

## Summary of Ipole WMA project

Title of the project	Sustainable management of the Ipole WMA
FGC's Reference of the project	FGC 21-50
Member association	Association for the development of protected areas (ADAP)
Country / Place(s)	Tanzania, Districts of Sikonge - Ipole
Main topic	Community-based natural resources management
Amount of the project in Tanzania	TZS 1,001,475,733
Requested contribution to FGC	CHF 399, 675
Duration of the project	January 2022 to December 2023
Sustainable Development Goals(SDG) concerned by the project	<b>10</b> Reduced inequalities <b>12</b> Responsible consumption and production <b>15</b> Life on land

### Abstract of the project

The Ipole wildlife management area harbours precious ecosystems and their natural resources. Human pressures are significant and the villages are trying to manage them despite the limited means at their disposal. The project aims to diversify financial resources and strengthen the capacity of JUHIWAI, the manager of the WMA. It will also develop income-generating activities, such as beekeeping, fishing or mushroom picking for the inhabitants.

### Context

The Ipole wildlife management area (WMA), that covers 2540 km<sup>2</sup>, is an ecological corridor between several protected areas and harbors different ecosystems and important wildlife populations (buffalo, elephant, lion, leopard, giraffe). The authorized association that manages the Ipole WMA, JUHIWAI, does not have the means to manage the entire area effectively, resulting in environmental degradation and loss of income for the villages that own the land. The natural products collected in the WMA by the local population are not certified to be sold on the retail market and are of insufficient quality to command a good price.

### Problem-solving approach

The project will strengthen the institutional, administrative, material and financial capacities of the local partner, JUHIWAI, through training by Tanzanian partners and ongoing technical support. The project will also support the compliance of legal documents, necessary for the proper management of the reserve. To improve the added-value chains of natural products, the project will also facilitate the acquisition of equipment and provide training to beekeepers, mushroom pickers and fishermen. It will also seek to reduce conflicts between users by supporting land-use plans and bringing together the natural resources stakeholders.

### Local partner

JUMUIYA YA HIFADHI YA WANYAMAPORI IPOLE (JUHIWAI)

### Targeted outcomes

Specific Objective 1: JUHIWAI's management capacity is strengthened and legal documents are updated to ensure the long-term management of the Ipole WMA.

Specific objective 2: Local producers have acquired the basic knowledge to harvest/produce sustainable natural products (beekeeping, mushroom picking, fishing and livestock keeping)

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## Planned activities

It is planned to carry out forest and wildlife inventories as well as a socio-economic study to understand the baseline conditions. JUHIWAI staff and committee will receive practical training in management, financial management, computer skills and English, and village game scouts will receive a 3-month technical training and a training in ecological monitoring. The project will facilitate the acquisition of modern equipment and provide specialised training to beekeepers, mushroom pickers, fishermen and livestock keepers to ensure that their practices comply with the legal framework and produce high-value products. The land use plans of the six villages will be updated.

## Beneficiaries

- JUHIWAI committee and staff (19),
- village game scouts (40),
- beekeepers (140),
- mushroom pickers (200),
- fishermen (60),
- livestock keepers (120)

Indirect: population of the 6 villages involved in the management of the Ipoie reserve (23,000 people).

