

A zebra stands in the center of a field of green, scrubby bushes. The zebra is facing the camera, and its black and white stripes are clearly visible. The background is a soft, out-of-focus landscape under a grey, overcast sky. The text is overlaid on the image in white, sans-serif font.

# MALAWI'S EXPERIENCE IN MAINSTREAMING BIODIVERSITY

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# 1. Top people engaged

<b>INSTITUTION</b>	<b>ENTRY POINTS</b>
<b>Research and Academia</b>	<b>Revision of curricula</b>
<b>Physical planning</b>	<b>Draft Physical planning policy</b>
Energy	
Disaster management affairs	
<b>Lilongwe City Council</b>	<b>LBSAP</b>
<b>Economic Planning Department (Poverty Environment Initiative)</b>	<b>MGDS III</b>
<b>Environmental Impact Assessment Division</b>	<b>EIA Guidelines</b>
<b>Climate Change</b>	<b>National Adaptation Plan processes</b>
Electricity Supply Commission of Malawi	
Private Sector	<b>Public private partnerships policy(African Parks , Lilongwe Wild Life Centre , GEF Co-financing</b>
National Commission for Science and Technology	

## 2. Top change achieved or expected

- **Integration of biodiversity into policies and plans which include;**
  - Draft physical planning policy
  - Environmental Impact Assessment guidelines
  - Environment Management Bill
  - Malawi Growth Development Strategy III (process in progress)
  - National Adaptation Plan (NAP)
  - Lilongwe city council (LBSAP)
  - Mainstreaming implementation on the ground in Protected area management.
- **Identification of Gaps**

# Lesson learnt

**Enabling environment is important for biodiversity mainstreaming**

**Clear guidelines and indicators of Biodiversity mainstreaming.**

**Biodiversity mainstreaming without funding is futile.**

**Mainstreaming reduces the resource and implementation burden on a few sectors**

**Awareness of mainstreaming opportunities and timing of interventions**

**Important to communicate benefits of mainstreaming**

**Continuous engagement and dialogue is important in mainstreaming**

## 4. Further mainstreaming needs

- Capacity building of mainstreaming champions at national and local level
- Availability of spatial data and information on linkages of biodiversity with other sectors
- Lack of mainstreaming guidelines, indicators on how sectors can mainstream poses a challenge for sectors to embark on the mainstreaming journey
- Funding for continuation of activities



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