



Annual activity report

2022-2023



Ganam Hunting Safaris is set on its course as a leader in conservation in Tanzania, dedicated to preserving its natural wonders and ensuring the survival of its wildlife populations.

From the pristine waters of the Moyowosi and Malagarasi, to the remarkable tapestry of biodiversity in the forests of Kizigo - These protected areas serve as havens for a multitude of species, both endangered and endemic, fostering crucial ecosystems that support the delicate balance of life.

Ganam's commitment is reflected in its network of protected areas, including three game reserves spanning over five hundred thousand hectares.

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Kizigo West & Kizigo Central



The bulldozer in action digging a new waterhole in Kizigo Central Game Reserve.

Waterhole project

1. BACKGROUND

Kizigo West and Central Game Reserve are known for their diverse and rich wildlife. However, over the years, the reserve has faced increasing challenges due to prolonged droughts, making it difficult for the local fauna to access clean and reliable water sources. Ganam decided to address this critical issue and to mitigate the adverse effects of climate change on the ecosystem.

Adding to the challenge was also the fact that both Kizigo West and Central were without tenders for several years and saw very little anti-poaching efforts. Ganam's investment to restore the patrols and infrastructure in the areas has been significant.

2. IMPLEMENTATION

Ganam, in collaboration with a team of experts (in partnership with TAWA) executed the project as follows:

Location selection

Ten strategic locations were identified and selected across the game reserve to construct waterholes and drill one borehole. These locations were chosen based on their proximity to wildlife habitats, ensuring easy access for various animal species.

Construction and maintenance

The construction process was diligently executed. A team of skilled labourers and engineers were responsible for the implementation, and the construction adhered to local environmental regulations.

Environmental considerations

Environmental impact assessments were conducted to ensure minimal disruption to the local ecology. Special precautions were taken to protect the surrounding flora and fauna.

3. FUTURE IMPACT

It is our belief that the creation of these waterholes will have a profound positive impact on the region:

Increased wildlife presence

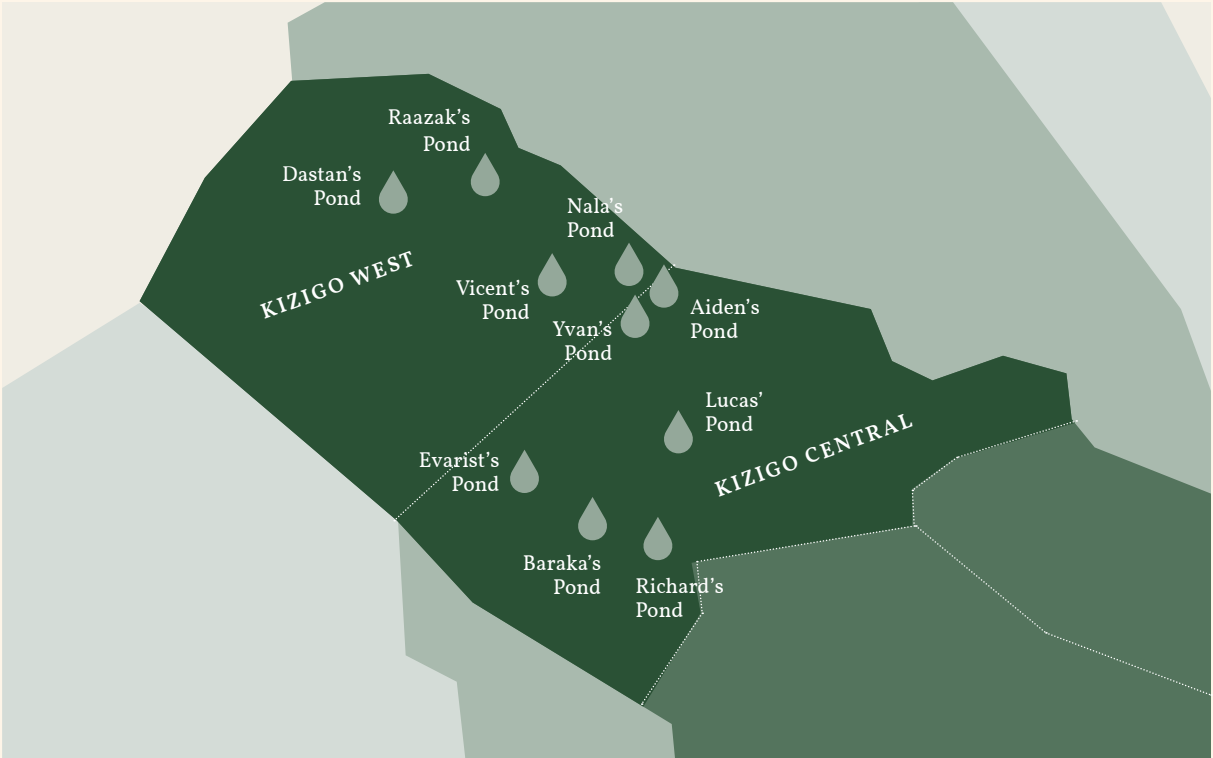
The waterholes will attract a significant number of animals, including elephants, lions, and a variety of antelope species. This will bolster the reserve's ecosystem and facilitate wildlife conservation.

