

Global ICCA Database Mgori Forest, Tanzania

CCA Basic data

Site Name (in local language and in English)	Mgori Forest
Country (include State and Province)	Tanzania (Singida District)
Area encompassed by the CCA (specify unit of measurement).	44,000 ha
GIS Coordinates (if available)	
Whether it includes sea areas (Yes or no)	No
Whether it includes freshwater (Yes or no)	No
Marine (Y or N)	No
Concerned community (name and approx. number of persons)	5 villages (Ngimu, Pohama, Unyampanda, Nduamghanga, Mughunga)
Is the community considering itself an indigenous people? (Please note Yes or No; if yes note which people)	No
Is the community considering itself a minority? (Please note Yes or No, if yes on the basis of what, e.g. religion, ethnicity)	No
Is the community permanently settled? (Please note Yes or No; if the community is mobile, does it have a customary transhumance territory?)	Yes
Is the community local per capita income inferior, basically the same or superior to national value? (please note how confident you are about the information)	Unknown
Is the CCA recognised as a protected area by governmental agencies?	Yes- Village Land Forest Reserve; declared, not yet gazetted; process started in early 1990's
Conflicts with land tenure, natural resource use?	No local ability to manage or benefit from recovering wildlife populations in forest
What is the main management objective (e.g. livelihood, cultural, spiritual...)	Livelihood- forest conservation
To which IUCN management category do you consider it would best fit	VI

Additional qualitative information

Main ecosystem type	Miombo woodland
Description of biodiversity & resources (ecosystems, species, functions) conserved by the CCA	<i>Brachystegia</i> woodland; recovering large mammal populations including small number of elephants
Description of local ethnic groups and languages spoken	
Broad historical context of the CCA	CBFM initiated in early 1990's following open access degradation of the forest and conflicts over its gazettelement as a central forest reserves
Governance structure for the CCA (who takes management decisions, how?)	Village committees, Village Councils, Village Assemblies
Length of time the governance model has been in place	Village forest management since mid-1990's; village governance institutions since 1970's
Land and resource ownership in the CCA	Village land under Village Councils and Village Assemblies
Type of land use in the CCA	Forest
Existence of written or oral management plans and specific rules for the use of natural resources in the CCA	Village forest management plan and village by-laws for each village
Map and zoning of the CCA (please attach if available and relevant,)	No map available. Located approximately 55 kms to the west of Singida town
Relevant pictures with captions (please attach if available)	
Major threats to biodiversity and/or the CCA governance system	Encroachment for agriculture
Local CCA-relevant features, stories, names, rules and practices	Mgori is also one of the landmark CBFM efforts in Tanzania that catalyzed broader adoption of decentralized forest management as a core national strategy in the 1998 Forest Policy and Forest Act of 2002
Contact details for individuals and organisations	District Forest Officer, Singida District
References relevant to specific CCA	Wily, LA. 1997. Villagers as Forest Managers

	and Governments 'Learning to Let Go': The case of Duru-Haitemba and Mgori Forests in Tanzania. Forest Participation Series, No. 9. IIED, London, UK. 32 pp
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