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- Tanzania Bird of the Year 2023
- Biodiversity Monitoring Field Training and Mentorship Program (BiMO)
- Vulture Conservation Initiatives
- Community livelihoods investments
- 6th Annual General Meeting Notice



MESSAGES FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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John Y. Salehe
Chairman

Emmanuel Mgimwa
Executive Director

ABOUT NATURE TANZANIA

Nature Tanzania is a national conservation Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) with interests in conservation of birds and their habitats, community empowerment and engagement, research and monitoring. We are using birds as indicators of ecosystem health and a tool for biodiversity conservation. Our mission is to conserve and restore key biodiversity habitats that are identified as Important Bird and Biodiversity Areas (IBAs) in Tanzania for the benefit of the present and future generations. Our work and actions are informed by science and partnership, and focus on four main pillars;

- 1 Save Species
- 2. Sites and habitats
- 3. Systems
- 4. Society

Nature Tanzania works closely with BirdLife International, the world's leader in bird conservation.



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LAUNCHING TANZANIAN BIRD OF THE YEAR 2023



Altezza Travel supports the 4th and 5th cohorts - Biodiversity Monitoring Training and Mentorship Program (BiMO) in the East Usambara Mountains - More support still needed

BiMO is a locally crafted conservation program tailored with capacity building to Nature Tanzania members, young conservation graduates and nature enthusiasts. The program was launched by Nature Tanzania in collaboration with the Department of Zoology and Wildlife Conservation of the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) in September 2020 at Amani Nature Forest Reserve. It has so far benefited 4 cohorts, 35 members of Nature Tanzania including 16 Females. We acknowledge the good support from all members, partners and donors who have potentially supported delivery of this program. In a special way we thank Altezza Travel who is currently supporting the 4th and 5th cohorts. Our plan is to conduct the training at least twice in a year so we will appreciate receiving more support from members, partners and donors.

The 5th cohort is coming soon-October. Stay tuned!

Requirements for the sustainability of BiMO Program

2 Cameras	10 (10x42) binoculars
2 GPS	10 Rain coats
10 Tents	10 Rain boots
2 Gas cookers and refilling	Camp chairs
Camp tables	Solar lantern / Head lamps
Field guides (birds, plants, insects, reptiles, etc.)	Food for 21 people *15 days* 4 times a year
A motorcycle for field Logistics and activities	4 digital refractometer

4TH COHORT - ACTIVITIES GALLERY



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Trends of species and individual records from mist netting over the four cohorts, 2020 - 2023

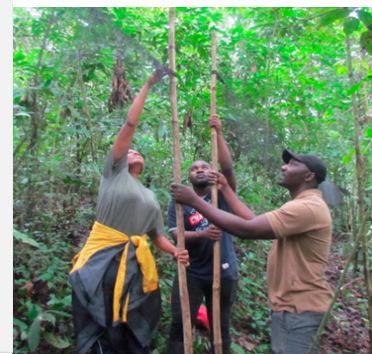
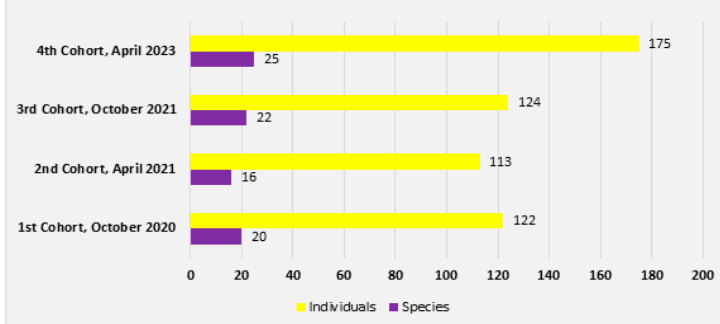


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TRAINEES' FEEDBACKS

I could say learning on ecosystems and conservation was outstanding but I have learnt more than that. The diversity of professions between trainers and trainees has enlightened me - it has broadened my understanding in ecology of plants, birds, pollinators, agriculture and tourism of my country. I admit to have had an enjoyable physical experience with day and night walks which might be building me on conducting long-term monitoring researches. I am so proud to be part of conservation at Amani Nature Reserve with Nature Tanzania.

