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ADDING VALUE TO THE ARC: Forests and Livelihoods in the South Nguru Mountains, Tanzania



Artisanal gold mining in Mkingu NR. Mining is one of the forest degradation drivers within the project landscape. *J. Gwegime*



Deforestation in Mkingu NR. The project's analyses show an annual deforestation rate of 0.81 % within Mkingu NR. *J. Gwegime*



A village natural resources committee member sets a camera trap. The traps have recorded 9 mammal species incl. leopard.



18 species of reptile and amphibian are strictly endemic to the South Nguru Mountains. *M. Menegon*



The project has supported 20 women and 52 men to adopt beekeeping *H. Chikira*.



Village land use planning uses participatory methods to ensure poorer households are involved. *H. Chikira*



Community members assess the forest resources within a proposed village forest reserve. *R. Njilwa*

Overall objective: To alleviate poverty and improve economic resilience among marginalised rural communities in Mvomero District.

Specific objective: To strengthen participatory forest management and sustainable economic development around the South Nguru Mountains.

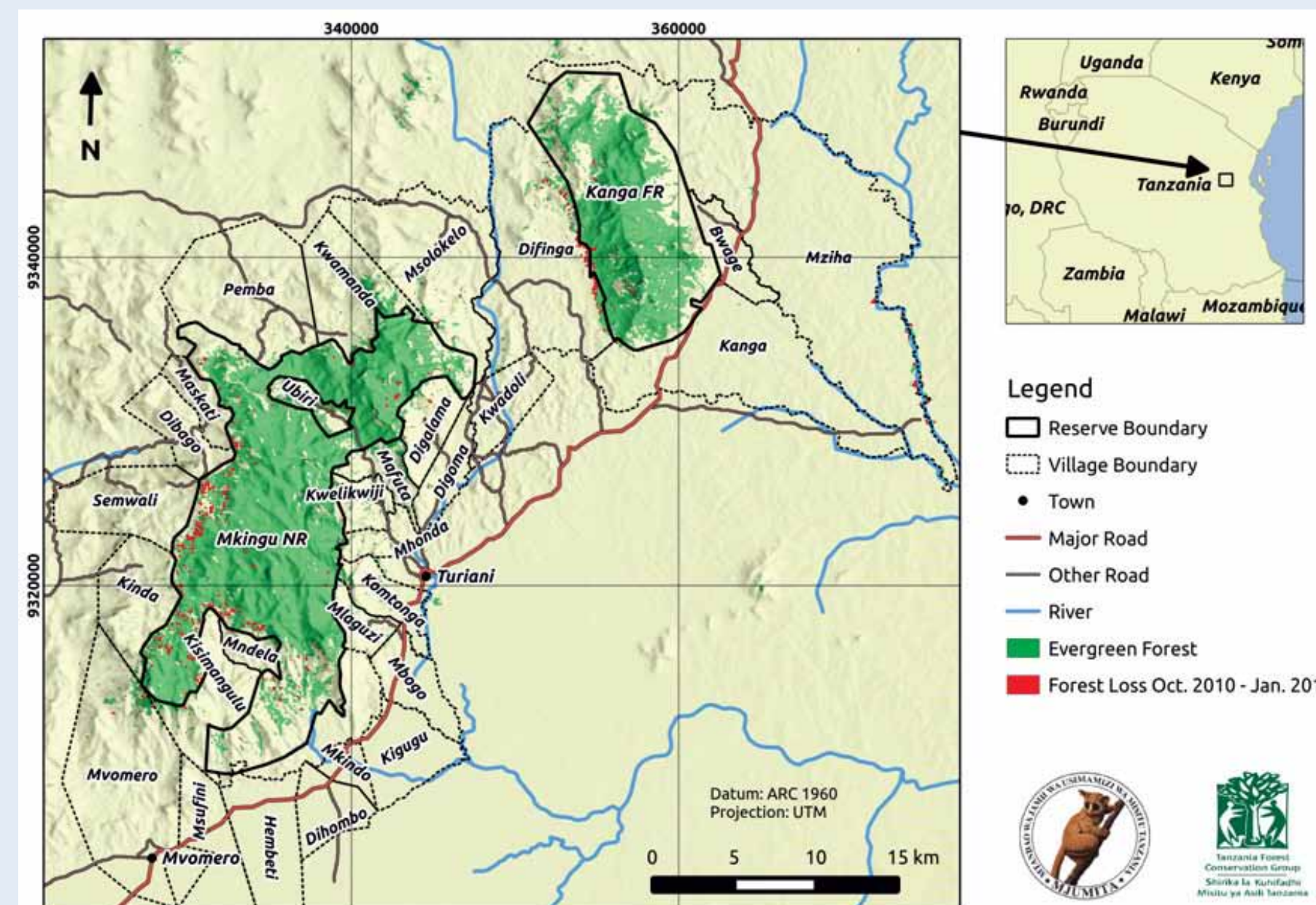
Expected Results:

