

# Mitigating Human-Wildlife Conflicts in Tanzania

## The Challenge

Around a third of the area of Tanzania is made up of protected areas that preserve important ecosystems and large populations of wild animals. These areas also make the country more resilient to climate change and are important for Tanzania's economic development.

Nevertheless, the number of conflicts between people and wild animals is rising, as the growing population needs more land and other natural resources. Extreme weather events such as droughts are intensifying this competition. Damage caused by wild animals is becoming more frequent, particularly around protected areas and wildlife corridors.

Retaliation against wildlife threatens conservation. Local people do not benefit sufficiently from the use of natural resources for tourism and are too rarely involved in decision-making in respect of the protected areas. Consequently, they often perceive biodiversity as a restriction.

## Objective

The national strategy for managing human - wildlife conflicts (HWC) is being implemented holistically.

## Approach

The project targets the rural population south of the Nyerere National Park and the Selous Game Reserve in the Ruvuma landscape. It advises the authorities in four fields of action:

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### Coordination:

Improving the coordination capacities for the implementation of the National Human-Wildlife Conflicts Management Strategy.



### Response:

Increasing inter - institutional response capacity to imminent and acute human - wildlife conflicts.



### Management:

Improving the capacity of communities to manage human-wildlife conflicts in a gender-sensitive manner at the village level.



### Awareness:

Strengthening the capacities of relevant institutions to implement HWC-related awareness-raising activities at the national and district level.



*L. to r.: Elephants on the move in Selous ecosystem; Village Savings and Loan Association groups strengthen community resilience to wildlife-related damages by offering alternative income opportunities.*



*L. to r.: A farmer experienced crop destruction caused by elephants; Community members participate in barrier mitigation activities to reduce human-wildlife conflict.*



## Main Activities

- ▶ Support finalizing the National Human - Wildlife Conflict Management Strategy (NHWCMS) 2025-2035 and making it widely known
- ▶ Technical advice on intersectoral coordination for strategy implementation
- ▶ Technical advice to support the development of national guidelines for the sustainable financing of the NHWCMS implementation such as Village Games Scouts (VGS)
- ▶ Technical advice to strengthen the subnational institutional framework (Ruvuma zonal HWC Committee) for the implementation of the NHWCMS
- ▶ Training on operationalizing a Geographic Information System laboratory for HWC management
- ▶ Technical advice, construction and equipment for the establishment of priority ranger posts and mobile HWC intervention teams
- ▶ Training of rangers and VGS in safe response to HWC incidents and conflict mediation
- ▶ Capacity development to strengthen the effectiveness of the interinstitutional response to HWC
- ▶ Support implementation of an HWC early warning system in the Ruvuma landscape
- ▶ Support development of one district land use framework and 15 HWC-sensitive Village Land Use Plans
- ▶ Establish new and strengthen existing Village Savings and Loans Association groups in selected villages
- ▶ Advise on and support mitigation measures in villages through Community Action Plans
- ▶ Support journalist and media trainings to improve their reporting on biodiversity conservation
- ▶ Support development and implementation of the environmental education clubs (Malihai Club) approach at village level
- ▶ Support outreach programs for awareness-raising on HWC

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