

**Press Release by Frankfurt Zoological Society  
Handing out of the 6,369 Certificates of Customary Rights of  
Occupancy (CCROs) to communities in 12 Villages in Serengeti  
District.**

In Nyichoka Village, Serengeti District, 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022, the Tanzania Country Director of Frankfurt Zoological Society presented a total of 6,369 CCROs to the Minister of Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development, Honorable Angelina S.L. Mabula(MP) to officially hand over to community members in 12 of 22 villages completed land use planning process.

*“ This is a historic day to have more than 6,000 CCROs issued all at once and we are grateful and acknowledge the support from Frankfurt Zoological Society and the KfW Bank for funding the projec,t”* said the Minister.

Over the years, Frankfurt Zoological Society has worked closely with Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA), local governments and local communities and other stakeholders to support efforts in conservation in the Serengeti ecosystem.

FZS, TANAPA and the local governments jointly started the initiative of village land-use planning in the year 2016 through funding the from German Government through the KfW Development Bank Germany under the project called Serengeti Ecosystem Development and Conservation Project (SEDCP). These stakeholders and partners continue to work closely together in efforts to support village land use planning in the Serengeti district following systematic procedures put in place, including participatory land use planning, that allows primary stakeholders like village leaders to collaborate with these partners in preparations and approval of the plans. All these partners work tirelessly together to prepare proper plans of land allocation especially lands for settlement, grazing, agriculture, rangelands, and corridors for wildlife. Moreover, an important aspect of land use planning is that it gives an opportunity for land tenure security through provision of Customary Rights of Occupancy. Furthermore, it provides the local governments with directions in developing programs and strategies to support these plans further from the community level to the Ministerial level.

A total cost of Euro 360,000 equivalent to TZS 800 million has been spent to prepare land use planning in 22 villages and the preparation of the 6,369 CCROs

under the auspices of KfW development bank of Germany. The CCROs issued today will benefit more than 10,000 individuals and families in the villages.

Today, we are grateful and honored to officially have Honorable Angelina Mabula (Member of Parliament) to hand out the 6,369 CCRO's to the community members at Nyichoka village.

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