

PRESS RELEASE

Germany donates equipment for Natural Resource Management In Serengeti and Ngorongoro Districts

On 07th June 2016 the German embassy Dar es Salaam together with representatives of GIZ handed over two vehicles to Serengeti and Ngorongoro Districts. The vehicles will be used by the district authorities to improve the services provided to village communities: they will support activities such as control of wild animals, patrolling, early response to human-wildlife conflicts and training sessions related to natural resource management in wards and villages.

The deployment of the vehicles are part of the German support for biodiversity protection and rural development around the Serengeti National Park. The program, implemented by GIZ, aims at strengthening the districts in decentralized sustainable natural resource management. Natural resources in the areas adjacent to Serengeti National Park and Ngorongoro Conservation Area are increasingly under pressure from human settlements, heightening the risk of human-wildlife conflicts.

The district representatives thanked the German Government for the outstanding support in sustainable resource management and benefit-sharing at the local level. John K. Mgalula, District Executive Director of Ngorongoro District Council, stressed: "I would like to thank the Government of Germany for the support to Ngorongoro Community through the GIZ NRM program. GIZ supported different activities in our district including capacity building for our staff on natural resource management All this enabled the district to increase the efficiency in implementing its daily activities".

Since 2012 Germany has committed 100 Mio. EUR for biodiversity protection and rural development in Tanzania. 20,5 Mio. EUR has been committed in financial assistance to the conservation of the Serengeti ecosystem and the development of Serengeti and Ngorongoro districts (implemented by KfW in collaboration with MNRT, TANAPA and FZS), while technical assistance (implemented by GIZ) is geared towards capacity building and strengthening of natural resource management in the District Councils of Serengeti and Ngorongoro.

The handing-over ceremony will take place in Dar es Salaam, 07th of June 2016; GIZ Isimani Road Plot 325; 12.30-13h.

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