

SOUTH AFRICA

Is it legal to fly recreational drones in your country?	Yes, but only to restricted areas.
Are there any regulations on flying recreational drones at present?	<p>Yes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fly at or below 400 feet. - Keep your UAS within sight. - Never fly near other aircrafts or near any airports. - Never fly over groups of people. - Never fly over stadiums or sports events. - Never fly near emergency response efforts such as fires. - Never fly under the influence. - Be aware of airspace requirements. - Fly/operate Remotely Piloted Aircraft or toy aircraft in a safe manner, at all times. - Remotely Piloted Aircraft or toy aircraft should remain within the visual line of sight at all times. - Fly/operate RPA in daylight and clear weather conditions. - Inspect the aircraft before each flight.
Do you need a licence or any certification to fly recreational drones?	They may only be used for an individual's personal and private purposes where there is no commercial outcome, interest or gain. For all other use an RPA must be registered and may only be operated in terms of Part 101 of the South African Civil Aviation Regulations, for instance if being used for a movie etc.
What is the maximum height recreational drones can be flown above ground level?	400 feet
What is the law on recreational drones in your top tourist locations?	Drones are prohibited in all national game parks and wild life sanctuaries. Over any tourism facilities including (hotels, lodges and campsites) Over any wildlife in a manner in which the RPA will disturb such wildlife.
More information	http://www.caa.co.za/Pages/RPAS/Remotely%20Piloted%20Aircraft%20Systems.aspx

BOTSWANA

Is it legal to fly recreational drones in your country?	Yes, but only to restricted areas.
Are there any regulations on flying recreational drones at present?	<p>Yes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The RPA shall not be flown unless the Operator is present; - The Operator will at all times maintain Visual-Line-of-sight (VLOS) with the RPA. This will be accomplished unaided by any device other than corrective lenses; - RPA will be flown below 400ft Above Ground Level at all times and no further than 500m from the Operator at the controls of the RPA; - The Operator may make use of a Visual Observer (VO); - The Operator or the VO may not fly more than one RPA at any one time; - The RPA registered in Botswana is not permitted to cross International Boundaries; - No person shall operate an RPA unless they have in their possession the certificate issued by the Authority for each RPA in operation and the user manual for the RPA. - RPA's are prohibited in all controlled airspace unless with the specific permission of the relevant Air Traffic Controller authority and then only if two way communication with that authority can be maintained and within a 3km radius of an unmanned airfield.
Do you need a licence or any certification to fly recreational drones?	Yes, non-citizens or non-residents who wish to bring an RPA into Botswana for the purpose of flying it within the country, should apply to the Civil Aviation Authority of Botswana (CAAB) in writing giving seven days' notice.
What is the maximum height recreational drones can be flown above ground level?	400 feet
What is the law on recreational drones in your top tourist locations?	Drones are prohibited in all national game parks and wild life sanctuaries. Over any tourism facilities including (hotels, lodges and campsites) Over any wildlife in a manner in which the RPA will disturb such wildlife.
More information	http://www.google.co.za/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=1&ved=0ahUKEwi6nfib07PXAhXDKMAKHWMVBPMQFggkMAA&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.caab.co.bw%2Ftemp%2FREMOTE%2520CONTROLLED%2520AIRCRAFT%2520A2%2520Poster.pdf&usg=AOvVaw2S-Pml_rOlyz7w49GxXPUr

NAMIBIA

Is it legal to fly recreational drones in your country?	Yes, but only to restricted areas.
Are there any regulations on flying recreational drones at present?	Yes, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV), Drones or Quadcopters for photography requires prior consent from the CEO or the Control Warden. Permission is sometimes granted to reputable photographers or film production companies in conjunction with the issuing of a commercial or documentary filming permit and if the use of such a UAV is strictly controlled and monitored by Reserve staff.
Do you need a licence or any certification to fly recreational drones?	Drones can be used on commercial and communal land with the permission of the land owner, unless its located in close proximity to any rhino or elephant populations.
What is the maximum height recreational drones can be flown above ground level?	150 feet
What is the law on recreational drones in your top tourist locations?	Drones are prohibited in most Government owned or controlled areas, National Parks including Namib Rand Nature Reserve, Etosha, Palmwag, Twyfelfontein, Damaraland, Skeleton Coast, Sossusvlei and anywhere near any airports or airfields.
More information	http://www.uavsystemsinternational.com/drone-laws-by-country/namibia-drone-laws/

