

**PUNGWE RIVER BASIN TRANSBOUNDARY INTEGRATED WATER  
RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

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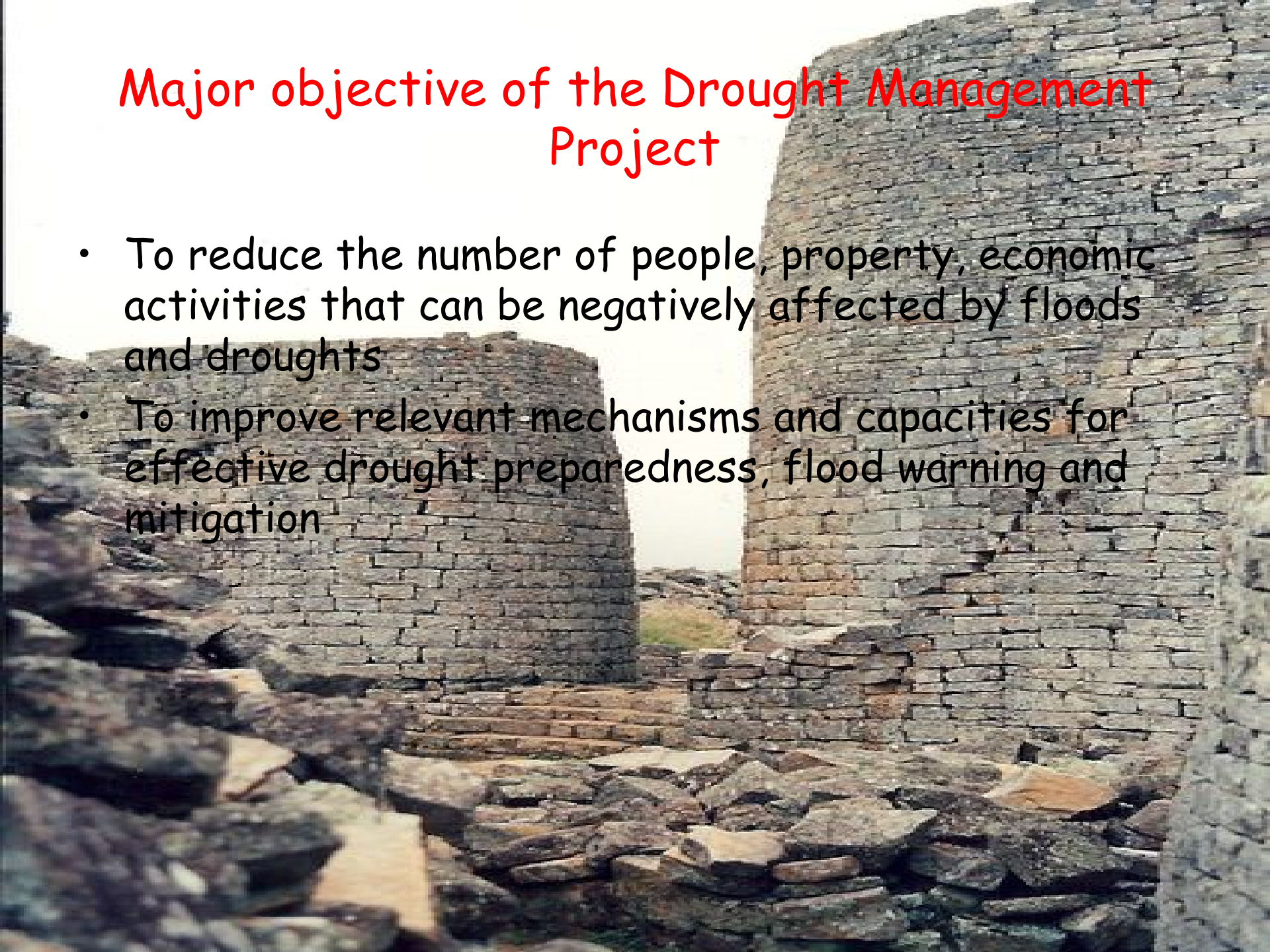


# Floods and Drought Warning and Mitigation (Presentation)

- Cause of floods events in the Basin
- Challenges in flood management in the Pungwe Basin
- Proposed strategic interventions
- Basic water resources information about the Pungwe Basin
- Objective of the flood and drought Management Project

# Major objective of the Drought Management Project

- To reduce the number of people, property, economic activities that can be negatively affected by floods and droughts
- To improve relevant mechanisms and capacities for effective drought preparedness, flood warning and mitigation



# Basic Water Resources information about the Pungwe Basin

- The Pungwe Basin is prone to recurring floods and droughts
- Rainfall is highly variable both in space and time
- The basin's mean annual rainfall ranges from 2000mm in the upper part of the catchment to 600 mm in the lower part
- The peak period is usually January or February
- 5% of the Pungwe Basin is in Zimbabwe
- The Zimbabwe part of the Pungwe basin contributes over 285 of the annual runoff
- The impact of the floods is felt more on the Mozambique side because of the topographical conditions

