

## **Information on the Community Based Conservation Training Institute in Likuyusekamaganga, Tanzania**

The Community Based Conservation Training Institute (CBCTI) was established in July 1995 by the Wildlife Division in co-operation with Selous Conservation Programme SCP/GTZ to train people from rural communities in the management of natural resources, especially wildlife. The wildlife of Tanzania is a unique natural heritage and resource. Its importance lies in the biological diversity of the species and habitats, the economic value of the resource and its potential to contribute to the sustainable development of Tanzania, especially in the rural areas.

The success of natural resource management in any locality depends very much on the degree of support and respect awarded to the resources by neighbouring communities. Where natural resources are seen as a burden, local communities can make management and protection of the resources impossible. At present Tanzania's protected area network covers 26 % of the total land area of Tanzania. 16 % of the total protected area are off limits for settlement. The new Wildlife Policy of Tanzania (1998) emphasises maintenance and development of the wildlife protected areas network as well as the wildlife outside the network by involving a broader spectrum of society in the conservation and management of wildlife. In particular the rural communities, living adjacent to protected areas and among wildlife are to be involved in community wildlife management, a cornerstone of the new Wildlife Policy.

With the establishment of a new category of protected area, known as Wildlife Management Area, rural communities will have full mandate to manage and benefit from their conservation efforts thus potentially taking care of corridors, buffer zones and other areas harbouring wildlife. It will be possible to manage the natural resources outside National Parks and Game Reserves sustainably. To take over the responsibilities of protection,

utilisation and sustainable management of wildlife and other natural resources good preparation and training are essential.

The training Institute is located at Likuyusekamaganga village 100 km from Ruvuma Regional Capital, Songea. Selous Game Reserve, the largest wilderness area in Africa, a world heritage site, lies to the north and can be reached within two hours drive. The entire area between Selous and the Institute is a Village Wildlife Management Area and part of the Selous-Niassa wildlife corridor, through which elephants migrate. It is an ideal place to see and learn how communities can effectively manage Africa's wild resources. For the course participants, coming from all over Tanzania, the Institute and the surrounding villages are a platform for discussion and exchange of ideas. It is an ideal place to experience and learn how local communities can be effective in managing their own resources.

The legislation governing natural resources is presently under review and laws reflecting the new Forest and Wildlife Policies are currently being worked out. As the laws are revised and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism creates a system to advise and supervise CBC-activities on District and Community level, the demand for CBC-training is expected to rise.

### **Courses:**

At present two courses are held at the CBCTI:

- A Village Game Scout training course which focuses on practical field work. Participants must be under 40 years of age and physically fit. A certificate is provided to successful candidates at the end of the 6 week course.
- A Community Based Conservation training course for Village Leaders, Natural Resources Committees, Village Leaders and Community Based Organizations. Major topics are conservation education, basics of accounting and sustainability of development projects at village level. The course runs for 14 days.

A third course "Community Based Conservation for Serving Officers of the Wildlife Division" is in preparation. On demand the

Institute is also ready to offer tailor made courses. The maximum number of participants per course is 40. All participants must have completed primary education. The Institute through the course fees is self-financing and is organised around three professional staff supported by visiting lecturers. All courses are conducted in Swahili.

**Facilities:**

- The Institute consists of 2 classrooms, 1 main office, one instructor room, 1 radio room, a strongroom for weapons and ammunition and a storeroom, dormitories.
- All buildings have solar powered light, there is a solar powered TV with videoplayer as well as solar powered HF and VHF radio, base station and handheld (which is also used for radio training).
- There are shower and toilette buildings. Water is pumped from a manual pump by the participants themselves.
- A Field Kitchen building holds all facilities and there is staff housing, a guesthouse for visitors and lecturers and a dining room made from local material.
- The Institute further has 1 Toyota Landcruiser Hardtop and 1 Toyota Landcruiser Pick-up at its disposal.
- The facilities include a shooting range, guns of various calibers.

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<b>TIME</b>	<b>COURSE TITLE</b>	<b>DURATION</b>	<b>COURSE FEES / PARTICIPANT</b>

12.05. - 24.05.03	Village Leaders & Natural Resources Committees Training course	2 weeks	140.000,- TSH
09.06. - 21.06.03	Village Leaders & Natural Resources Committees Training course	2 weeks	140.000,- TSH
07.07. - 17.08.03	Village Game/Wildlife scouts Training course	6 weeks	250.000,- TSH
17.08. - 28.09.03	Village Game/Wildlife scouts Training course	6 weeks	250.000,- TSH
05.10. - 15.11.03	Village Game/Wildlife scouts Training course	6 weeks	250.000,- TSH
	Special courses on request		Depending on course

### **CONDITIONS AND OTHER DETAILS**

1. The course fees cover full board accommodation in the training center, tuition, field trip charges, training material, ammunition for shooting training, First Aid, recreation.
2. Exceptions from (1) above: Uniform (complete set), allowances, per diem while on transit and transport charges for the participants to and from the Institute will be the responsibility of the trainee or his/her sponsor.
3. Participants of the Village Game Scout Course have to appear with a complete set of uniform; this includes also boots, and sports gear.
4. Uniforms (except boots) can be purchased at the training center against payment of an amount of 30.000,- TSH in cash.
5. All course fees for the participants have to be paid in advance two months prior to the commencement of the respective course either in cash or by cheque. An additional 1% of the total course fees will be charged for bank transaction costs for payment by cheque.
6. All payments to the Institute should be made directly to the Principal of the said Institute.
7. If a student fails to appear or falls sick during his stay at the Institute the full course fee will be charged. In case of admission to hospital the participant is responsible for the costs.
8. The date of arrival of the participants at the Institute should be transmitted via R/Calls, (Frequency: 5106.6 L/USB, 6815 L/USB, 9358 USB, 5465 LSB) code "Seka Chuo" R/Call or via APU Office Songea 025 - 2602169 for smooth reception.
9. We request **ALL ORGANIZATIONS** to confirm the number of participants of the respective courses **two months** in advance.

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