Janeth Baraka Mngulwi,
Student - MSc. in Wildlife Ecology at the Department of Zoology and Wildlife Conservation of the University of Dar es Salaam.



Being passionate about the protection of endangered birds and community engagement, the BiMO Program offered me an eye-opening exposure to bird ecology and monitoring techniques that ensure prosperity of birds. Unforgettably, the experiences with other trainees were impeccable. I am honored to be part of this amazing Nature Tanzania membership program that promotes capacity building to the youth, knowledge sharing and networking with local communities.

Rosemary Joseph Mgumya
Graduate of BSc. in Wildlife Management from the College of African Wildlife Management - MWEKA



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Nature Tanzania hosts the first East Africa Wildlife Poisoning Response Network workshop for the first time in Arusha, June 2023



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Tackling wildlife poisoning in East Africa

BirdLife International and its Partnership Network in East Africa, have made the first step towards establishing the East Africa Wildlife Poisoning Response Network (EAWPRN) to tackle wildlife poisoning in the region, following a workshop held in Arusha, from 13th - 14th June 2023. Wildlife poisoning is a significant threat to vultures and other raptors, in East Africa and elsewhere, accounting for about 61% of vulture deaths across Africa. While vultures play a vital role in our environment keeping it free of decaying carcasses, these majestic birds have experienced catastrophic declines around the world, with populations of all African vulture species plummeting by 70-97% over the last 50 years driven by poisoning, belief-based use, electrocutions, and collision with power infrastructure among others.

The workshop which brought together 21 delegates from Tanzania, Uganda, and Rwanda. is part of BirdLife and partners work to protect vultures through direct conservation actions, influencing policy and raising awareness about the plight of vultures, where notable progress has been achieved. “The East Africa Wildlife Poisoning Response Network is a crucial initiative in safeguarding wildlife and addressing the threats posed by wildlife poisoning. By promoting collaboration, capacity building, and research, the network will push towards the conservation of vultures and other wildlife and maintain the

ecological balance in East Africa”, said Fadzai Matsvimbo, Preventing Extinction Programme Coordinator, Africa at BirdLife International.

To combat this threat, BirdLife partners have implemented various measures, including training community volunteers, rangers, and authorities on how to respond to poisoning incidents. In Southern Africa, the BirdLife Partnership network is also facilitating the establishment of Vulture Safe Zones (VSZs) that provides areas free from threats like poisoning and electrocution, specifically designed to protect vultures in their most vulnerable habitats. “Due to fragmented efforts and limited coordination between stakeholders, some countries lack the specialized training, resources, and capacity required to effectively respond to wildlife poisoning incidents. Therefore, there is need for a coordinated and effective response to mitigate the impacts of wildlife poisoning incidents in East Africa”, said Emmanuel Mгимwa, Executive Director, Nature Tanzania.

Establishing the EAWPRN marks a significant step towards safeguarding the region’s rich biodiversity. It is envisaged that the Network will provide a platform for knowledge sharing and foster joint efforts in reducing wildlife mortality resulting from poisoning incidents, in addition to developing a road map on how the network can influence policy and advocacy in relation to wildlife poisoning in the sub-region. Further, it will aim to leverage the diverse expertise and resources of these stakeholders to make a lasting difference. During the workshop, a draft framework was also created to enhance coordination of the EAWPRN.

GLOBAL BIG DAY & WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY MAY 2023

Change location

Global Big Day--13 May 2023

Africa

VIEW MY...

My eBird

Life List

Checklists

EXPLORE...