Reduced human-wildlife conflict

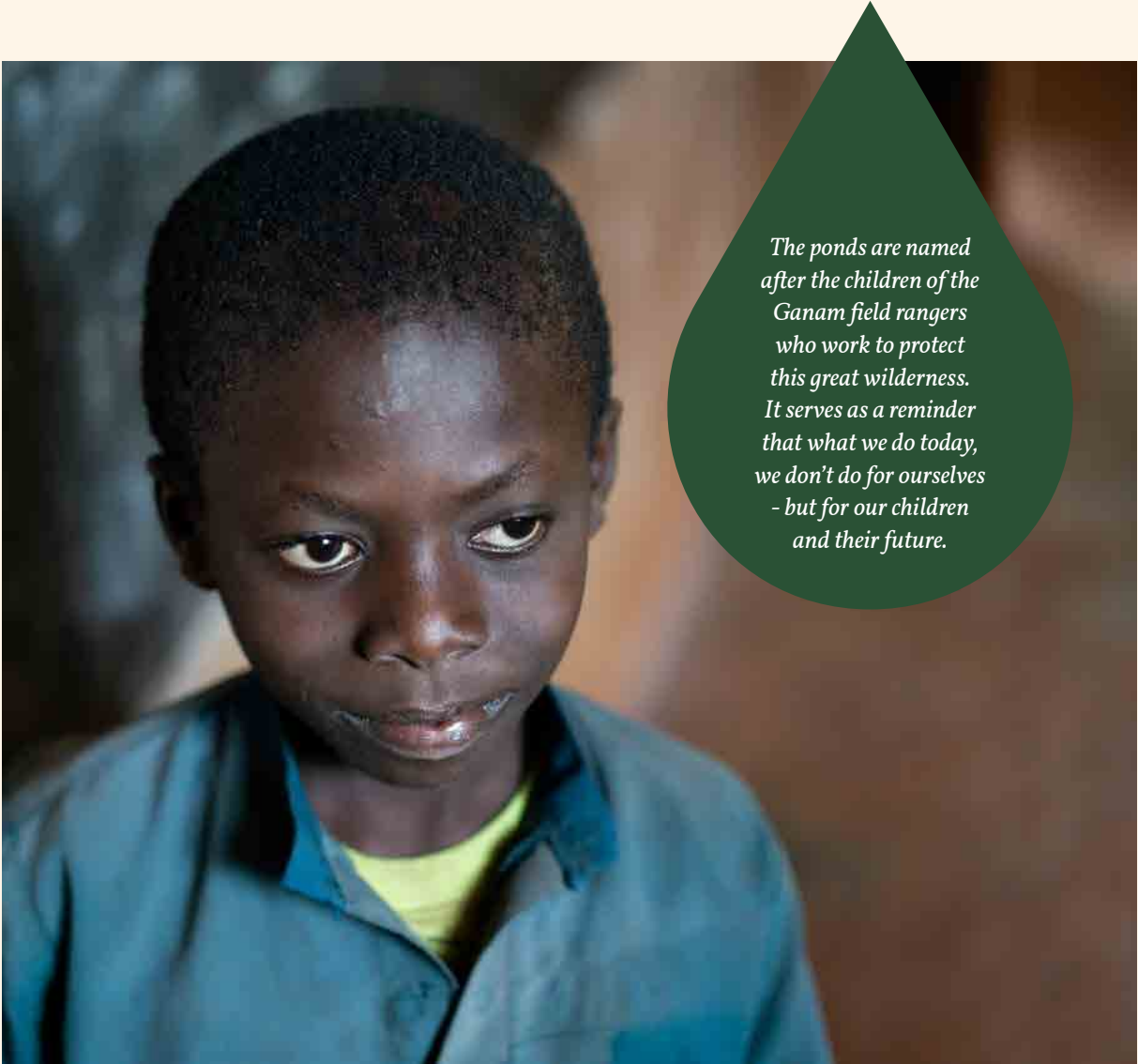
The provision of reliable water sources within the reserve will decrease the instances of wildlife venturing into human settlements in search of water, thus minimising conflicts.