1. Community-level institutions and district authorities exercising legislated rights and responsibilities for management of forest resources on village land.
2. Community-level institutions and central government agencies exercising legislated rights and responsibilities for co-management.
3. Conservation-compatible enterprise opportunities developed at community level.
4. Capacity of government institutions to implement forest management enhanced
5. Project impacts objectively measured, verified and attributed, and experiences synthesised and communicated.

Location: 31 villages in Mvomero and Turiani Wards of Mvomero District, Morogoro Region, Tanzania.

Duration: 1st January 2013 – 31st December 2017.

Project partners: Tanzania Forest Conservation Group, the Community Forestry Network of Tanzania (MJUMITA), the Tanzania Forest Service and Mvomero District Council.



The **South Nguru Mountain Forests** are a biodiversity hotspot surrounded by a densely inhabited area of significant poverty and marginalisation. Poverty and limited income-generating opportunities threaten both the sustainability of livelihoods and the ecological integrity of the forests. Forest is being rapidly cleared for agriculture, timber and charcoal, including forest within protected areas.

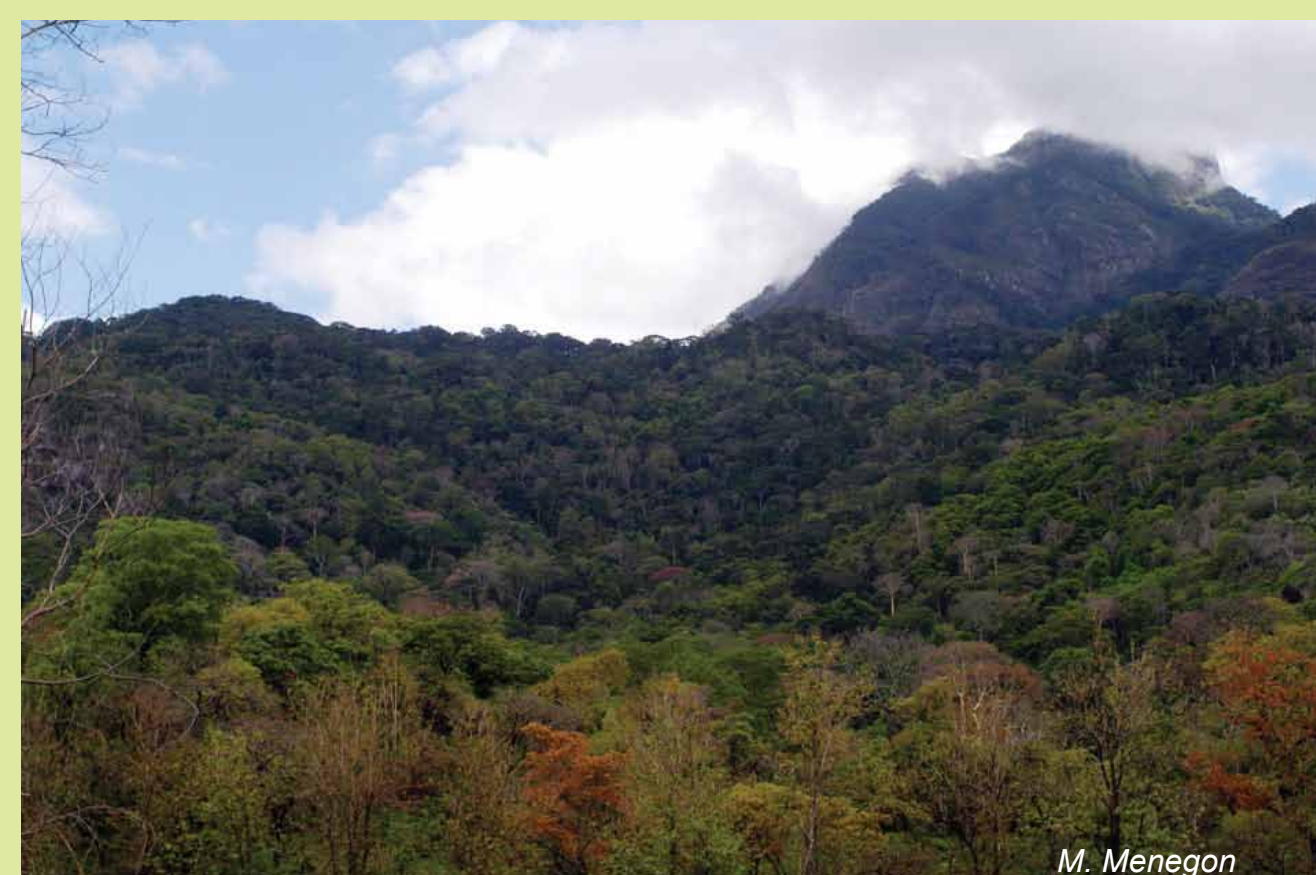
Achievements between January 2013 – May 2014

