



COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION, GENDER EQUITY AND EQUALITY

Local communities surrounding the EAMs are at the heart of our work, we employ participatory approaches in forest management and empower communities to undertake alternative livelihood activities that would help to reduce poverty and direct dependency of forest products. Gender equity and equality are our key consideration.



OUR CONTRIBUTION TO SDGS

Our work through conservation of the Eastern Arc Mountains (EAMs) has the potential to contribute significantly to the attainment of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through ensuring continued flow of ecosystem services and support to alternative livelihood activities.



OUR CONTRIBUTION TO NATIONAL POLICIES AND DEVELOPMENT PLANS

Our projects translate into actions national policies, strategies and plans related to biodiversity conservation, poverty reduction, community development. We take advantage of the Tanzania's Development Vision to incorporate innovations within the communities to help them increase income and improve livelihoods while conserving the environment as their main capital.



OUR WORK AND THE NATIONAL ECONOMY

- The EAMs where our work is concentrated are the catchment areas feeding waters to major hydro-power stations such as Kidatu, Mtera, Kihansi, Nyumba ya Mungu, Pangani and Hale, including the Stiegler's Gorge.
- The waters also feed 25% of Tanzania's population in upstream and downstream Regions of the EAMs depends on water from rivers fed by EAMs catchment areas.
- Millions of Tanzanians benefit from direct access to forest products of EAMs
- The mountains and protected areas we conserve attracts Tourists and provide revenues to the Government.

ABOUT US

The Eastern Arc Mountains Conservation Endowment Fund (EAMCEF) is a Trust Fund that was established and functions as a long-term and reliable funding mechanism to support Community Development, Biodiversity Conservation and Applied Research Projects, which promote the biological diversity, ecological functions and sustainable use of natural resources in the Eastern Arc Mountains of Tanzania.

VISION

Our Vision is to see that Eastern Arc Mountains and the people who depend on them live in harmony as one sustainable ecosystem.

MISSION

Our mission is to catalyse resources to foster conservation of forest biodiversity in the Eastern Arc Mountains of Tanzania through investment in sustainable community development and livelihood improvement, sustained financing for protected areas management and financial support to applied biodiversity and climate change research.



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EAMCEF At A Glance

About our work and how we support
conservation of the Eastern Arc
Mountains of Tanzania



THEMATIC AREA 1: PROTECTED AREAS AND CLIMATE CHANGE MANAGEMENT








Our support in protected Areas is aimed at improving the ecological functions of the Eastern Arc Mountains ecosystem and to strengthen the management capabilities of the responsible institutions - there by enhancing resilience to climate change impact and potential mitigation functions.

-  Forest boundary management
-  Nature trails establishment, and management
-  Forest surveillance and rehabilitation of degraded areas
-  Ecotourism support and marketing: through campsite establishment and improvement and infrastructure development



THEMATIC AREA 2: COMMUNITY BASED CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT (CBCD)

Local communities surrounding the Eastern Arc Mountains are at the heart of our work. We are committed to support alternative economic activities in order to improve the rural livelihoods and social welfare of these forest adjacent communities.

-  Poultry keeping and dairy animal husbandry
-  Butterfly farming, Beekeeping, and Fish farming
-  Tree planting, agroforestry, Horticulture and Fruit production
-  Capacity building and Environmental conservation
-  Reforestation and rehabilitation of degraded areas
-  Energy efficient stoves and Biogas technology
-  Conservation agriculture and enterprise development

THEMATIC AREA 3: APPLIED BIODIVERSITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE RESEARCHES

We support researches relevant to the conservation of biodiversity in the priority Eastern Arc Mountains.

-  Carbon storage potential of the EAMs and climate change impacts
-  Biodiversity conservation
-  Beekeeping
-  Agroforestry
-  Vegetation recovery
-  Environmental education
-  Opportunity costs for Nature Reserves
-  Payment for Ecosystem Services
-  Policy and laws

