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## **DEDICATION**

This conference volume is dedicated to the memories of Karanja Murira (1947–1998) and Christine Mrema (born Mmari) (1959–1997).

Karanja Murira was the Director General of TAFORI and chairman of the Eastern Arc Mountains Conference Planning Committee. His contribution to the realisation of the conference, and thus to these proceedings was immense. May he rest in peace.

Christine Mrema died in a motor accident while conducting field survey work for one of the papers presented in this volume. We hope that the final product serves as an acknowledgement of her achievements. May she also rest in peace.

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The Eastern Arc Conference was held in Morogoro, Tanzania, between 1 and 5 December 1997. It was attended by over 200 delegates from a wide variety of countries, representing biologists, resource managers and social scientists with an interest in the biodiversity and conservation of the mountain forests and associated human communities of the Eastern Arc Mountains of Kenya and Tanzania. The gathering was a great success with papers presented by experts from all over the globe to the assembled delegates. In addition 53 posters were exhibited and discussions held on a number of relevant subjects in six working groups.

Funding for the conference was provided by a variety of donors. Especially thanked in this regard are FINNIDA, DANIDA–ENRECA, the RSPB, Belgian Aid and NORAD. Collectively these organisations funded the main expenses of the conference and paid for the participation of a number of delegates. Considerable time and energy was committed before and during the conference by members of the Tanzania Forestry Research Institute (TAFORI), members of the FORST (Finnish Support for Forestry Research in Tanzania) Project, staff of the Danish Centre for Tropical Biodiversity (CTB) and the Zoological Museum in Copenhagen, and representatives of the National Environment Management Council, University of Dar es Salaam, Sokoine University of Agriculture, Tanzania Forest Department, the National Herbarium in Arusha, and the GEF programme in eastern and Southern Africa.

A Planning Committee held several meetings prior to the conference to oversee the development of the programme and planning of the main aims of the conference. A wide variety of Tanzanian Institutions was represented on this committee, and its members were K.K. Murira (Chairman), M. Nummelin, G.C. Kajembe, J. Salehe, L. Nshubemuki, U. Eerola, J.S. Mgoo, T.H. Msangi, A.W. Chihongo, M.L. Mhando, J. Saramaki, N.D. Burgess, W.A. Rodgers, K.M. Howell, P. Phillipson. A further Task Force, mainly of staff members of TAFORI, attended to the practical details of the conference organisation and its implementation. This group consisted of K.K. Murira, M. Nummelin, T.H. Msangi, L. Nshubemuki, M.L. Mhondo, A.W. Chihongo and N.D. Burgess.

Their efforts led to the good organisation of the conference and in particular the presence of the Vice President of Tanzania (Dr Omar Ali Juma), the Honourable Minister for Natural Resources (Mrs Zakia Meghji), and the Director of Forestry and Beekeeping (Professor S. Iddi).

An editorial committee made comments on the papers, and this edited volume. This committee consisted of the editors of this volume and Peter Phillipson, Lars Dinesen, Tom Romdall and especially Louis A. Hansen who read the entire proceedings twice and found many errors.