Hotspot Map

Top 100

Printable Checklist

1442
Species observed

1386
Complete checklists

51
Subregions

Top subregions

	SPECIES	CHECKLISTS
1 Kenya	722	255
2 South Africa	495	277
3 Uganda	458	65
4 Zambia	432	233
5 Tanzania	409	73
6 Zimbabwe	354	67

SDG IMPLEMENTATION IN CENTRAL TANZANIA: INTEGRATIVE APPROACHES OF ECOLOGICAL LAND USE, CONSERVATION, EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (ESD) AND SPORTS

The local apiarists in Kongwa and Mpwapwa districts receive equipment support from Nature Tanzania

Fifty (50) modern hives, three (3) honey extraction machines, 12 bee suits with imported hard gloves, 12 gumboots - special for honey harvesting, 8 bee smokers, 4 double sieve strainers, 8 bee brushes, and honey packaging jars were donated to **apiarists groups** in Kongwa and Mpwapwa districts. Bees and birds are the great agents of plant and crop pollination. So, increasing the number of hives contributes to the increased environmental protection and conservation, which links effectively with bird conservation as they use trees as source of food, nesting and roosting. This also contributes to diversification of the income-generating activities hence improving individual/household income and community livelihood.



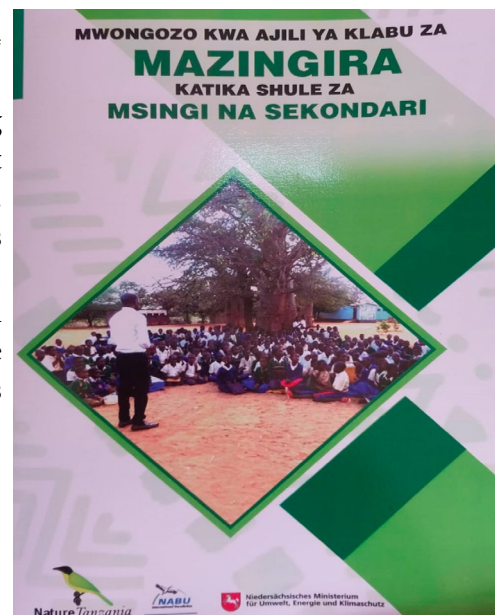
Sports and Conservation

In this particular project, we are opening up perspectives through sports for the leisure activities of young people in the village communities in order to address the illegal hunting and poisoning threats. In this quarter, the project supported two coaches from Kongwa and Mpwapwa districts to attend coaches training in Kenya. The trained coaches are managing the two teams which were formed by previous hunters who have converted to conservation championship. A total of thirty (30) jerseys and 5 soccer balls were sourced and provided to the teams for use in exercises and competitions. The hunters team at Ngh'ambi village was provided with 10 pigs and a pig house/shelter as an alternative source of income. In addition, a piglet framing training was also facilitated by Nature Tanzania in collaboration with Mpwapwa District Livestock Officer, plus a training focusing on breeding, feeding, disease, and management. Forty (40) members of both teams are trained regularly on environment protection and bird conservation and are becoming good ambassadors of preventing illegal killing of birds.

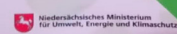


A trained teacher is source and hub of knowledge to not only students but also the entire community

In recognition of the power of lower learning institutions in promoting sustainability of environmental education initiatives, the project successfully trained sixteen teachers (6 females) in Kongwa district. Teachers were trained on the perfect use of the developed Teachers Manual for Environment Clubs in Primary and Secondary Schools. We trust that the environmental education preferably in schools will lead to a sustainable change in awareness among children and the youth in regard to the illegal hunting of residents and migratory birds and also increase participation of students in conservation activities.



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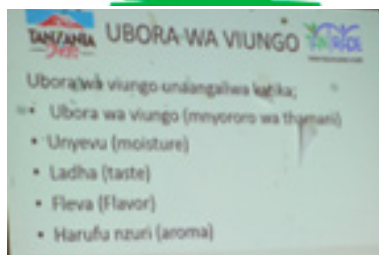
Our Targets To Reach The International Market



Photo credit: Scholastica

By Scholastica D. Mbinile

At Amani, farmers have been engaging in spice farming for many years. Recently, farmers have become more aware of farming as a business and thus some are making a good progress on economic growth through establishment of spice enterprises on whole sell, retail and spice processing. Nature Tanzania has continued to support spice farmers at Amani on securing and improving their spice farming and marketing strategies. In April 2023, Nature Tanzania together with Tanzania Trade Development Authority (TanTrade) conducted a two days training to 27 spice farmers (48.1% Females), focusing on the concept of spice market strategies, marketing mix, network market, digital market, market linkages, spice value chain, Domestic and International spice markets.



