

Project summary - development project

Summary title of the project	Joint Forest Management of the Katavi - Ugalla corridor II
Project FGC reference	22-18
Member association	Association for the Development of Protected Areas
Country / Location(s)	Tanzania - Mlele District
Main theme	Community-based natural resource management
Total amount of the project	CHF 652,456
Contribution requested from the FGC	CHF 599,494
Duration of the project	August 2022 - July 2025
Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) concerned by the project	10 reduced inequalities, 12 responsible consumption and production, 13 climate action 15 life on land, 16 peace, justice and strong institutions.

The project in brief

The project aims to support 9 villages bordering the Mlele forest reserve in the implementation of a joint forest management. This will enable them to secure their rights, their uses and the revenues that come from this central government reserve. This phase will focus on the agreement and the management plan of the reserve, the development of the wild mushroom sector and the better inclusion of women and young people in the beekeeping activities.

Context of the project

The villages bordering the Mlele Reserve bear the restrictions associated with it but do not receive the financial benefits of its exploitation. Following several requests to better integrate local communities into the management of the reserve, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism proposed to ADAP and its partners to support a Joint Forest Management (JFM) Agreement, a model that allows for better benefit sharing with the bordering villages.

On the other hand, it was found that the wild mushrooms present in large quantities in the forests of the region are under-exploited and represent a strong income potential for the women if they are picked and dried properly.

Planned approach to the problem (750 characters including spaces)

The project will continue the JFM steps for the 8 villages already involved in the process and integrate a new neighbouring village from another district, Uruwira. In addition to continuing to build the capacity of the JFM committee, the project will support the drafting of the legal documents that are the management agreement and the management plan.

At the same time, the project will continue its environmental education approach by initiating the practice of agroforestry for the primary classes of the 9 villages.

With regards to the added-value chains, the emphasis will be placed on drying and packaging mushrooms to meet marketing criteria. More inclusive beekeeping will be targeted, with apiaries created near villages.

Local partners

Village governments of the 9 villages associated for the joint forest management of the reserve
ADAP Tanzania

Objectives to be achieved

1. 9 villages are involved in a process of joint forest management for the Mlele Forest Reserve and implement school agroforestry programmes
2. The development of added-value chains leads to the marketing of the first mushrooms and the marketing of beekeeping products on the retail market, with a focus on the support to women producers.

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Planned activities

- Prepare the management plan and the agreement document between the villages and the Tanzania Forest Services
- Facilitate the integration of Uruwira, into the process and build the capacity of the management committee
- Support wildlife and forest monitoring and surveillance operations
- Develop agroforestry plots in the primary schools of the 9 villages
- Providing beekeeping training for 30 young people who are failed or did not attend secondary school
- Strengthen and develop the workshop for the production of hives
- Build apiaries close to villages to facilitate access to beekeeping for women
- Equip villages with solar dryers for mushrooms
- Promote and regulate the wild mushroom added-value chain

Beneficiaries

Direct: JFM committee and staff (126), Village Game Scouts (34 youth), Beekeepers (850), Mushroom pickers (270), teenagers that left school (30), pupils (9 primary schools)

Indirect: population of the 9 villages (34'000 people), Mlele District authorities, Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism