

# GREATER KILIMANJARO-AMBOSELI ECOSYSTEM



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is a Tanzanian NGO based in Arusha operating since 1999 to promote the protection of biodiversity and the sustainable use of natural resources as tools to fight against poverty and boost socio-economic development.

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# WHERE WE WORK AND WHY

The Greater Kilimanjaro/Amboseli ecosystem is **one of the richest on earth** in terms of biodiversity: it spans 15,500 km<sup>2</sup>, includes 16 protected areas, and is home to more than one million mammals of 28 different species.

This spectacular wildlife cannot survive confined in protected area borders and has for centuries coexisted with more than 100,000 pastoralists and their livestock. The survival of these people, the wildlife and livestock is fully dependent on the **health of the rangelands**, which has reduced by 30% in recent years.

Protecting this ecosystem is essential to ensure the wellbeing of all who live on it. We are striving to tackle this challenge in the next 3 years (2017-2020).



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Greater Kilimanjaro initiatives to enhance community participation in sustainable conservation of the trans frontier ecosystem and wildlife

## THE FIRST OF ITS KIND, A CROSS-BORDER COLLABORATIVE EFFORT TO PROTECT THE GREATER KILIMANJARO-AMBOSELI ECOSYSTEM, WILDLIFE, AND PEOPLE.

Biodiverse-rich Kenya and Tanzania, are working to secure wildlife protection and connectivity in the Kilimanjaro-Amboseli ecosystem. This project will promote **positive dialogue** between communities, local institutions, conservation organizations and government, **which is essential for conserving** this critical landscape and for its communities to thrive.



### WILDLIFE CORRIDORS ACROSS BORDERS AND BETWEEN PROTECTED AREAS ARE SAFE

**Land Use and Conservation Management Plans** for rangelands and migration areas, together with strong leadership, will **reduce illegal killing** of wildlife and conflict. We are supporting the **implementation of national laws** on wildlife protection and protected species trade in the cross-border Kilimanjaro-Amboseli ecosystem. We will train and equip more than **80 rangers** and village game scouts for on the ground **wildlife protection**, and at least 60 people will be trained and equipped to **prevent wildlife invading crops**, reducing conflict.



### ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT THROUGH CONSERVATION

Economic benefits from wildlife and livestock-based enterprises such as **community led eco-tourism** will reduce poverty and increase the communities' commitment to wildlife protection: 40 community members will be trained as ecotourism service providers for **walking safaris, cycling holidays and homestays**. Sustainable business and rangeland management will be facilitated by training 300 women in **Marketplace Literacy**, 300 on **milk production** and a further 40 on **vegetable-tanned leather manufacturing**.



### EDUCATING AGAINST WILDLIFE CRIME

Reducing poaching and promoting effective conservation strategies is a priority: to do so it is necessary to invest in awareness activities - **citizen science, interactive theatre, educational videos** - starting from **young generations** (7,000 students across both countries). Our key goals are to **encourage dialogue** among communities in trans frontier conservation areas, while promoting **best practices exchange** between the authorities of the two countries.