

P2 / CAPACITY BUILDING TRAININGS

About 127 locals have been trained on conservation, composting and beekeeping in Mpimbwe.

P3 / YOUTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT

7129 youth in schools 20 out of school youth have been reached with various VIMA activities.

P4 / A DAY IN THE PARK

In 2018, we have taken 102 youth and 90 local community members and leaders to visit Katavi National Park.

P4 / THE GREENING MPIMBWE CAMPAIGN

A total of 10,807 trees were planted in schools and villages through this - campaign.



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The Landscape and Conservation Mentors Organization (LCMO) is an environmental Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) legally registered under the NGO Act of 2002 (Registration No. 00NGO 08464). LCMO's mission is to promote nature conservation and improve community livelihood through environmental conservation, conservation education, community-based conservation initiatives, ecotourism, wildlife and cultural activities. It aims to mitigate human wildlife conflict and enhance nature-related research. Currently, LCMO has two main environmental programs: WASIMA (Watu, Simba na Mazingira, or People, Lions and the Environment) and VIMA (Vijana na Mazingira, or Youth and the Environment). Other programs include: A Day in the Park, The Greening Mpimbwe Campaign and our Student Support Program.

Watu, Simba na Mazingira - WASIMA

People, Lions and the Environment

WASIMA and Expansion

We have successfully conducted situation analysis survey around Msagina Forest Reserve that buffers Inyonga - Mlele Forest Reserve, Northern part of Katavi National Park and area extending to the Katavi-Mahale wildlife corridor - using the Crowder Messersmith Conservation Grant. There are still negative human-lion interactions in these areas and WASIMA need to expand operations in villages around these protected areas. With the support from National Geographic Society we are establishing intensive stop illegal lion campaigns which starts by involving every possible stakeholder from lion killers themselves, Sukuma pastoralists, other community members, village leaders, wildlife officers and decision makers in respective regions and districts. We will be holding workshops and villages meetings and do public outreaches as we have done in Mpimbwe to spread the WASIMA messages to garner stakeholders commitment to coexist with lions.



Charles interviewing household members during WASIMA expansion survey at one of the villages in Nsimbo district

World Cleanup Day

To celebrate World Cleanup Day in 2018, Nomad Tanzania Trust and LCMO organized rubbish picking competition which involved local communities from Kibaoni, football players from Usevya and pupils from Sitalike, the winners got a chance to visit Katavi National Park, the aim of this program was to raise awareness on waste management.



Lion dancers at one of the households in Kashishi village, Mpimbwe district council

By-laws approval and Night Films

WASIMA managed to support and facilitate two more villages to approve stop lion killing and dancing practices. The villages make a sum of 20 villages that have ratified by-laws to stop illegal lion killings within their village boundaries in Mpimbwe, South of Katavi National Park.

To raise conservation awareness and activity in participation in saving lions and reduced habitat degradation and passion for conserving wildlife and their homes, community members we outreached village members through public conservation presentations, discussion, village assembly meetings and conservation film shows in 2018. A total number of 4725 people from seven villages among which 1820 were men, 1030 women and 875 were children just 2018 by the campaign in Mpimbwe and Sikonge, Eastern part of Ugalla ecosystem.



Jonathan facilitating Village Committee (VC) meeting to approve by-laws at Ikulwe village

Student Support Program (SSP)

We received Brevard Zoo Conservation Grant latest in 2018, to support more 200 pupils from the former 105. Moreover, we evaluated the pupils performance and attendance to school and results indicate good progress recommending further support of more emerging pupils performance factors such as presence of books and conducive school surroundings. We request more support for this program to maximize community's attitude and behavioral change to reduce human - wildlife conflict and halt poaching and over harvesting.



Emmanuel Stephen interviewing pupils with confidence and smile

Vijana na Mazingira - VIMA Youth and the Environment

VIMA project has reached over 7129 in 8 schools with different indoor and outdoor activities. Two youth groups with 20 members have benefited through our alternative livelihood programs.



Conservation film class with primary school student



Youth from Ilalanguru Primary school using binoculars donated by UC Davis during the outdoor learning activities.

Educating young generation is the key for future conservation success

VIMA activities have been shaped to equip youth with both the theoretical and practical conservation experience. In the year ended 2018, we conducted weekly indoor environmental classes and showed conservation films in all 8 schools under our program. Beside indoors lessons, we also had several outdoor learning activities for students. The students were involved in nature walks within their school compounds and provided with guide for identifying different flora and fauna in their surrounding. VIMA project also support different club alternative livelihood projects such as beekeeping and tree planting. With such projects, the income generated has enabled youth to establish micro-finance loans that help them support their individual income-generating projects



Giraffe training

To help increase environmental clubs teachers capacity, Wild Nature Institute in collaboration with LCMO facilitated training of 20 teachers from 10 schools on giraffe conservation.



Loebach- Miller Library Project

Nomad Tanzania Trust supported the establishment of a library project in Usevya secondary and Kakuni primary school. The libraries serve about 2000 students. The resources donated include 1782 text books, 4 book shelves, one table and two laptops. Two teachers were also trained on library management.



Compost training

Nomad Tanzania Trust and The Guardian Project in collaboration with LCMO facilitated compost training to build the capacity of the community groups especially farmers to improve farming practices and how to utilize locally available resources to make organic fertilizers. A total number of 72 people from 4 villages attended the training.



Beekeeping training

Beekeeping has been identified as a useful income generating option in Mpimbwe. To improve honey production, Nomad Tanzania Trust and LCMO supported a training of 23 farmers from different villages of Mpimbwe. 5 hives and modern honey harvesting equipment were donated to the trainees.



A Day in the Park

Despite living on its doorstep, few local community members have ever got a chance to visit Katavi N.P. Each year, we organize for wild safaris to community members from villages bordering this park through our program 'A Day in the Park'. The goal of this program is to give locals a chance to visit this area of great natural beauty, learn about wildlife and the environment. Through this program, we have enabled 102 youths, 90 community members and leaders in 2018 enjoy positive experiences with wildlife and also help them interact with the park authorities where they got a chance to discuss on conservation issues and different ways they can collaborate to create a better coexistence between people and wildlife. During 'A Day in the Park', participants visit many of Katavi's finest sites including; Lake Chada where the Mpimbwe god 'Katabi is thought to herd his hippopotami, the hippo pool and Katsunga plain which host a great number of various herbivores. They are also given talks by the park staff on the benefits of the park and emphasize on the role of role of locals in ensuring long term survival of the park for the benefit of the current and future and future generation.



Youth being briefed about the History of the park by a park ranger, Mr. Pele.

The Greening Mpimbwe Campaign:

The Greening Mpimbwe Campaign has been spreading environmental conservation message in Mpimbwe by supporting tree planting since 2016. Until now the campaign has been responsible for planting of 10,807 different kind of trees. Just in 2018 over 8700 trees were planted, 2000 of them are fruit tree. We focus on multipurpose trees to enable the local community get timber, fruits and even herbs. LCMO supported two villages environmental clubs with seedlings and polythene bags for growing trees which we donate to people.



Students with saplings that were donated during our annual greening campaign held in Tupindo Primary School.

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