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This Story Map explores the ecosystem services of the Cubango-Okavango River Basin and the threats they face. A combination of interactive maps, graphics, photos, and text are provided to examine these ecosytems from different perspectives.

The focus is on the active part of the basin which consists of the area drained by the Cubango, Cutato, Cuchi, Cuelei, Cuebe and Cuito rivers in Angola; the Okavango River in Namibia and Botswana; and the Okavango Delta in Botswana (Van der Waal 2009).

Estimates show that 380 000 people derive direct livelihood support from the Cubango-Okabango River Basin (Alyward 2009). The use of the basin is dominated by the harvesting of wild natural resources, such as fish, wood and grass; the use of land resources for small-scale agriculture, such as crop and livestock production; and the use of natural habitats for providing tourism services...

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