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Wildlife Management Areas in Tanzania: The Best Hope for Equitable Benefit-Sharing

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What is development?

- How does it overlap with charity?
- Invest in a priority that have been identified by the community
- If you choose to be a responsible partner with your investment, you can play a long-lasting role in the development of the community and the long-term maintenance of the resources provided



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What is a WMA?

- Formalized community-based natural resources management
- Community-owned
- Decision was made to create a conservation area that recognized village land rights and communities ability to benefit from natural resources
- WMA regulations were formulated. 16 pilot areas around biodiversity anchors were established.
- Offers alternate model for tourism and other wildlife-based development.



Scale: 1:50,000
Map No. 100/1000
Date: 2015

- Water
- Campsite
- Church
- Hill
- Village
- Vodacom Mast
- Bridge
- Dam
- MARCO Office
- Wildlife Routes
- Roads
- Villages
- Conservation Area
- Forest Area
- National Reserve
- WIMA
- Farms
- Cultivated > 60%
- Permanent Wetland
- Proposed Zonation
- Conservation Area
- Re-settlement

Source: AFRICA RURAL MARKETING CENTER (AFRIMARK) 2015



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Development Obstacles

- **High cost of establishing a WMA and low resources**
- **AA capacity, especially in contract negotiation, doesn't result in a win-win situation for both the investor and the community**
- **Need for a benefit-sharing mechanism between government at all levels and WMAs, WMAs and investors**
- **Internal land use conflicts and conflicts between villages**
- **Adds value if district government supports to WMA process (esp. arbitration of land use conflicts, monitoring, TA)**



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WMA Responsibilities

- Law Enforcement: Anti-poaching, resource protection (wildlife, forests)
- Business development: private investment
- Policy: adherence to WMA land use plans and policies
- Community development: Transparency and social safety nets

Priv. Sector Opportunities

- Material support to village game scout operations
- Beyond the contract: being a responsible investor
- Obey and help promote the laws of the WMAs
- Respect the process



