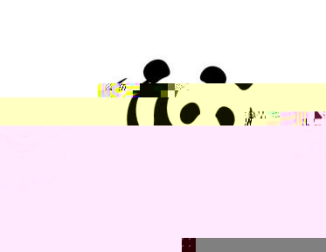


CONSERVATION NGOs AND WMA PROCESS IN TANZANIA

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Outline

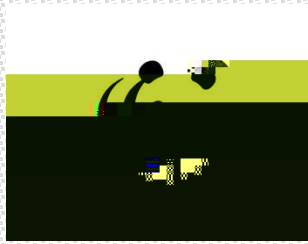
- Introduction
- Role of NGOs as partners
- Sustainability issues
- Governance
- The Future of WMAs in Tanzania

INTRODUCTION

- **Wildlife Policy Tanzania (WPT, 1998, rev 2007) provide basis for community involvement in wildlife conservation on village lands;**
- **The WMA Regulations (2002) provide the legal2v()4(Regulati)2(onpppp**

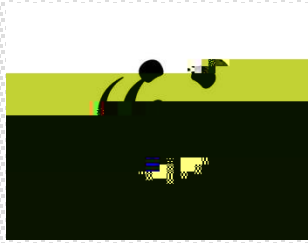
WMA Coverage

- 19 gazetted WMA
- Area under WMA grew from about 6,700 km² to about 27,430km



NGOs as Partners

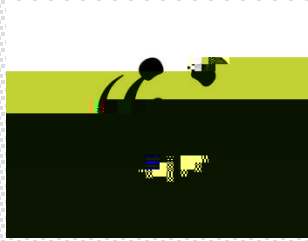
- Their role defined in policies and laws
- Largely to support GOT



NGOs as Partners...

Planning and Implementing Issues

- VLUPs a critical requirement for a WMA
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Compliance Issues

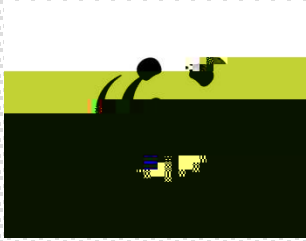
- Although every village with WMA has a VLUPs- compliance to the plans is weak:
 - Land use conflicts,
 - Grazing in WMAs (where this is not allowed),
 - Charcoal making
 - Farming
 - Poaching
- Problems compounded by capacity weaknesses

Governance issues

- More WMA generate income with it governance challenges emerge

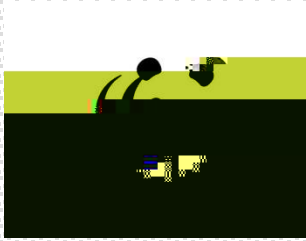
Transparency – Not many are transparent-
Burunge is good example

- Villages that receive WMA not so transparent
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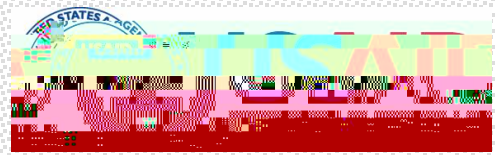


Future of WMAs

- Still valid approach for community involvement in conservation
- Structural and capacity issues will continue to hamper progress unless, there is strong support system from all (GOT, private sector and NGOs)
- Benefit sharing mechanisms will need to be resolved
- Need to explore and support capacity building of local NGOs that will offer support to WMAs
- MNRT – CBC Support Unit will need to be reformed and strengthened.



- Incorporate the use of scientific research as an important tool for supporting assessment and improvement in biodiversity and natural resources conservation;
- Promote public-private partnership (PPP) engagement in the management of WMAs' investments to guarantee sustainability;
- Strengthen AAC capacity to support WMAs – technical, legal, logistical and financial matters



Thank you