ZAMBIA

Is it legal to fly recreational drones in your country?	Yes, but only to restricted areas.
Are there any regulations on flying recreational drones at present?	<p>Yes</p> <p>No person shall operate an RPA unless they have in their possession:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- a valid RPA Pilot Licence.- a copy of the ROC and associated Op Spec.- the certificate of registration for each RPA in operation.- a copy of the RLA.- user manual for the RPA and the remote pilot station. <p>No RPA shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- tow another aircraft.- perform aerial or aerobatic displays.- be flown in formation or swarm.- be flown adjacent to or above a nuclear power plant, prison, police station, crime scene, court of law, national key point or strategic installation. <p>The holder of an ROC, and as approved by the Director General, no RPA shall be operated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- above 400 feet above the surface.- within a radius of 10 km from an aerodrome; and within restricted or prohibited airspace.- No person shall act as pilot of an RPA, except when undergoing a skill test or receiving flight instruction, unless he or she is in possession of a valid Remote Pilot Licence (RPL) in the relevant category.
Do you need a licence or any certification to fly recreational drones?	Yes, you require registration and certification of drones. No RPA shall be operated within the Republic of Zambia, unless such RPA has been issued with a Remotely Piloted Aircraft System Letter of Approval (RLA) by the Director General.
What is the maximum height recreational drones can be flown above ground level?	400 feet
What is the law on recreational drones in your top tourist locations?	Drones are viewed as a security risk through spying hence they have tight regulations for them to operate. Therefore drones need to be registered and its location is established. There is also a concern that they could be used for animal poaching.
More information	http://www.uavsystemsinternational.com/drone-laws-by-country/zambia-drone-laws/

ZIMBABWE

Is it legal to fly recreational drones in your country?	Yes, but only to restricted areas.
Are there any regulations on flying recreational drones at present?	Yes Do not: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Fly a drone unless you have a valid, Civil Aviation Authority Zimbabwe (CAAZ) issued license.- Fly a drone that isn't fit to fly.- Fly drone from two different control stations.- Fly it when weather is so bad that others cannot see your drone.- Land a drone on or take off from a road, fly along a road, or within 30m from a road.- Fly it in controlled airspaces.- Deliver or drop stuff from drone, or carry dangerous goods.- Use drugs or alcohol within 8 hours of flying a drone, or while flying it.- Tow another drone- Fly drones in formation or in a swarm, do tricks in the air or perform aerial or aerobatic roll in an emergency to avoid collision.- Fly a drone 400 feet (122 meters) above the surface, or within a radius of 3 nautical miles from an airport.- Fly a drone next to or above a prison, police station, crime scene, court of law, national key point or strategic installation.- Fly a drone beyond visual line of sight or fly it at night.- Fly a drone above or 30m above a person (or group of people) unless you are together.- Fly a drone 30m from a building unless you have the building owners permission.
Do you need a licence or any certification to fly recreational drones?	Yes, a valid Civil Aviation Authority of Zimbabwe (CAAZ) issued license and a Remote Pilot Licence.
What is the maximum height recreational drones can be flown above ground level?	400 feet
What is the law on recreational drones in your top tourist locations?	Drones are viewed as a security risk through spying hence they have tight regulations for them to operate. Therefore drones need to be registered and its location is established. There is also a concern that they could be used for animal poaching.
More information	https://www.techzim.co.zw/2016/05/drone-regulations-zimbabwe-15-dos-donts/

