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In this honors thesis, I offer a historical and geographical account of conservation practices in the place that could be called the Okavango-Zambezi basin. Considering politics ecologically and ecologies politically, I map the relations among humans, animals, plants, and the non-living matter that sustains them and the contestations and collaborations these relations sustain. I analyze in particular the political-ecological relationships entangled in and occasioned by the establishment of the Kavango Zambezi Transfrontier Conservation Area (KAZA TFCA), an environmental management collaboration between the nations of Angola, Botswana, Namibia, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. How has conservation been mapped and made as a historical-geographic phenomenon in the region, and how are KAZA and other contemporary institutions and practices remapping and remaking both conservation and that being conserved? How, too, have conservation efforts, including KAZA, remapped and remade the nation-states and the borders that divide them in the Okavango-Zambezi basin?

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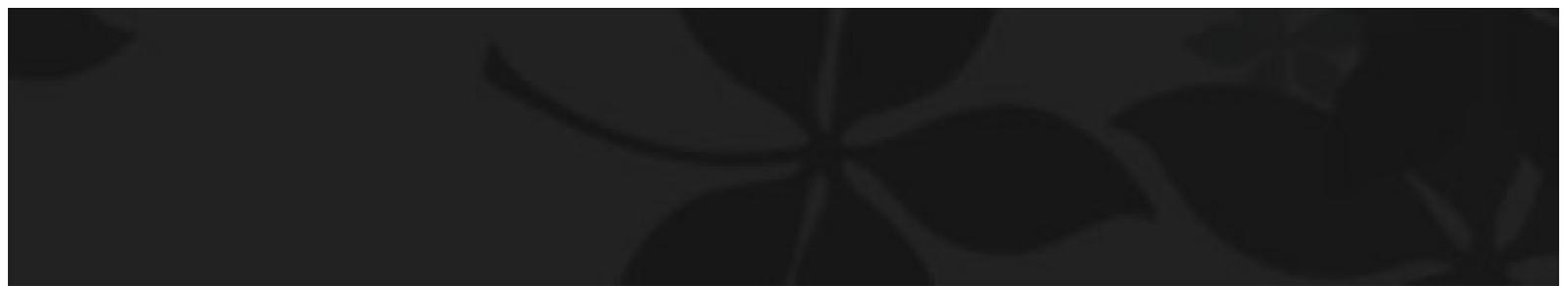
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