

Appendix

African Wild Dog Dispersal and Connectivity under Climate Change - Lessons Learned from Seasonal Flood Extremes

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A.1 Dispersal Model

The model employed to simulate dispersal was based on an integrated step selection function (iSSF). In (integrated) step selection functions (iSSFs, Fortin et al., 2005; Avgar et al., 2016), observed GPS locations are converted into steps (the straight-line traveled between two GPS recordings (Turchin, 1998)) and compared to a set of *random* steps in a conditional logistic regression framework (Fortin et al., 2005; Thurfjell et al., 2014; Muff et al., 2020; Fieberg et al., 2021). The model presented in (?) used dispersal data collected on 16 dispersing AWDs from a free-ranging wild dog population in northern Botswana. GPS data during dispersal was collected at 4-hourly intervals and translated into steps of similar duration. Observed steps were then paired step with 24 random steps that were generated using a uniform distribution for turning angles ($-\pi, +\pi$) and step lengths from a gamma distribution fitted to observed steps (scale $\theta = 6'308$ and shape $k = 0.37$). It was then assumed that animals assigned to each observed and random step a selection score of the form (Fortin et al., 2005):

$$w(x) = \exp(\beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \dots + \beta_n x_n) \quad (\text{Equation S1})$$

Where (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) represent the covariate values along each of the steps and the $(\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_n)$ are the animal's relative selection strengths Avgar et al., 2017 towards these covariates. The benefit of *integrated* SSFs over regular SSFs is that they provide a means to render two complementary "kernels". A *movement* kernel that describes general movement behavior of dispersing AWDs and a *habitat* kernel that describes preferences of AWDs with regards to environmental conditions (Fieberg et al., 2021). iSSFs also allow interactions among the two kernels and are thus suitable to render that movement behavior may change depending on habitat conditions. A fitted iSSF model can be used as an individual-based movement model to simulate dispersal (Signer et al., 2017; ?)

