



What is Forest Justice in Tanzania aiming to achieve?

Forest Justice in Tanzania will promote good governance and improved accountability in the forestry sector in Tanzania.

The initiative is a partnership between the Community Forest Conservation Network of Tanzania, known as MJUMITA and the Tanzania Forest Conservation Group.

The project is funded through the Accountability in Tanzania (AcT) programme and will operate from 2011 – 2013.

Project's Specific Objectives

- Governance within the forestry sector is improved.
- Tanzanian citizens benefit from forest ecosystem services.

Immediate outcomes

- Effective and sustained citizen demand for improved forest management and governance.
- Government leaders at all levels support effective forest management.

How will Forest Justice in Tanzania achieve its objectives?

The project will work through four inter-related strategies.

Strategy 1: Monitoring forest governance and forest condition.

The project will monitor forest governance and forest condition with a view to demonstrating the issues that contribute to the loss of Tanzania's forest values and to provide a benchmark for improvement in forest governance.

Activities under this strategy will include:

- Development and implementation of a governance tracking tool at community and local government level;
- Capacity building to communities to improve forest governance.
- Monitoring forest condition.

Strategy 2: Enforcement promotion

This strategy aims to encourage Central and Local Government to become more proactive in addressing forest crimes as well as building the capacity of community members to take action against governance shortfalls within the forest sector.

Activities under this strategy will include:

- Identifying and tracking forest governance issues through the establishment of a phone hotline to receive community reports on forest crimes and through the strengthening of MJUMITA networks;
- Following up on forest crimes with the relevant authorities;
- Providing direct support to communities to tackle forest governance issues.

Strategy 3: Research, analysis and communication.

The project will carry out research and analysis in order to determine where the obstacles lie to achieving improved forest management and forest governance.

Activities under this strategy will include:

- Research on key issues in relation to forest governance;
- Communication through media, printed materials and meetings on forest governance issues;

Strategy 4. Agreeing standards.

The project will work to promote best practices within the forestry sector. This will include promoting the National REDD standards and the National Forest Stewardship Council standards.

Activities under this strategy will include:

- Reviewing best practices in the forestry sector particularly in relation to REDD and timber harvesting;
- Encouraging private sector to adopt best practices in relation to REDD and timber harvesting;
- Promoting the supply of FSC standard timber from communities.





Where will the project operate?

Whilst some aspects of the project will operate at a national level, field-level activities in relation to governance monitoring and enforcement promotion will take place in the six zones that apply to MJUMITA networks:

- Eastern Zone - Morogoro, Pwani, and Dar es Salaam Regions
- Northern Zone - Tanga, Kilimanjaro and Arusha Regions
- Southern Zone - Lindi, Mtwara and Ruvuma Regions
- Southern Highlands Zone - Iringa Region
- Central Zone - Manyara, Dodoma, and Singida Regions
- Western Zone - Kigoma Region

During 2011, the focus will be on the Eastern, Northern and Southern zones, expanding to other zones in 2012 and 2013.

Project beneficiaries

The project aims to benefit rural communities across Tanzania, particularly those practicing community based forest management. The most direct impact of the Forest Justice initiative in Tanzania will be on the populations of the 450 villages where MJUMITA is currently active.

About the Tanzania Forest Conservation Group (TFCG)

TFCG's mission is to conserve and restore the biodiversity of globally important forests in Tanzania for the benefit of the present and future generations. TFCG has succeeded in rolling out innovative and high-impact solutions to the challenges facing Tanzania's forests and the people that depend on them.

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About MJUMITA

The Mtandao wa Jamii wa Usimamizi wa Mitsu Tanzania (MJUMITA) is a network of community groups involved in participatory forest management in Tanzania. The network provides a forum for capacity building, advocacy and communication for these groups.

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