What are the expected results of the project

1. Community Based Forest Management
   The project is supporting 12 villages to prepare village land use plans and establish village forest reserves within the South Nguru landscape.

2. Joint Forest Management
   The project is supporting the communities and the Tanzania Forest Services to work together to manage Mkingu Nature Reserve and Kanga Forest Reserve in a more effective, efficient and equitable way with benefits and costs being shared between the two parties through joint forest management.

3. Enterprise development
   The project is working with the communities to identify opportunities for income generation and enterprise with a particular focus on sustainable use and management of forest resources.

4. Local and national government capacity enhanced
   The project is building the capacity of the District and TFS staff to sustain support for participatory forest management and community development.

5. Monitoring, evaluation, documentation and communication
   The project is implementing a monitoring, evaluation and communication framework to ensure that the progress of the project is properly documented; the impact is understood; and lessons learned have been generated.

Partnership
The project is implemented through a partnership between TFCG, MJUMITA, Mvomero District Council and Tanzania Forest Service.

About the Partners’

Tanzania Forest Conservation Group (TFCG)
TFCG is a national non-governmental organization whose mission is to conserve and restore the biodiversity of globally important forests in Tanzania. Through TFCG’s five programmes: advocacy, participatory forest management, environmental education, community development and research, 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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Tanzania Community Forest Conservation Network (MJUMITA)
MJUMITA is a national network of community groups which enables forest adjacent communities to engage more actively in participatory forest management. The network provides a forum for capacity building, advocacy and communication for these groups.
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Tanzania Forest Service (TFS)
TFS is a national agency which has been given a mandate to manage national forest reserves and plantations, bee reserves, and forest and bee resources on general lands. The mission of TFS is to sustainably manage the National forest and bee resources in order to contribute to the social, economic, ecological and cultural needs of the present and future generations
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Mvomero District Council (MVDC)
MVDC is one of the six districts of Morogoro Region. The Council has a key role to play in supporting the establishment of participatory forest management and village land use planning; and in ensuring the sustainability of the project’s interventions.
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Project overview
The project aims to alleviate poverty and improve economic resilience among marginalized rural, natural resource-dependent communities living in Mvomero District. The project is being implemented in the South Nguru Mountains, a globally important site for biodiversity conservation due to the presence of many endemic and threatened plant and animal species. Rapidly increasing pressure on the forests and woodlands of the South Nguru Mountains threatens to undermine rural livelihoods and to result in biodiversity and habitat loss. There is potential for communities to benefit more directly from the forests and the project is therefore seeking a win-win scenario of improved livelihoods and more effective and participatory forest management. The project is funded by the European Union for five years between 2013 – 2017.

What the project is trying to achieve
The project aims to strengthen participatory forest management and sustainable economic development around the South Nguru Mountains.

How the project will achieve its objectives
The project will achieve its primary objective by creating tangible benefits from forest management in ways that respond to people’s priority needs – namely economic and social development.