A.2 Source-Specific Heatmaps

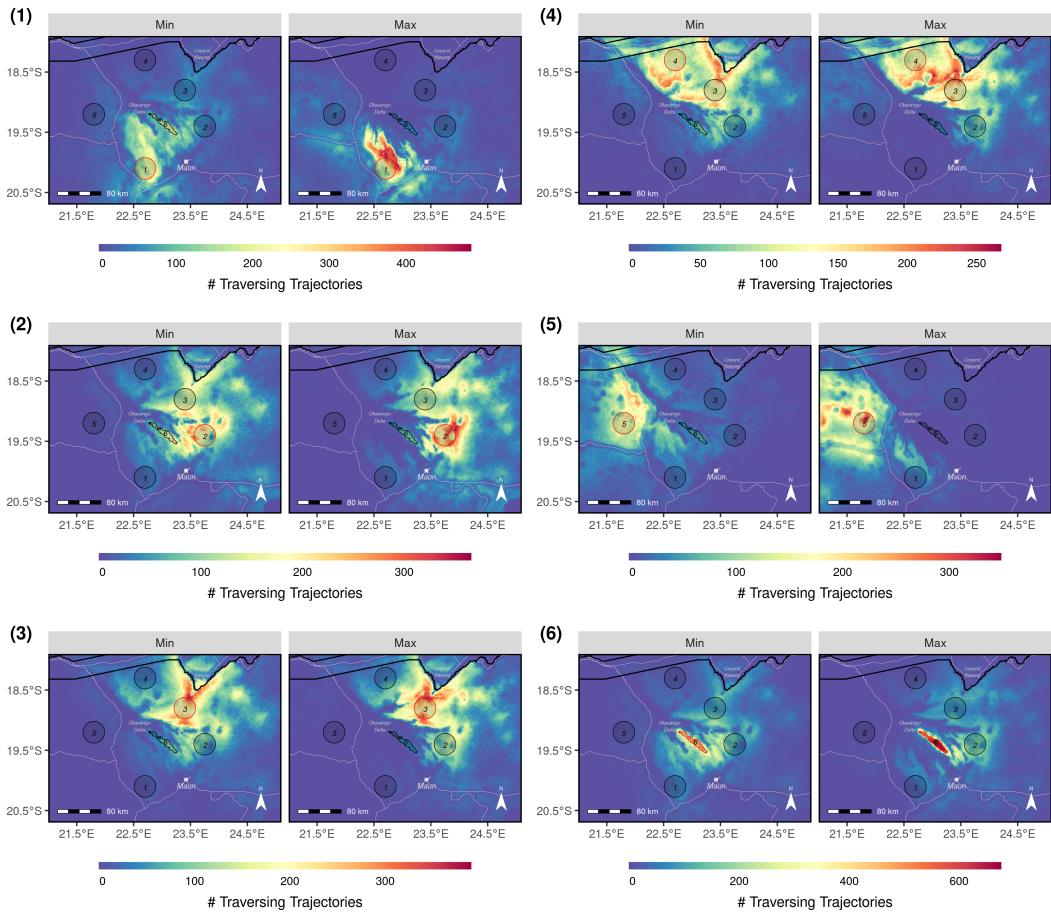


Figure S1

A.3 Source-Specific Betweenness

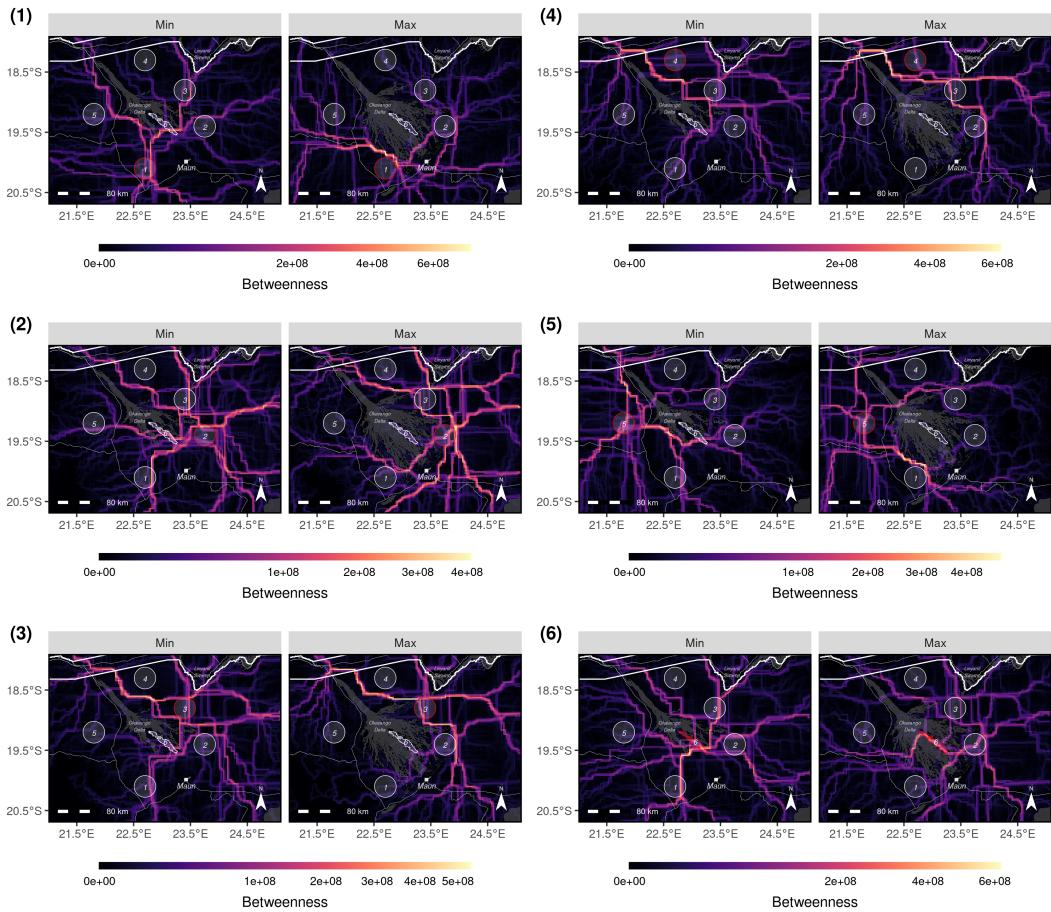


