

Community Based Natural Woodlands Management Project

Country	Tanzania
Sector	Environment
Implementing Agency	Iringa District council (District Natural Resources Office) with technical support from the Forestry and Bee-keeping Division of Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism.
Duration	Until December 31 st 2003
Starting date	June 1 st 1999
Overall Budget	DKK 16,140,000 ~ USD 1,916,864 (February 02) ~ Tsh 1,754,347,826 (February 02)

Description

The aim of the Project is to introduce and promote community based natural resources management that provides long-term environmental benefits by safeguarding the future existence of selected natural woodlands in Iringa District as well as directs benefits to the rural communities in line with the new Forest Policy (1998), the Wildlife Policy (1998) and the Land Act (2001) as well as the Village Land Act (2001). During phase one, models for management of natural woodlands and local structures will be developed and strengthened for initially one village owned forest area and one national forest reserve. The management plans will be developed and implemented jointly by the villagers, forestry staff at district level with support from Iringa District Council and technical assistance from Danida.

By enhancing the villagers authority over the revenues derived from forest products and wildlife, both women and men of different ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds are expected to benefit. The Iringa District Council – through its Department of Natural Resources – will play a facilitating and monitoring role and will, in turn, have its revenue base improved through increased district cess from forest related products in the two pilot areas.

Immediate Objectives

First, to develop, test and implement widely replicable Community-based Forest Management models for environmentally sustainable management of natural forests and woodlands in the pilot areas.

Second, to support capacity development in natural forest, woodlands and biodiversity resource management in Iringa District.

The underlying strength of the Immediate Objectives is that they define the two crucial levels of MEMA activity: first, to assist villages and communities and, second, to support District-level capacity to sustain this activity.

The NWMP Component will be supported during Phase I for a period of 4 years.

The first Immediate Objective requires seven outputs

1. Replicable participatory systems for woodland management developed.
2. Socio-economic, marketing, vegetation and biodiversity surveys undertaken.
3. Participatory Forest Management Plans for pilot areas submitted.
4. Village and forest boundaries mapped and demarcated in collaboration with local communities and relevant authorities.
5. Activities aimed at better forest management inside the target forest areas and improved forest resources outside the targeted forest areas supported.
6. Marketing of forest products supported.
7. Monitoring and Evaluation System established.

The second Immediate Objective requires five outputs

1. Selected district-wide activities aimed at capacity development for improved natural resource utilisation and management supported.
2. Identify and develop local systems of revenue generation, collection and retention which provide durable incentives for improved forest resource management.
3. District-level training and capacity building for technical and administrative-staff of IDC and FBD undertaken.
4. Research projects and bibliographies supported.
5. Management structures, staff equipment, vehicles and buildings necessary for project implementation established.

Phase I will be undertaken with a commitment of long-term follow-up support.

Pilot area

The Miombo forests selected for first phase are:

- 1) Nyang'oro range (118.700 ha public land) in the Northern part of the district. The target villages surrounding this area are Mkulula, Usolanga, Mangawe, Nyang'oro, Chamdindi, Ikengeza, Makuka, Izazi, Migori and Makatapura.
- 2) Kitapilimwa Forest Reserve (3.685 ha) north of Iringa town. Target villages are Kiwele, Mfyome, Kitapilimwa, Itagutwa, Kinywang'anga and Ikengeza.

Management

The component is managed with the Udzungwa Mountains Forest Management and Biodiversity Conservation Component (UMFM) by the Joint Project Management Unit (JPMU). The two components are jointly named: MEMA; which is an abbreviation for the Swahili sentence: Matumizi Endelevu ya Misitu ya Asili (Sustainable use of natural forests).

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