- 3 communities have included 2,334 ha of village-owned forest in new village forest reserves (see map below). The management plans have been officially approved and are now being implemented.
- 3 communities have developed village land use plans and have begun to implement these. The plans reflect the communities commitment to reduce deforestation. They will be now being to apply for REDD (Reducing Emissions of Greenhouse Gases from Deforestation and forest Degradation) validation and verification.
- An analysis of deforestation within government reserves has been carried out and the results are being used as part of evidence-based advocacy for more effective and participatory reserve management.
- The process of establishing formal joint forest management between the government and the communities has started through awareness raising meetings and trainings on good governance.
- Training on microfinance has been provided to 177 women and 117 men from 11 Village Savings and Loans Association groups in 3 villages; and training and start-up equipment have been provided for beekeeping groups involving 72 people in two villages.
- The project has provided training to government staff on participatory forest management and good governance.
- A biodiversity and forest condition monitoring programme has been initiated with the participation of community members.

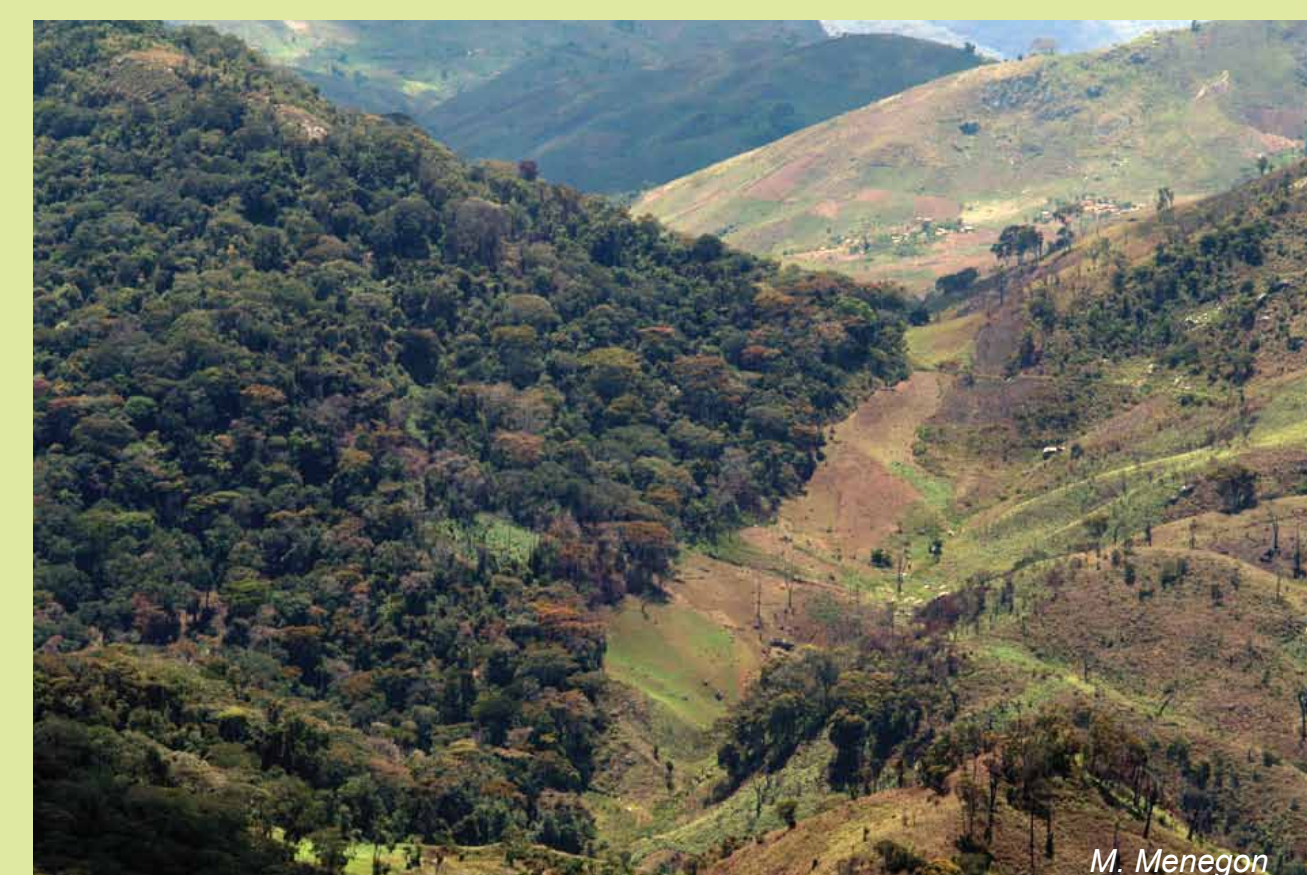
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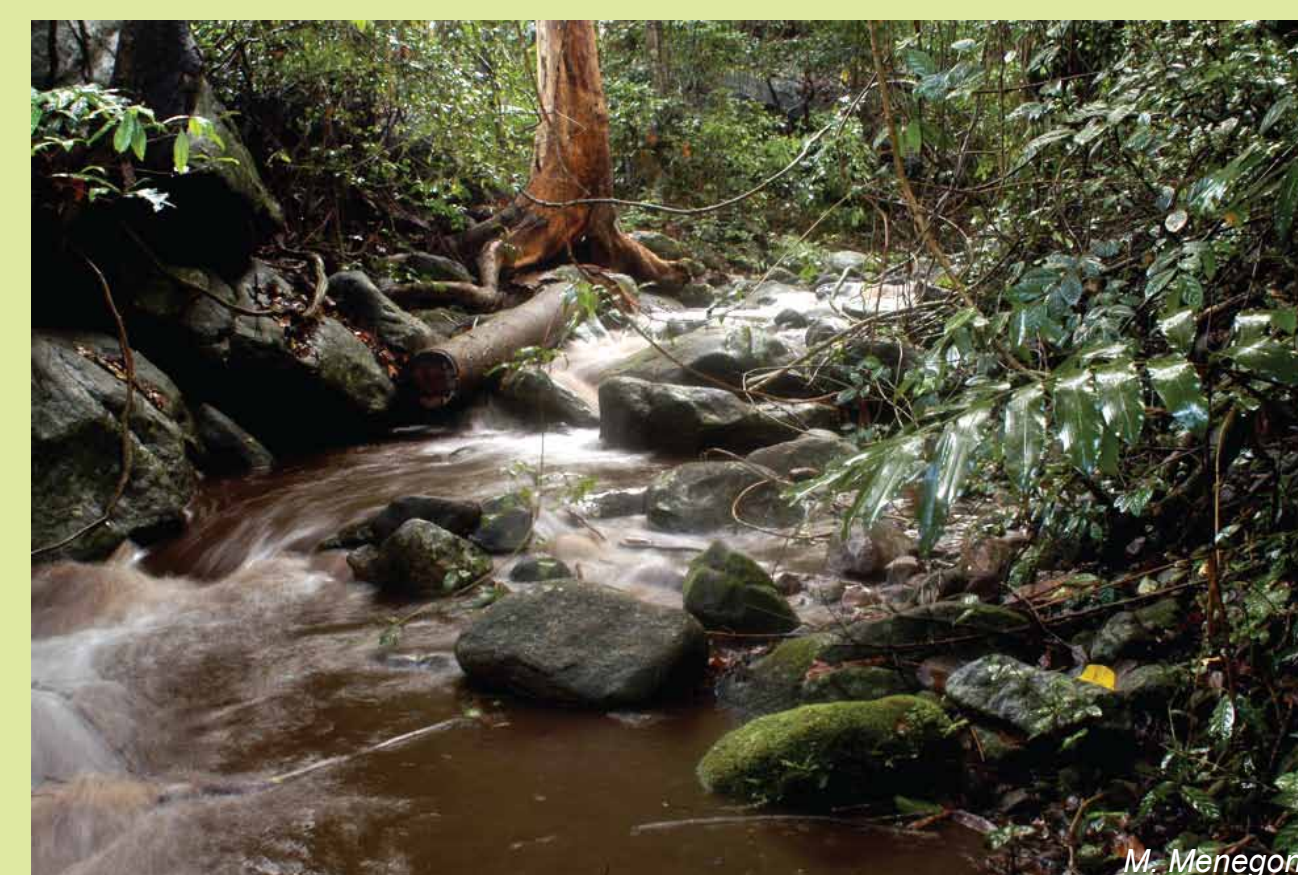
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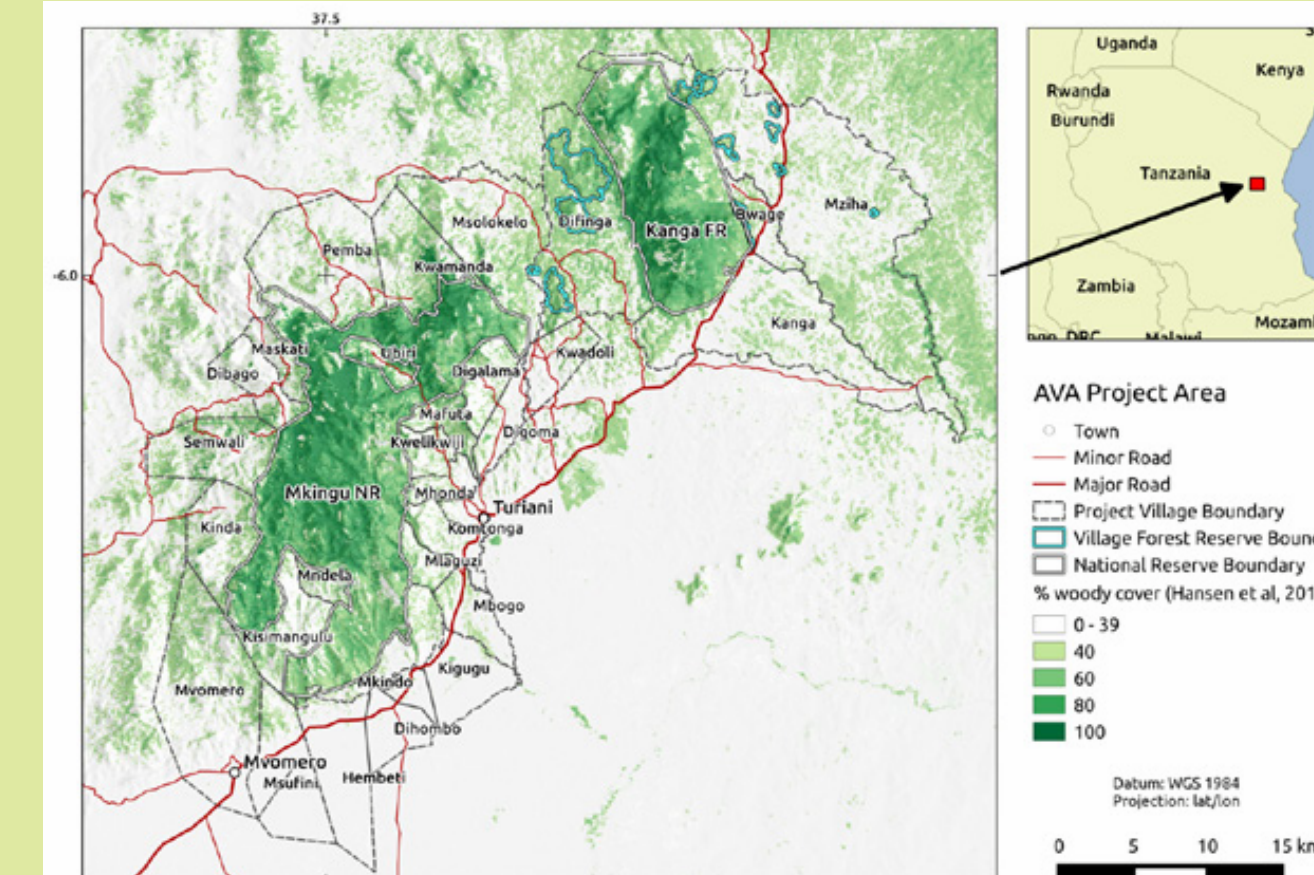
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