

# CENTRAL PROVINCE

## GENERAL PROFILE INFOGRAPHIC

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#### LOCATION

Central province lies at the heart of Zambia. The province shares borders with the Democratic Republic of Congo and eight other provinces of Zambia with an exception of Northern. The Province occupies a total surface area of 108,460km and is divided into **twelve districts** namely; Chibombo, Itezhi-tezhi, Kapiri, Shibuyunji Mposhi, Chitambo, Luano, Mkushi, Mumbwa, Ngabwe, Chisamba and Serenje with Kabwe being the provincial capital. The province as at 2010 had a **population of 1,332,396** with a gender ratio of **49% male and 51% female**.



#### LANGUAGES

The province has English as its official language and **5 local languages** that is Lala, Lenje, Bemba, Tonga and Nyanja.



### SOCIAL ECONOMIC PROFILE

#### HEALTH FACILITIES

The province is serviced by **1 Mine Hospital, 1 General Hospital, and district Hospitals** that offer **primary health care and provide curative health services to the general public**.

#### EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

The province is serviced with **3 public universities, 3 private universities and 5 public colleges, trades and skills training schools** and other training institutions. There are **83 secondary schools, 644 primary schools, 380 early childhood centres and 68 private school and 49 schools** with special units.

#### AIR TRANSPORT:

Being located between the two **major cities Lusaka and Ndola** gives Central Province a unique strategic advantage for the development of transport, commerce and trade sub-sectors.

#### INFORMATION, COMMUNICATION AND TECHNOLOGY (ICT)

There are three mobile phone and internet service providers in the Province; namely **Zamtel, Airtel, and MTN**.

#### ENERGY

Electricity supply in the province is provided by the Zambia Electricity Supply Corporation (ZESCO) which is yet to be connected to **Chitambo, Luano and Ngabwe**. Other areas with potential energy generation are Lusuwishi and Pensulo in Chitambo district.

#### INSURANCE INSTITUTIONS:

There are a number of insurance companies operating within the province which include; Africa Life, Zambia State Insurance Company (ZSIC), Madison, Professional, NICO and Goldman.

### POLITICAL AND ADMINISTRATION PROFILE

#### CONSTITUENCY

The Province has **16 Constituencies**. Each constituency is represented by (1) elected member of parliament (MP).

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#### LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The Province has **(1) Municipality and 12 District Councils**. The Mayor/ Council Chairpersons are the political heads of the local government.

**12 DISTRICT COUNCILS**

#### WARDS

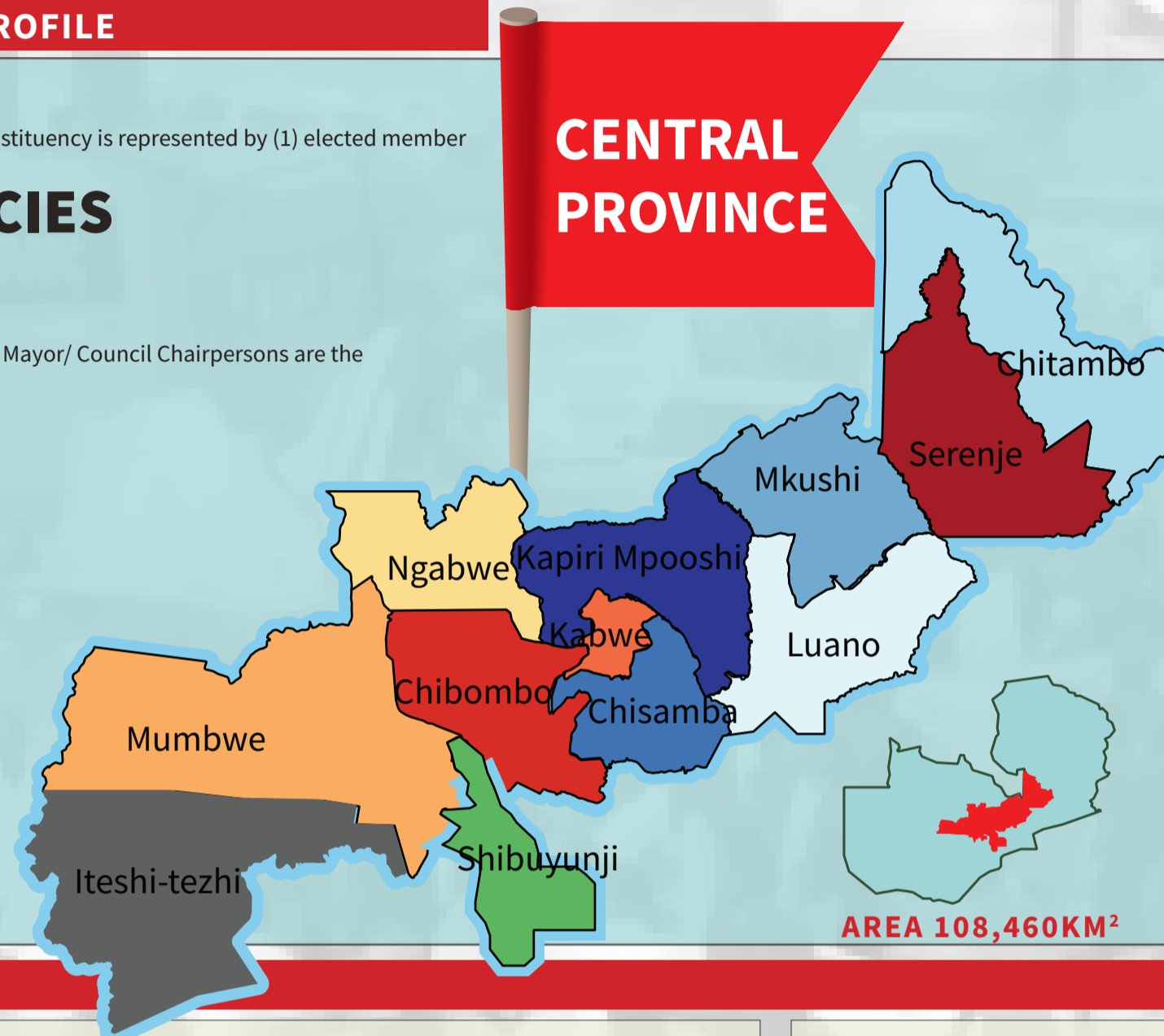
The Province has **153 wards** with one elected Councillor per ward.