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- The effect of droughts is basin wide
- The catchment has high agricultural potential
- Subsistence farming is high in the low lying areas and therefore making people more vulnerable to floods and drought
- During drought years, saline intrusion reaches about 100 km upstream

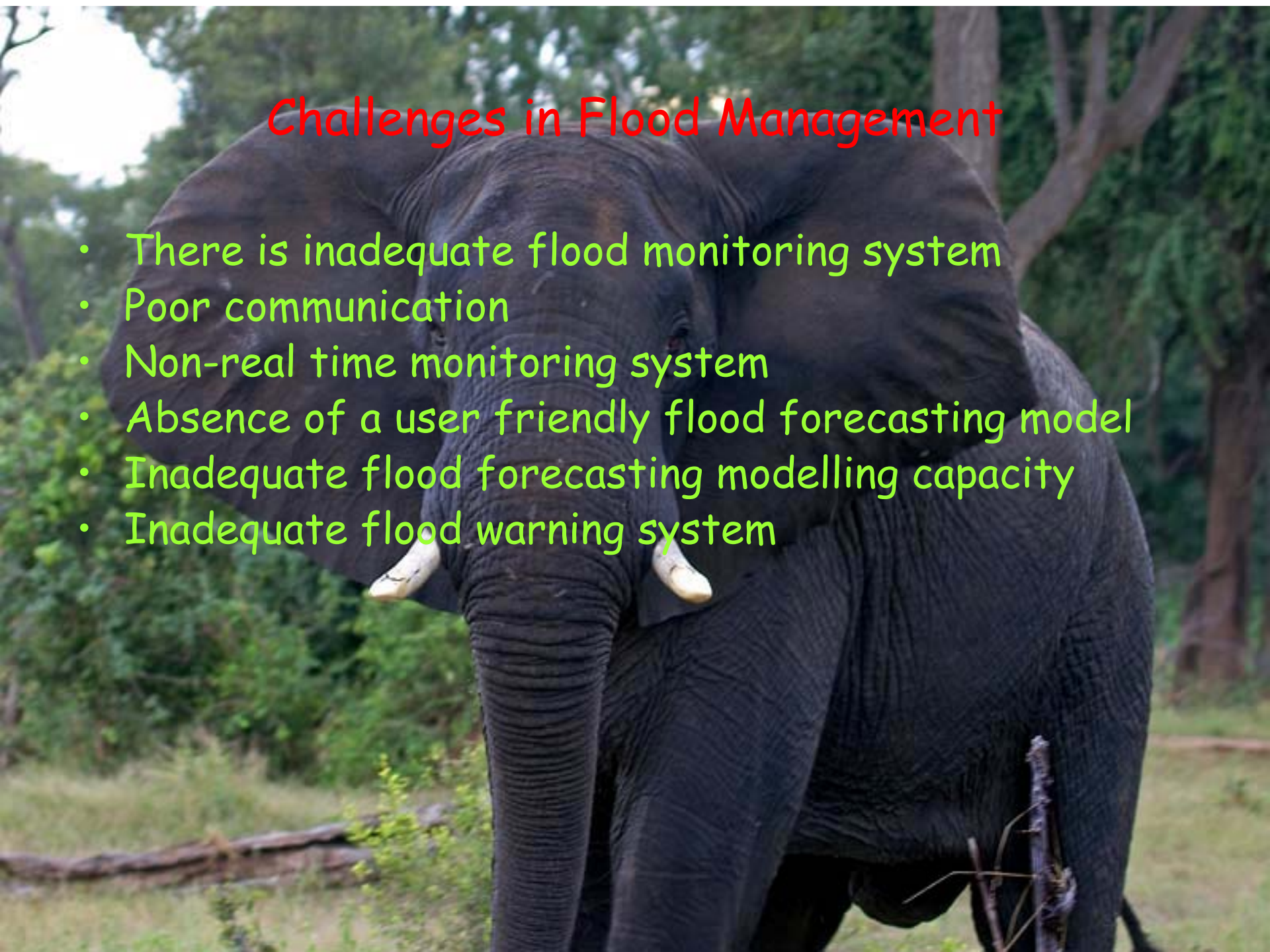
## Causes of flood events in the basin

- The basin is prone to cyclones from the Indian Ocean
- Flash floods especially in the upper Pungwe basin are caused by heavily localised floods
- Changes in the catchment conditions



# Challenges in Flood Management

- There is inadequate flood monitoring system
- Poor communication
- Non-real time monitoring system
- Absence of a user friendly flood forecasting model
- Inadequate flood forecasting modelling capacity
- Inadequate flood warning system





## Proposed Strategic Interventions

- Development and implementation of an effective flood management strategy
- Development of a drought contingency plan
- Upgrading some hydrological stations to real time monitoring
- Capacity building in flood forecasting

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