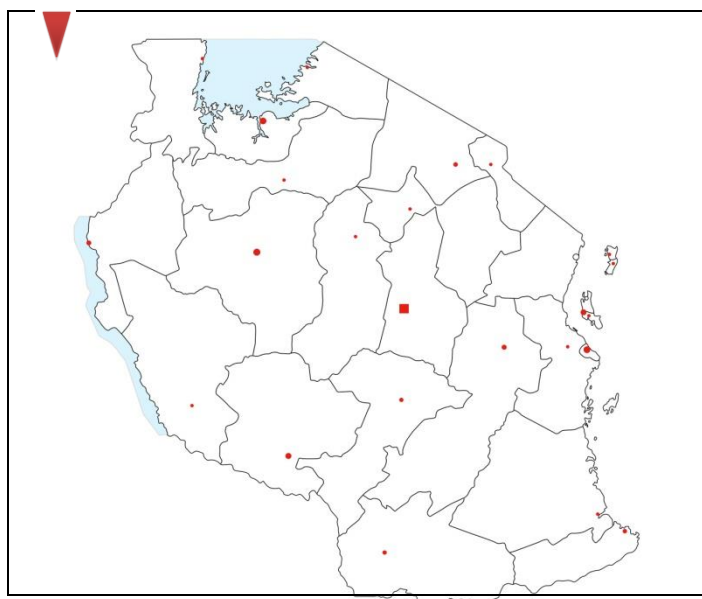




The project is been implemented in two countries Kenya and Tanzania, to contribute to conservation of Serengeti-Mara transboundary ecosystems through empowering local communities to adopt sustainable livelihoods and enhancing regional cooperation.



Key Information

Sector: Natural Resource Management

Lead Partner: Vi Agroforestry

Other Partners: Tanzania: Bunda Farmers Development Support Organization (BUFADESO) and Kenya: Fintea Growers Co-operative Union Ltd (Fintea)

Budget: EUR 1,070,000

Duration: 2018 – 2020

Background

The Serengeti-Mara transboundary ecosystem is renowned for its spectacular wildlife and scenery. It comprises multiple resource use areas and different categories of protected areas, communal and private lands extending from South-Western Kenya and into Northern Tanzania.

The ecosystem is governed by Narok County in Kenya and Tanzania National Park Authority (TANAPA) in Tanzania. Although the Trans Frontier Conservation Area (TFCA) is an integral natural asset to both countries, pressing natural resource management and biodiversity conservation challenges are threatening the ecosystem; these include socio-economic, environmental, climate change impacts as well as inadequate policy, legal and institutional responses. The project will be implemented in areas characterised by high poverty levels and human-wildlife conflicts.



Farmer Zuberi Kubagwa in Bunda District, Tanzania holding elephant dung picked from his farm.

Project Details:

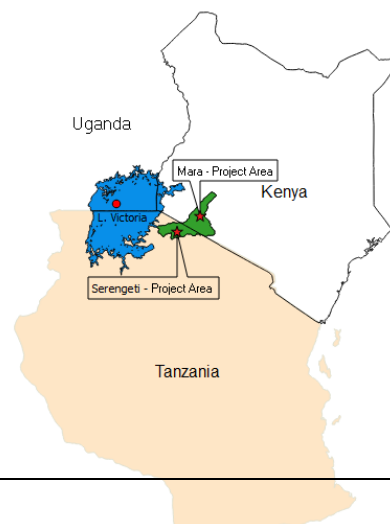
- The project is supporting interventions which improve cross-border collaboration in conservation as well as in law enforcement.
- Capacities of the target communities will be strengthened to adopt sustainable livelihoods and to support ecosystem management and wildlife conservation.
- The project embraces an integrated and coordinated approach among stakeholders for networking & collaboration in planning, implementation and communication of results. SEMA works together with smallholder farmers, Governments, Private sector and Research institutions to achieve its objective.
- The project is being implemented in areas adjacent to the ecosystem with high poverty index and human-wildlife conflict. At the regional level, the project works to bring together actors from Kenya and Tanzania including relevant government authorities and regional institutions for cross-border dialogue.
- To maximize its impact the project focuses on networking and outreach, dissemination of results, and integration of cross-cutting themes. Results-focused capacity building concerned with implementation and action ensures that participants learn by doing and that these new ways of working are adopted and passed on to others working on similar issues.

Expected Results

The objective of the SEMA project is to enhance regional cooperation and partnerships among stakeholders of the Mara-Serengeti Trans Frontier Conservation Area (TFCA) for its improved sustainable management. In doing so, the program will contribute to improved TFCA ecosystem as well as promote sustainable livelihoods development for local communities, and thereby ultimately to achieving environment -related SDGs. To achieve these goals, the project has focuses on the following key result areas:

Key Results

- Rehabilitated, protected & conserved wildlife corridors, their habitats and ecosystems leading to reduced human-wildlife conflict.
- Empowered local communities, including women and youth, engaged in sustainable income generating enterprises.
- Improved regional cooperation in enforcement of wildlife laws and sustainable management of the transboundary ecosystem.



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