

Strengthening community management, governance and sustainability of MBOMIPA Wildlife Management Area

Type of priority area	Indigenous and Community Conserved Area (ICCA)	Key Landscape for Conservation	Terrestrial Protected Area
Primary objective	Governance		
Target groups	Local Communities	National or local PA agency	
Main activity focus	Management Plan	Enforcement	Legal framework/Regulation
	Participation	Human-Wildlife conflict	Protected Area Management Effectiveness (PAME)
	Capacity building		Protected Area Governance Effectiveness (PAGE)



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Type of grant & budget
Medium Grant | 17 1118.09 €



Location
Tanzania, Eastern Africa



Protected & Conserved Areas
Idodi-Pawaga (MBOMIPA) Wildlife Management Area



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Project Lead

Southern Tanzania Elephant Program (STEP)

Project Partners

MBOMIPA Wildlife Management Area (MBOMIPA WMA)

Description of the project :

The project goal is to equip MBOMIPA governing bodies to understand and perform their roles efficiently, resulting in the recruitment of an effective management team that increases transparency about rights of access, governance structures and management priorities, engages stakeholders and effectively communicates progress. This will enable the WMA to provide benefits to local communities through provision of mitigating human-elephant conflict and through attracting investors to conduct tourism activities. Once the communities of the WMA feel benefit from its existence, they will participate in protection of natural resources





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; and
- ✓ Support local communities' initiatives aiming to enhance the livelihoods of local people whilst effectively contributing to protected areas' management.



Priority Need Addressed

- ✓ Strengthening the capacity of the newly elected Authorised Association (AA) members by training them in governance best practices (as well as roles and responsibilities) to ensure the MBOMIPA Wildlife Management Area (MBOMIPA WMA) is being managed according to national and WMA legal frameworks, to ensure all rights and laws are adhered to and enabling clear communication to all stakeholders.
- ✓ Enabling MBOMIPA WMA to recruit the management, hiring, and training with the necessary skills, tools, and control systems to effectively manage the WMA, effectively separating the roles and responsibilities of management from the oversight function of the AA and the Board.
- ✓ Enhancing community awareness of the laws governing the WMA, the roles and responsibilities of the governing bodies and their rights with regard to resource access, input and dispute resolution.
- ✓ Improving community perceptions of the WMA through developing Business Enterprise Sustainability Tool (and initially dialoguing with investors) and through the provision of HWC Mitigation Methods (via existing Protection Capacity), enhancing livelihoods through reducing the economic impact of human-wildlife conflict.



The change the project implementation will bring for the protected areas

As a direct result of this project, STEP expects to continue collaborating with MBOMIPA WMA with the goal of significantly enhancing the management and governance by addressing existing limitations, and aiming to attain the following changes:

- ✓ The capacity of newly elected Authorised Association members will be strengthened resulting in the recruitment of an effective management team that will increase transparency about rights of access, governance structures and management priorities, engage stakeholders and effectively communicate progress.
- ✓ Enabling the WMA to provide benefits to local communities through the provision of mitigation measures for human-elephant conflict and by attracting investors to conduct tourism activities.
- ✓ Community participation in the protection of natural resources of the WMA once they feel benefits from its existence.

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