Figure S2

A.4 Source-Specific Human Wildlife Conflict

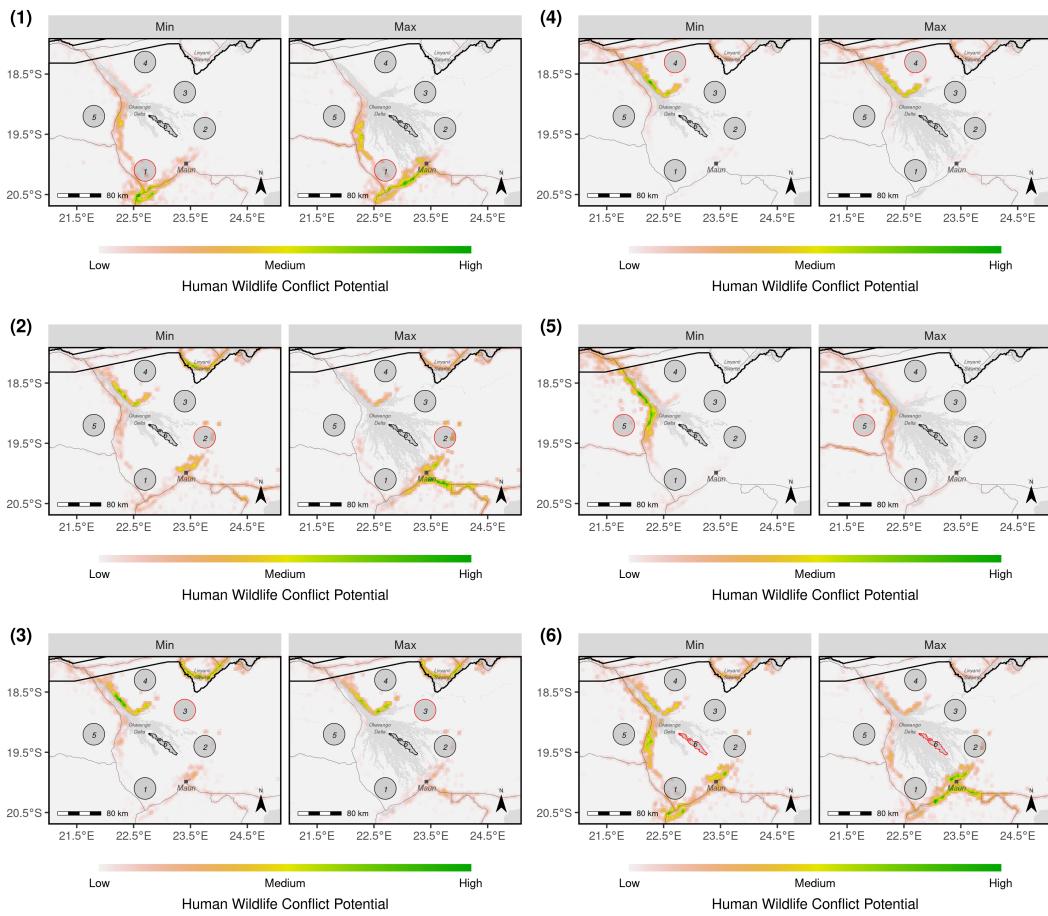
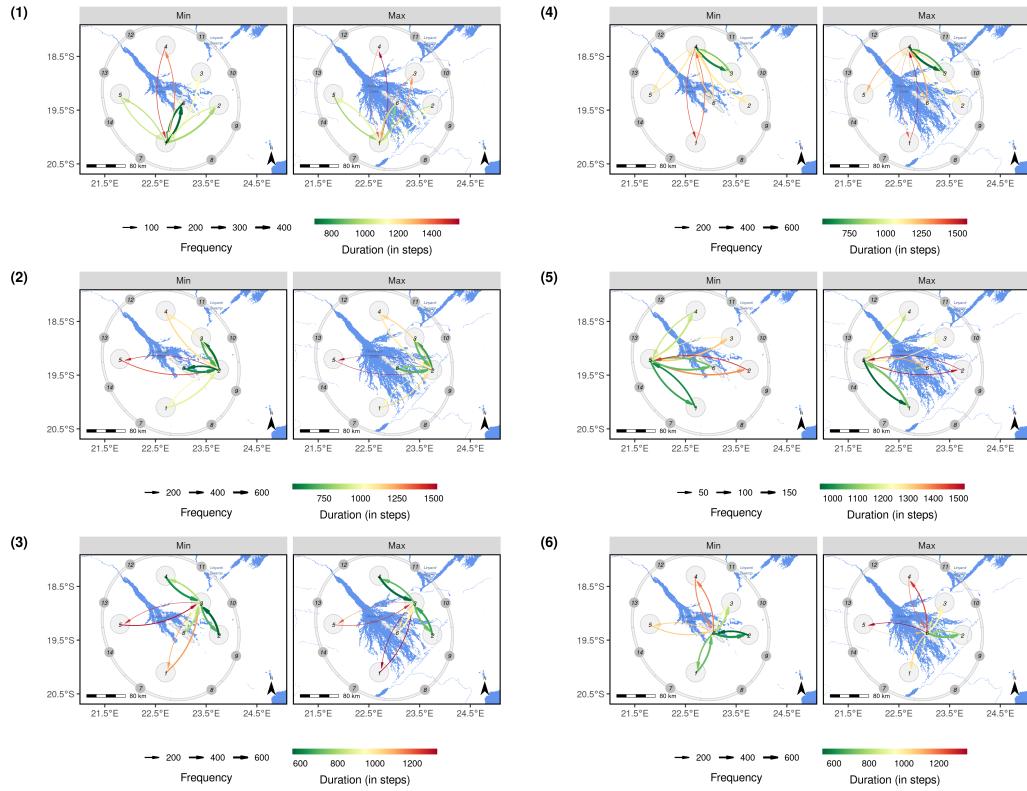


