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Elephants in the Rufiji River.

## TANZANIA

### Tuhifadhi Maliasili

*Tuhifadhi Maliasili* (“Preserve Natural Resources”) is a five-year activity which aims to address threats to animal movement and biodiversity in Tanzania.

Tanzania is one of the world’s mega biodiverse countries, both ecologically and biologically, with over 55,000 confirmed species. The country has one of the 15 highest number of endemic species, and the 12th greatest number of bird species. Tanzania is home to one-third of total plant species and 20 percent of the large mammal species in Africa. Unfortunately, Tanzania has lost at least one-third of its important ecosystems over the past few decades. There have been generally downward trends in both the number of species and their individual population sizes. Just in the last decade, the number of threatened species in Tanzania has tripled. With wildlife tourism accounting for roughly 25 percent of foreign exchange earnings in Tanzania, the loss of key species will have a significant effect on economic and monetary stability.

In response to these challenges and obstacles, *Tuhifadhi Maliasili* has three objectives:

1. Build institutional capacities of both public and private stakeholders
2. Increase private sector engagement in biodiversity conservation and natural resources management
3. Improve the policy, regulatory, and enabling environment for biodiversity conservation and natural resource management

## PROJECT INTERVENTIONS

Tuhifadhi Maliasili's interventions include:

- Support for a range of governance tools to provide security and positive natural resource impacts
- Expand economic opportunities to generate more benefits at the community level
- Systematically integrate empowerment of women and youth
- Integrate approaches and coordinate activities between partners
- Focus on connectivity issues around key biodiversity areas
- Invest in natural resources information and data for decision-making and adaptive management

## EXPECTED RESULTS

By the end of the activity, the following results are expected:

- Strengthened capacity of Tanzanian government institutions to conserve biodiversity and sustainably manage natural resources
- Increased economic benefits from biodiversity and natural resource management-related enterprise activities for local communities in high priority areas
- Reduced wildlife and forest crime
- Key biodiversity areas and corridors better managed

**BUDGET** \$30.5 million

### DURATION

June 2021 – June 2026

### ACTIVITY LOCATIONS

Nationwide

### IMPLEMENTER

RTI International

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