

## Global ICCA Database Mmeta Sacred Grove, Tanzania

### CCA Basic data

Site Name (in local language and in English)	Mmeta Sacred Grove
Country (include State and Province)	Tanzania (Tabora Region)
Area encompassed by the CCA (specify unit of measurement).	0.2 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)	Traditional Ugunda chieftancy of Wanyamwezi in Igalula area
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)	Same
Is the CCA recognised as a protected area by governmental agencies? (Yes or no; if yes, how? If no, is it otherwise recognized?) If yes, legal document? Establishment date?	No
Conflicts with land tenure, natural resource use?	No
What is the main management objective (e.g. livelihood, cultural, spiritual...)	Spiritual - chieftan burial site
To which IUCN management category do you consider it would best fit (this does not imply that the management objective is consciously pursued by the concerned community, but that it is actually achieved)	III

### Additional qualitative information

Main ecosystem type	Miombo woodland
Description of biodiversity & resources (ecosystems, species, functions) conserved by the CCA	Low biodiversity value – typical miombo woodlands species
Description of local ethnic groups and languages spoken	Wanyamwezi (Kinyamwezi)
Broad historical context of the CCA	300 year old burial site established under traditional (pre-colonial) chieftancy
Governance structure for the CCA (who takes management decisions, how?)	Protection of area through traditional taboos and local sanctions
Length of time the governance model has been in place	Centuries
Land and resource ownership in the CCA	Village land
Type of land use in the CCA	Burial site
Existence of written or oral management plans and specific rules for the use of natural resources in the CCA	No
Map and zoning of the CCA (please attach if available and relevant.)	No map. Exact location unknown
Relevant pictures with captions (please attach if available)	
Major threats to biodiversity and/or the CCA governance system	Encroachment and weakening of traditional taboos possible
Local CCA-relevant features, stories, names, rules and practices	
Contact details for individuals and organisations	Not known
References relevant to specific CCA	Mgumia, F.H. and Oba, G. 2003. "Potential role of sacred groves in biodiversity conservation in Tanzania." Environmental Conservation 30(3): 259-265.