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*Conserving biodiversity supports both wildlife and surrounding communities.  
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## TANZANIA

# PROMOTING TANZANIA'S ENVIRONMENT, CONSERVATION AND TOURISM (PROTECT)

The USAID PROTECT project partners with wildlife, conservation, and tourism organizations in Tanzania to address threats to biodiversity conservation and private sector-led tourism growth.

USAID PROTECT supports interventions that:

- Reduce threats to biodiversity such as human-wildlife conflict, habitat loss, and wildlife trafficking
- Empower a wide range of organizations to participate effectively in the policy-making process
- Build the capacity of institutions working with wildlife, conservation, and tourism
- Leverage private sector investment in the wildlife tourism sector
- Support local partners to implement conservation activities at a landscape scale

To meet its objectives, USAID PROTECT has a grants program worth \$4.5 million over five years to provide targeted support to conservation stakeholders, government institutions, and civil society organizations.

## RESULTS

- \$3.2 million in grants awarded to organizations working on wildlife and conservation policy: the Lawyers' Environmental Action Team, Jane Goodall Institute (JGI), Community Wildlife Management Areas Consortium, PAMS Foundation, Tanzania Natural Resource Forum, Southern Tanzania Elephant Program, Honeyguide Foundation, Tanzania Association of Tour Operators (TATO), Sea Sense, Likuyu Sekamaganga Community-Based Conservation Training Centre (CBCTC), Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism (MNRT), Tanzania Tourist Board, Chem Chem Association, and Ruaha Carnivore Project.
- Supported six key government and private sector institutions to develop their strategic plans. These include College of African Wildlife - Mweka, CBCTC, TATO, Pasiansi Wildlife Training Institute, Tanzania Private Sector Foundation, and Tanzania Wildlife Research Institute (TAWIRI).
- Trained 59 judicial, prosecutorial and wildlife officials on the use of the Rapid Reference Guide for the Investigation and Prosecution of Wildlife and Forest Crimes, in collaboration with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions in Tanzania. These trainings built capacities of officials to improve investigations, prosecutions, sentences and conviction rates.

### Policy Successes

- USAID PROTECT supported the Wildlife Division of MNRT and key stakeholders to establish the Wildlife Corridor Regulations 2018 to protect and secure habitat connectivity in Tanzania.
- USAID PROTECT, through a grant to JGI, supported TAWIRI to develop a national framework for chimpanzee conservation. The National Chimpanzee Conservation Action Plan was signed and officially launched on July 12, 2018 by the Minister of Natural Resources and Tourism.

**BUDGET** \$19.1 million

#### **DURATION**

April 2015 – December 2020

#### **ACTIVITY LOCATIONS**

USAID PROTECT works at the national level and in key biodiverse landscapes across Tanzania.

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