Farmers were introduced to developing a well-designed marketing strategy which helps an entrepreneur to differentiate him/herself from his competitors, increase sales, and build brand awareness. More topics on spice product branding, packaging of products, spice labeling in Tanzania, Quality and Quantity of spice were also covered.

Our target is to grow and become big business women on spices. Our focus is to be able to reach international market, and transport our products outside

Tanzania, said Mama Zabibu - Member of KICHAVIA spice farmers group in Shebomeza village.

As a recap, Nature Tanzania through the Community Revolving Funds has been supporting spice farmers in improving their farming as well as marketing by providing soft loans which are being provided in rotation (thus the name revolving). Farmers have been awarded a total loan of Thirty-six Million Seven Hundred Sixty-nine Thousand One Hundred Twenty Tanzanian Shillings (TZS 36,769,120) during the second round, whereby 6 groups comprising 40 farmers (24 females) have benefited from this loan.

Nature Tanzania in partnership with other stakeholders will continue to support farmers at Amani so they can fully benefit from spice farming by breaking a cycle of poverty. Women are full engaged, encouraged and given priority so that they are empowered and strengthened in terms of economy and awareness. As Nature Tanzania, we call upon other stakeholders and communities to keep supporting our farmers and engaging them in conservation activities since they are the key actors on environment and biodiversity conservation activities.



Ms. Fatuma Mapundi - Trade officer from TanTrade during facilitating the training with farmers at Amani.



“We understand that we must always prioritize and listen to our customers’ needs (market demand), and we are supposed to make our products branding and labeling attractive so that our products can attract customers easily”, said Fatuma Ramadhani-Farmer.

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BIRDING & FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

Birding Calendar in Arusha

On 1st & 4th Saturdays

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DATE	SITE
1 st July	Lake Manyara & Mungere Swamp
29 th July	Oldonyo Sambu & Engikaret Larks Plain
5 th August	Lake Duluti
26 th August	Eluanata Dam
2 nd September	River Tree - International Vultures Awareness Day
30 th September	Arusha Sewage Ponds

Birding in Kyerwa, Kagera

On Saturdays

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Birding in East Usambara Mountains

On Saturdays

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Birding in Kongwa & Mpwapwa, Dodoma

On Saturdays

Contacts: +255 767953203 | +255 783643 331

University of Dar es Salaam Birdwatching Group

First Saturday: Every month

Contact: +255 758336769



Do you have a good conservation idea but no funding? Read below about ABC

The African Bird Club (ABC) is a UK registered charity with the aims of supporting conservation of birds and their habitats in Africa. ABC runs a Conservation Awards Programme that supports small to medium sized conservation projects in Africa. Since 1996, it has supported a wide variety of projects including training courses, research into threatened species and promotion and awareness of conservation issues in Africa. The Conservation Awards aims to encourage as wide a range of ideas as possible, and funds approximately a maximum of £3,000 per project per year. About 10-15 Conservation Awards are given each year. Applications accepted are those from individuals residents of Africa or institutions based in Africa. Many different types of projects can be considered so long as there is a clear conservation objective. These could include: survey and research into African birds; educational projects or training courses; production of guides to the common birds of a country in local languages; interpretation material for nature reserves; other ideas will be considered. The African Bird Club gives out a smaller number of Expedition Awards up to a maximum of £5,000 each year for larger, more ambitious projects. These usually involve proponent travelling to a foreign country to undertake the project. Funding for these projects is often obtained from several sources. For more details including deadlines for applications please visit their website <https://www.africanbirdclub.org/conservation-fund-awards>. You can also contact the ABC's Tanzania Country Representative, Mr. Emmanuel Mгимwa through tanzania@africanbirdclub.org

SDGs RELATED TO NATURE TANZANIA'S WORK



Lesser known unique values of nature conservation

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