



*Chimpanzee in Gombe Stream National Park. Conserving biodiversity supports both wildlife and surrounding communities.
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TANZANIA

LANDSCAPE CONSERVATION IN WESTERN TANZANIA

Partnering with the Jane Goodall Institute (JGI), the Landscape Conservation in Western Tanzania (LCWT) activity works to protect endangered chimpanzee populations, safeguard their habitat through effective land use planning, and empower local communities by supporting more productive and sustainable livelihoods in the Gombe-Masito-Ugalla (GMU) landscape. The GMU landscape is located in Western Tanzania which has over 90% of Tanzania's estimated 2,200 chimpanzees.

This important population of chimpanzees is facing increasing threats due to habitat loss and fragmentation from illegal logging, settlement expansion, and conversion of habitat for agricultural purposes. Chimpanzees are also directly at risk from nearby human communities through disease transmission and human-wildlife conflict.

Underlying these threats, rapidly growing human populations in Western Tanzania are depleting natural resources and expanding unsustainable land use practices. These issues, paired with inadequate capacity of local government to effectively manage natural resources, have limited conservation outcomes.

Guided by JGI-led chimpanzee conservation action plans at regional and national scales, the LCWT activity will increase the organization's reach from 74 villages to 104 in the Kigoma and Uvinza districts in the Kigoma region, and the Mpanda and Tanganyika districts in the Katavi region. This includes the former refugee settlements in Katumba and Mishamo.

The program's activities include:

- **Natural Resource Management:** Building the capacity of local governments to facilitate conservation practice and effective natural resource management.
- **Land Use Planning & Sustainable Development:** Helping local governments and communities implement sustainable land use plans and livelihood development.
- **Population, Health and Environment:** Expanding activities to improve awareness of and access to reproductive health and family planning resources.
- **Monitoring:** Improving monitoring of conservation and development targets and threats using innovative technologies to compile, analyze and share data as part of a decision support and alert system. The information from the system will enable JGI and local stakeholders to test, validate and adapt decisions that will guide LCWT activities.
- **Environmental Education:** Expanding the reach and effectiveness of community-based sensitization and environmental education efforts to inspire behavior change that will protect chimpanzees and their habitats.

BUDGET \$19.9 million

DURATION

November 2018 – November 2023

ACTIVITY LOCATIONS

Kigoma and Katavi Regions

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER

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