Drought resilience

During dry seasons, the waterholes will become vital lifelines for wildlife, ensuring their survival during harsh conditions.



Locations of the 10 new ponds in Kizigo West and Central.





Borehole site and pump location.



Solar panels for powering the water pump.

Solar-powered boreholes

As part of Ganam’s conservation objectives, we have successfully drilled a solar-powered borehole at the base of the Kilemera Mountain. The borehole will contribute to the creation of a small lake at the mountain’s base. Key details regarding this aspect of the project include:

Sustainability

The solar-powered borehole is an environmentally friendly solution that ensures a consistent water supply for wildlife. Solar energy is harnessed to power the pumps, reducing our carbon footprint.

Lake Formation

Water from the borehole is channelled to create a small lake at the base of Kilemera Mountain. This artificial lake not only enhances the beauty of the area but also serves as a water source for wildlife in the vicinity.

Reliable and Clean Water Supply

The borehole in Kilemera represents a significant advancement in improving the quality of life for both the local staff, anti-poaching and TAWA staff and clients who visit Kizigo Central & West. .

CONCLUSION

This project has been instrumental in addressing the water scarcity issues faced by the wildlife in Kizigo West and Central Game Reserves. The creation of ten waterholes and one borehole has not only provided a sustainable water supply but also contributed to the broader goals of wildlife conservation and climate change adaptation in the region. The collaboration between Ganam, TAWA and local communities has proven to be a successful model for environmental initiatives.

We are excited about the positive transformation that this project will bring to the region, and we express our gratitude to the Kizigo Project Manager of Kizigo Game Reserve, Gassaya Ogossy, for his generous support. The water holes will make a significant difference in the lives of the wildlife and communities in Kizigo West and Central Game Reserve.



One of the new ponds named after the child of a ranger.



The start of the project October 2022.

Rainwater filling up in January 2023.



A successful arrest with the help of the new motorcycles bought by EBN Hunting Safaris.

An investment of \$6,400 to combat illegal activities in the game reserve.

One year of conservation

Over the past year, Ganam has been deeply committed to wildlife conservation and anti-poaching efforts in the Kizigo West and Central. Our conservation work has been comprehensive and focused on preserving the rich biodiversity of this important ecosystem.

Anti-Poaching Efforts

Ganam has invested significantly in anti-poaching initiatives. We have deployed a dedicated team of wildlife rangers to patrol the reserve. These rangers have been instrumental in deterring and apprehending poachers, significantly reducing illegal activities within the reserve.

POACHERS ARRESTED155

ARRESTING SITES

Timber harvesting	16
Mining	18
Hunting	18
Illegal trading with game meat	3
Illegal trading with game meat	1
Illegal fishing	1

OBJECTS CONFISCATED

Muzzle loaders	28
Bicycles	96
Pieces of timber	496
Axes	30
Saws	14
Machetes	8
Pickaxes	8

ANIMALS POACHED

Kudu antelopes	8
Buffalos	3
Impalas	2
Giraffes	1
Zebras	1
Lions	1



Roads and access

The joint investment between TAWA and Ganam made to improve the roads and the Kilemera Airstrip in Kizigo Game Reserve holds significant importance for several reasons:

Upgrading the roads ensures year-round access to the reserve, even during the rainy season. Well-maintained roads facilitate the movement of anti-poaching patrols. Rangers and law enforcement personnel can respond quickly to potential threats and illegal activities, such as poaching. This increased mobility and presence act as a deterrent to poachers, helping to reduce wildlife crime.