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#### TRADITIONAL AUTHORITY

The province has **39 Chiefs**.

**39 CHIEFS**



### MAJOR NATURAL RESOURCES

#### AGRICULTURE

Central Province consists of 9.4 million hectares of land, about **40% of which is suitable for crop production and about 42% for livestock grazing**

#### FOREST

The Province has a total number of 38 forest reserves predominantly covered by the Miombo woodland with an estimated **woody plant flora of about 650 species**.

#### WILD LIFE

The wilderness is characterized by the vastness of unexploited areas, such as the Kafue National Park, Itezhi-tezhi dam, the Kafue River and the wetlands or Kafue flood plains. The park is rich in animal and natural diversity and forms one of the most important terrestrial ecosystems in Africa. It has a record of **41 large and 23 small mammal species, 318 birds species, 27 reptile species, 23 amphibian species and 102 butterfly species** in the Kafue South National Park.

#### WILDLIFE PARKS

#### MINERALS

The province has deposits of a variety of gemstones that are under exploited and these include emeralds, amethyst, tourmaline, gold, garnet and citrine precious metals and industrial/building minerals

#### ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE

Due to its central location the province is the hub for transport services not only for the country but also for the Southern African Region. The road is part of the major transit route for goods and services in the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) and Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) Region. It is the transitory point for all rail transport network to all Provinces within the country as well as the neighbouring countries.

#### RADIO AND TELEVISION

Apart from ZNBC radio services, the province receives the services of **7 private owned radio stations** namely: **Power 89FM, Kabwe News Network, Maranatha, Cloud FM, Radio Itezhi Tezhi and Mkushi FM**. In terms of television, the province is serviced by **Zambia National Broadcasting Corporation (ZNBC)** and private broadcasters namely; **Muvi, Prime and Diamond**.

#### WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION

Lukanga Water and Sewerage Company (LWSC) is currently operating in 8 towns centres of Central Province, namely: **Kabwe, Kapiri Mposhi, Mkushi, Serenje, Chibombo, Chisamba, Mumbwa and Itezhi Tezhi** with the average water supply estimated at 20 hours. Water Quality compliance for water supplied in the province averages between 97% to 98% which is above the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the National Water Supply and Sanitation Council (NWASCO) target of 95% compliance.

#### FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS:

There are ten (10) Commercial Banks providing retail banking services. These include; Zambia National Commercial (ZANACO), Barclays, Finance, Invest Trust, Indo-Zambia, Stanbic, First National, Banc ABC and National Buildings Society Bank.

#### AGRICULTURE

Central province is part of Region II of the Zambia Agro-ecological zones with Eastern and Lusaka provinces. The province has fertile soils suitable for agriculture and is home of the country's most commercial farms. Its contribution to agricultural productivity is significant. Central province produces almost all the crops grown in Zambia, the most predominant ones are: **maize, soya Beans, Cotton, Groundnuts, Wheat, Sweet potatoes, Iris Potatoes, Pop Corn, Sun flower, Millet, Mixed Beans, Virginia Tobacco, Maize Seed, Cassava roots and Barley**.

#### FISHERIES

The major sources of fish from capture fisheries are **Lukanga swamps and Itezhi-tezhi dam**. Other sources include Lake **Lusiwashi, Bangweulu South Swamps and Luangwa River** and **Upper Kafue River** with about **1,648 fish ponds, 2 fish cages, and 57 dams** in 2013. Fish markets include Lusaka, Copperbelt and Democratic Republic of Congo.

#### HORTICULTURE SUB-SECTOR

The horticulture sub-sector in the province includes **fresh fruits and vegetables** like tomatoes, onion, cabbage, carrots, rape, beans, okra, water melon and Impwa, oranges, mango, guava, lemon and banana.

#### AGRO-PROCESSING

Central Province has witnessed an increase in agro-processing with the establishment of soyabean processing and cotton ginning plants. Other agro-processing activities include grainmilling, peanut butter; animal or stock feed and edible **oil production, meat, dairy and fruit drink production**, and honey processing. However the province is lagging behind in terms of value addition.

#### TOURISM

The province has the **Kafue National Park**, the country's largest shared with Southern and North-Western provinces. The eastern end of the province reaches **South Luangwa National Park** although the access is in Eastern Province. Others areas with wildlife include the **Blue Lagoon National Park, Kasanka National Park, Lukanga Swamps**, and the **Lunswishi Game Management Area**. Other natural resources in the province are grouped as follows; **Historical Sites (77), Architectural/Engineering Historical Sites (2), and Archaeological sites (27)**. Among these there are those protected and the unprotected ones. **Muchinga Escarpment, Lunsemfwa River valleys and the Big Tree Monument**.