

CUSTOMARY LAND OWNERSHIP DECLARATION

(Pursuant to Section 8 of the Lands Act, Chapter 184 of the Laws of Zambia)

Jurisdiction: Republic of Zambia

Document Type: Declaration – Non-Title Customary Land Holding

A. DECLARANT'S INFORMATION

Full Name: _____

NRC Number: _____

Village/Settlement: _____

Chieftdom: _____

District / Province: _____

Contact Number: _____

Email (if applicable): _____

B. DESCRIPTION OF LAND OCCUPIED

Location: _____

Approximate Size (hectares or square metres): _____

Boundaries:

- North: _____
- South: _____
- East: _____
- West: _____

Use of Land: Residential Farming Grazing Business Community

Other: _____

Date of Initial Occupation: _____

C. NATURE OF LAND HOLDING

I hereby declare that I have customarily occupied and used the land described above continuously and peacefully, without dispute, and with the full knowledge and consent of the local community and traditional authority, namely His/Her Royal Highness Chief/Chieftainess _____.

I affirm that:

1. The land is not subject to any formal leasehold or title under the Ministry of Lands.
2. There are no pending disputes, claims, or encumbrances relating to the land to the best of my knowledge.
3. I acknowledge that the land remains under customary tenure and shall not be sold, transferred, or alienated without adherence to customary procedures and applicable law.

D. ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (tick where applicable)

- Recommendation Letter from Headperson
- Site Sketch or Hand-drawn Boundary Map
- Consent Letter from Chief / Chieftainess
- Witness Affidavits (2 or more community members)
- Receipts or Tax Records (if any)
- Other (specify): _____

E. GOVERNING LAW AND LEGAL BASIS

This declaration is made pursuant to:

- Lands Act, Cap. 184 (Section 8) – Recognition of customary tenure
 - Customary Land Administration Guidelines (2023)
 - Urban and Regional Planning Act No. 3 of 2015 (for spatial planning where applicable)
 - Constitution of Zambia (Amendment) Act No. 2 of 2016, Article 256–257
 - Penal Code, Cap. 87 – For fraudulent or false land claims
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F. DECLARATION BY LANDHOLDER

I, the undersigned, declare that the information provided herein is accurate and made in good faith, with full understanding of the legal consequences under Zambian law for false declarations.

Declarant Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

G. CONFIRMATION BY HEADPERSON

I, Headperson _____, of [village], within the jurisdiction of [Chiefdom], confirm that the above-named individual has lawfully and peacefully occupied the stated land within our community under customary tenure, and to the best of my knowledge, the claim is valid and undisputed.

PC | LP

Signature of Headperson: _____

NRC Number: _____

Date: _____

Official Stamp (if applicable): _____

H. ENDORSEMENT BY TRADITIONAL AUTHORITY (OPTIONAL)

This declaration is acknowledged and endorsed by the Traditional Authority.

Name of Chief/Chieftainess: _____

Signature / Thumbprint: _____

Seal / Stamp (if applicable): _____

Date: _____

I. LEGAL OFFICE USE / VERIFICATION NOTES

(To be completed by legal practitioner or Land Rights Officer)

Reviewed by: _____

Firm / Institution: _____

Observations: _____

Recommended Action: Conversion to leasehold Further verification

Customary record filing

Signature: _____

Date: _____