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**Abstract**

It has been observed that the resurgence in resource nationalism in the past decade worldwide has profound implications for all economic sectors including protected areas. However, a review of the international protected area literature reveals a paucity of studies that make use of the construct of resource nationalism as an analytical framework. This paper addresses this gap by bringing to the fore how Zimbabwe's ruling party has deployed and extended this construct from the 2000 land reform programme to one of the world's largest private wildlife sanctuaries. In doing so, the paper relies heavily on the debates and legitimations of the ruling elite and other stakeholders around the indigenization of the SVC. It was found that a range of actors attempted to use resource nationalism as a 'resource' to further their own private and economic interests whilst others resorted to the conservation discourse. One of the main conclusions of this paper is that managers of protected areas need to be sensitive to the resurgence in resource nationalism. The study suggests possible solutions around the indigenization of SVC and indicates directions for future research.