Figure S3

A.5 Source-Specific Inter-Patch Connectivity



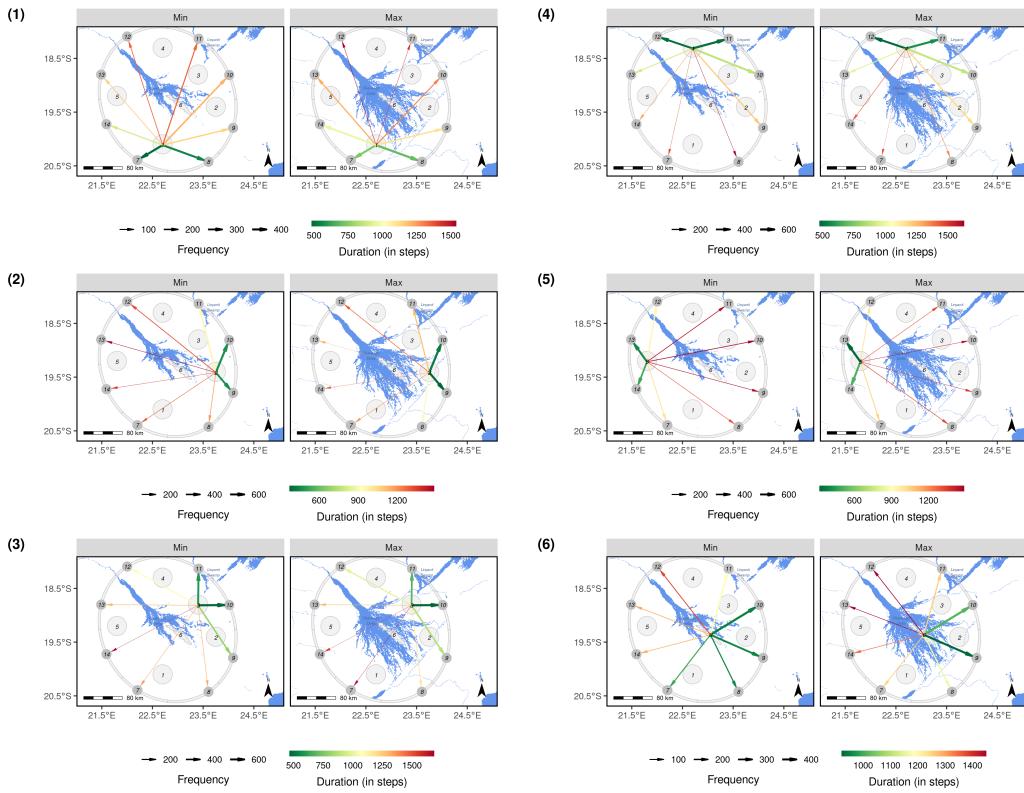


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A.6 Emigration

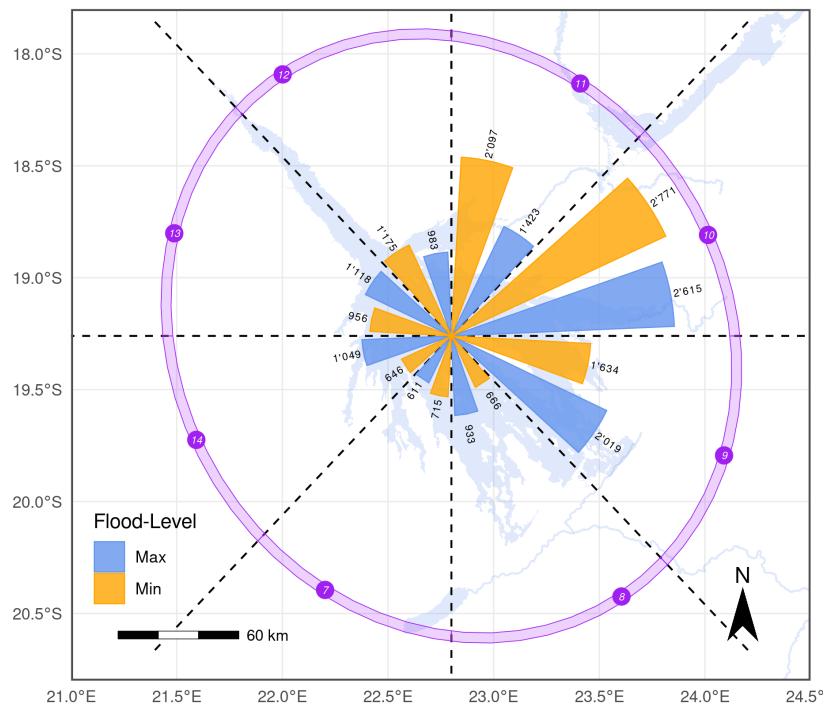


Figure S6: Absolute number of simulated AWDs moving into each of the designated emigration zones (purple), in the minimum and maximum flood scenarios.

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