



## TANZANIA

### USIMAMIZI ENDELEVU WA MALIASILI

The Usimamizi Endelevu wa Maliasili (“Resilient Natural Resources Governance”) activity works to conserve land, wildlife, forests, and water resources in the Lyamba Iya Mfipa ecosystem. The activity also strengthens resilience of local communities in the Rukwa region through improved natural resources governance.

The Lyamba Iya Mfipa ecosystem, rich in biodiversity and a critical habitat for endangered red colobus monkeys and other species, is facing increasing threats from activities that compete for land, such as pastoralism, crop cultivation, mining, and illegal logging. The influx in land-based investments also threatens biologically sensitive areas and water sources that provide for communities. Furthermore, lack of good governance hinders participation, rule of law, accountability, and transparency in the management of natural resources, exacerbating the degradation.

Usimamizi Endelevu wa Maliasili realizes its objectives through a series of citizen-centered interventions that improve the capacities of local communities and their respective local government authorities to holistically manage natural resources. Interventions include trainings, public debates and sensitization meetings, media platforms, and community study visits.

The activity promotes the enforcement and implementation of laws and policies that integrate natural resources and climate change as indispensable tools for attaining good governance and sustainable management of natural resources.

The Program's interventions include:

- Develop and implement inclusive land-use plans, by-laws and other natural resources management processes and tools.
- Improve capacity of communities to hold institutions entrusted with managing natural resources accountable.
- Improve capacity of communities and local government authorities to manage natural resources; and
- Ensure communities are aware and knowledgeable of natural resources governance, social accountability monitoring, and climate change.

## RESULTS

- 99.1 hectares of biologically significant areas under improved management
- 1,874 people with improved economic benefits derived from sustainable natural resource management and/or biodiversity conservation
- 15 committees formed for external oversight of public resource use in natural resources management
- 34 oversight actions reported by communities for leaders entrusted with natural resources management to take actions.
- 7 cases of suspensions/ arrest/detentions/ charges/ license revocations reported by village Social Accountability Monitoring committees
- 4,754 Certificates of Customary Right of Occupancy (CCROs) issued to individuals and joint/co-ownership of men, women to enhanced land tenure in the project area.

**BUDGET** \$2.88 million

### DURATION

March 2020– March 2025

### ACTIVITY LOCATIONS

Rukwa Region (Nkasi and Sumbawanga Districts)

### IMPLEMENTING PARTNER

Lawyers' Environmental Action Team (LEAT)

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