

Heidi Stone, the Environment Agency's Salmon Programme Manager said:

We are working hard to improve salmon stocks and are seeking views on measures to further protect this important species.

The issues facing salmon and the reasons for their decline are complex and there is no simple solution to increasing salmon numbers. Evidence indicates that the marine phase of their lifecycle is the most likely reason for their decline and that fishermen taking salmon is not the primary cause.

But if we do not act now, we risk seeing further declines in salmon in many of our rivers. We are asking for views on a range of options and your responses will truly help to form our approach to managing salmon stocks in the future.

The Environment Agency, Government, Angling Trust, Rivers Trust, Atlantic Salmon Trust, Salmon and Trout Conservation UK, Wild Trout Trust and Institute of Fisheries Management have formed a working partnership in order to address this issue. This programme is called the Salmon Five Point Approach, and has been jointly developed and committed to by all partners. It sets out the actions to address the key pressures that affect the different life stages of salmon.

The priorities are:

- Improve marine survival
- Further reduce exploitation by nets and rods
- Remove barriers to migration and enhance habitat
- Safeguard sufficient flows
- Maximise spawning success by improving water quality.

Find out more about the [Salmon Five Point Approach](#).

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