



# Impact Analysis of Community-Based Conservation Programmes on Wildlife Populations in Northern Tanzania

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## Abstract

Community-based conservation programmes have been implemented in various parts of Africa to mitigate human-wildlife conflicts and promote biodiversity conservation. In northern Tanzania, these initiatives aim to balance economic development with environmental preservation by engaging local communities. A mixed-method approach was employed, combining quantitative data analysis and qualitative interviews with stakeholders to assess programme efficacy across different geographical areas in northern Tanzania. Data indicate a significant increase of approximately 15% in wildlife sightings within the conservation zones compared to non-conservation areas over a five-year period. Community-based conservation programmes appear effective in sustaining wildlife populations, though further research is needed to identify optimal implementation strategies and measure long-term ecological impacts. Policy makers should prioritise equitable resource distribution among participating communities, enhance community engagement through education and capacity building initiatives, and integrate technological solutions for monitoring effectiveness.

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