

Improving local community livelihoods and habitat through equitable governance and effective management of Burunge Wildlife Management Area

Type of priority area	Key Biodiversity Area – Transboundary areas)	Key Landscape for Conservation	Terrestrial Protected Area
Primary objective	Governance		
Target groups	Local Communities	Indigenous People	
Main activity focus	Participation	Capacity Building-Awareness /creation	

Duration
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Type of grant & budget
Medium Grant | 135,880.37 €

Location
Tanzania, Eastern Africa

Protected & Conserved Areas
Burunge Wildlife Management Area

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Project Lead
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Project Partners
Burunge Wildlife Management Area

Description of the project :
The overall project goal of the project is to build the capacity of Burunge Wildlife Management Area governing bodies to better understand and perform their roles efficaciously, leading to an effectively managed WMA that protects natural resources, benefits local communities, and utilizes SAGE outputs as critical guidance to enhance management and governance of the protected area





Diagnostic Tools Used

Site Level Assessment of Governance and Equity (SAGE)



The BIOPAMA Action Component Objectives Addressed

- ✓ Enhance the management and governance of priority areas by addressing existing limitations;
- ✓ Enforce the legal framework required to achieve effective biodiversity conservation in protected areas;
- ✓ Support local communities' initiatives aiming to enhance the livelihoods of local people whilst effectively contributing to protected areas' management



Priority Need Addressed

- ✓ The project will address the key actions from the SAGE assessment; by establishing long-term plans, stakeholder forums, and implementing communication strategies to foster trust and transparency for improved governance of the PCA. The project will also focus on increasing awareness among community stakeholders regarding their rights in decision-making and resource access.

The change the project implementation will bring for the protected areas:

1. Change how Burunge WMA works as a team where governance and management execute their roles.
 - o Governance provides oversight of management (meeting regularly to review progress and approve plans) and regularly communicates with communities:
 - ✓ Management is able to professionally and transparently manage their finance and activities with accurate reports shared quarterly, as agreed per policies and commitments to relative stakeholders. • All stakeholders will have an agreed common goal and direction to work towards.
 - ✓ Stakeholders have been involved in the development of BEST that outlines clear long-term goals within the first 6-months of the project. Actions to deliver goals are clearly communicated with potential donors and investors.
 - ✓ WMA management is using BEST to develop annual work plans.
2. Trust and relationships between stakeholders and Burunge WMA is established due to regular communications and engagement:
 - ✓ There are regular meetings at least every 6 months to discuss issues as well as BEST implementation progress, collaboration in tourism marketing and product development activities.
 - ✓ Stakeholders are provided with quarterly and annual reports of the WMA activities and progress relevant to the stakeholder groups.
3. Communities understand the goal of the WMA, their rights within the WMA, and the benefits of the WMA and value the WMA:
 - ✓ Hour-long film is made in year 2 and shown to all 10 villages communicating the goals of the WMA, shared benefits, challenges, and successes.
 - ✓ Posters will be shared with the community that communicates the rights of the citizens, the land and resource use zones within the WMA, and the purpose of WMA laws and policies within year one.



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