

## **Process Framework for Involuntary Restrictions**

**Date**

**CEPF Grant 109122**

**Grantee**

Wildlife Conservation Society

***Project Title***

Engage communities in species conservation in Njombe forest

**Project Location**

Makete and Ludewa Districts in Njombe Region

## **Grant Summary**

1. Grantee organization. Wildlife Conservation Society
2. Grant title: Engage communities in species conservation in Njombe forest
3. Grant number : 109122 (S18-478-TAN)
4. Grant amount (US dollars).: 35000
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6. Countries or territories where project will be undertaken : Tanzania
7. Date of preparation of this document: 6 Jul 2018

**The Process Framework will describe the project and how restrictions of access to natural resources and measures to assist affected communities. Affected communities should have the opportunity to participate in the drafting of the Process Framework. Typically, the Applicant will prepare a draft Framework that will then be shared and discussed with local communities and other relevant stakeholders. Based on the consultations, a final Framework will be prepared. CEPF may provide guidance on development of the Framework and will review and approve the final Framework prior to approving the final project proposal application. The Process Framework should include the following elements:**

### **A. Project background**

WCS has been working in the Njombe forests for the past 13 years, carrying out research, community conservation engagement activities and livelihood. These forests are important economically, socially, culturally and for biodiversity and for water catchment.

Njombe forests were prioritized due to its high level of biodiversity - including the presence of the critically endangered Kipunji monkey (*Rungwecubus Kipunji*), Rungwe dwarf galago and numerous important amphibian and reptile species. Threats to wildlife include retaliatory killings following crop raiding, habitat loss due to wildfires, encroachment and uncontrolled forest product harvesting.

There were consultation meetings with TFS, communities, Ludewa and Makete district to understand forest management issues and threats. They highlighted the need of getting more information on the flagship species in their forests and proposed activities to reduce forest threats through awareness provision and improvement of forest management by strengthen capacity of VNRC and review of village forest bylaws. They have shown the need of supporting the implementation of this project in generating valuable information of the forests and thus lead to improve forest management.

### **B. Participatory implementation**

There will be full involvement of 7 villages, Tanzania Forest Service, Makete and Ludewa District Council in the implementation of the project. Communities will take part in activities and they have shown their commitment to conservation of key species in Njombe forest. Technical support will be provided by district and TFS in review and approval of bylaws, and awareness in consultation with the community. The Madihani village forest is under the management of the three villages and they have set the forest for conservation and traditional purpose.

### **C. Criteria for eligibility of affected persons**

In this project the affected persons will be the villager's adjacent Madihani village forest, who depend on charcoal making, hunting and logging in the forest reserves. Previous funding from CEPF and

USAID\_SHARPP worked with affected members via our successful beekeeping project and tree nursery establishment which they continue harvest. The forest bylaw under supervision allows nondestructive activities inside the forest like beekeeping and deadwood collection.

**D. Measures to assist the affected persons**

WCS will work with TFS, Ludewa and Makete district councils to make sure that the affected people are involved in different activities. Village will be assisted to review bylaws that will provide direction on nondestructive activities to be allowed inside the forest.

**E. Conflict resolution and complaint mechanism.**

The Madihani village forest is under jurisdiction of the three villages and they are willing to conserve the forest. WCS assisted forest survey and map creation in 2010, and supported various community work around the villages. Since these effort communities wanted to know the population and distribution of the key flags species to improve forest management and promote tourism. Communities, TFS and the District Natural resource office will be well informed on the project to avoid any grievances.

WCS will design posters with a summary of project implementation, activities, impacts and general awareness materials on the protected area values and community roles in achieving the project goal.

“We will share all grievances – and a proposed response – with the Regional Implementation Team and the CEPF Grant Director within 15 days. If the claimant is not satisfied following the response, they may submit the grievance directly to the CEPF Executive Director at [cepfexecutive@conservation.org](mailto:cepfexecutive@conservation.org) or by surface mail. If the claimant is not satisfied with the response from the CEPF Executive Director, they may submit the grievance to the World Bank at the local World Bank office.

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## F. Implementation Arrangements

The following table indicates how different stakeholders will participate in the project:

Activities	Stakeholders involved	Roles and responsibilities
Train 45 Village Natural Resource Committees (VNRC) members adjacent Madihani Village Forest on forest management	Makete District	Engage in training provision
	Communities	Selecting VNRC
	WCS	Provide training and lead the process
Raise awareness to 2000 people on forest conservation using kipunji and Rungwe dwarf galago as flagship species	Makete District	Participate Environmental Education
	WCS	Provide Environmental Education
	Communities	Participate in conservation awareness
Design and distribute 1500 posters of awareness materials to communities' adjacent Madihani Village forest.	WCS	Design awareness materials
Review of village forest rules and bylaws in Madihani village forest	Communities	Review village forest rule and bylaws
	WCS	Engage in the process
	Makete District	Lead the process
Map Rungwe dwarf galago and kipunji hotspots in the reserves	Ludewa District	Participate in surveys
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	TFS Ludewa	Participate in surveys
	WCS	Design methodology and conduct surveys
Counting of Kipunji in each group to establish their numbers in Madihani	WCS	Design methodology and conduct surveys
	Communities	Participate in surveys
Walk transects in Madihani Village Forest to document habitat status and threats to Kipunji	WCS	Walk transects, data processing and design methodology
	Communities	Participate in surveys
Carry out 3 Village feedback meetings to discuss on population status and habitat of Kipunji in Madihani Village Forest	Makete District	Participate in the meetings
	WCS	Provide feedback reports and lead the process
	Communities	Propose action for the forest conservation

## Monitoring and evaluation

WCS will follow the achievement of indicators performance for all the activities during project implementation. WCS will ensure communities participate and given feedback of the project findings.