Camp and client accommodation

The construction of the new Kilemera camp in Kizigo Game Reserve represents a monumental investment and a remarkable transformation of a once abandoned area into a luxurious and sustainable haven.

One of the most noteworthy achievements in the creation of Kilemera camp is the establishment of a reliable and unlimited source of freshwater, thanks to the borehole. This development is nothing short of revolutionary in a region where water scarcity can be a significant challenge. The borehole ensures that water is not only readily available for camp operations but also for the well-being of our clients, staff, and the surrounding environment.

Kilemera camp serves as a central hub for a wide range of activities. For our clients, it offers the pinnacle of luxury in the heart of the wilderness, with top-tier accommodations and modern amenities that enhance their experience.

Simultaneously, the camp plays an indispensable role in supporting the efforts of our anti-poaching and conservation staff. It serves as their operational centre, offering a secure and efficient base for monitoring wildlife, deterring illegal activities, and safeguarding the reserve's biodiversity. This dual function exemplifies our holistic approach to conservation, where the needs of our clients and the imperative of protecting the environment harmoniously coexist.



Wheelchair donation

Ganam recently donated 20 wheelchairs to the rural community surrounding the Kizigo Game Reserve. This charitable endeavour aimed to improve the mobility and accessibility of individuals with mobility challenges in the area. The donation not only provided essential support to those in need but also underscored Ganam's commitment to making a positive impact on the local community, enhancing the quality of life for residents in the region. It is our hope that this reflects the company's dedication to social responsibility and fostering inclusivity in the communities surrounding wilderness areas.

TAWA letter of appreciation

Ganam’s conservation efforts have not gone unnoticed and we have been awarded a letter of appreciation by TAWA’s Central Zone Conservation Manager; Khadija Malongo.



Date: 22.06.2023

Ref: TAWA/KZGR/24

Director,
EBN Hunting Safari Limited,
P.O Box 16532
Arusha
Tanzania.

Ref: LETTER OF APPRECIATION FOR CONSERVATION SUPPORT TO TAWA

Reference is made to the heading above.

On behalf of TAWA, zonal management and headquarter this letter comes to you to express our profound appreciation for your unwavering support in the fight against poaching activities in Kizigo Game Reserve. Your dedication towards protection of wildlife and their habitats is truly commendable and has made a significant impact in preserving the natural ecosystem at Kizigo Central and Kizigo West Blocks located in Kizigo Game Reserve.

Poaching is one of the major threats to the survival of many wildlife including endangered species. Your efforts in collaboration with us to combat this menace through various anti-poaching activities such as direct engagement on anti-poaching patrol, supporting on patrol basic needs (equipment, facilities and fuel), routine rehabilitation of roads within the reserve, creation of two new artificial water sources for animals and providing direct and indirect employment to local communities have been instrumental in curbing the poaching activities.

Your commitment to this cause has not gone unnoticed, it is encouraging to have individuals/organizations like you who are willing to go the extra mile to protect our wildlife. Your support has not only helped in reducing the number of animals poached but also in creating awareness among the masses about the importance of conservation.

Many thanks for your invaluable contribution to the conservation of our natural resources at Kizigo Game Reserve. Your efforts will continue to inspire others to join the fight against poaching and work towards creating a better future for our planet.

I humbly submit,

ACC Khadija Malongo
For: Zonal Conservation Commander
TAWA - Central Zone

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Moyowosi South



The Ganam rangers are equipped with the SMART system for logging patrols and reporting their activities.

Conservation
2022-2023

Our commitment to this cause has resulted in the protection of vital habitats and the safeguarding of Moyowosi South’s emblematic wildlife. In this brief update, we aim to provide you with a glimpse of the extraordinary progress we have achieved in Moyowosi South.

Since December 2022 until today we have accomplished the following results:

PEOPLE ARRESTED

Poachers / fishermen / herders 38

OBJECTS CONFISCATED

Muzzle loaders 10
AK47s 3
Bicycles 20



Poaching equipment including gun powder, homemade bullets etc.

The rise of AK47-wielding poachers

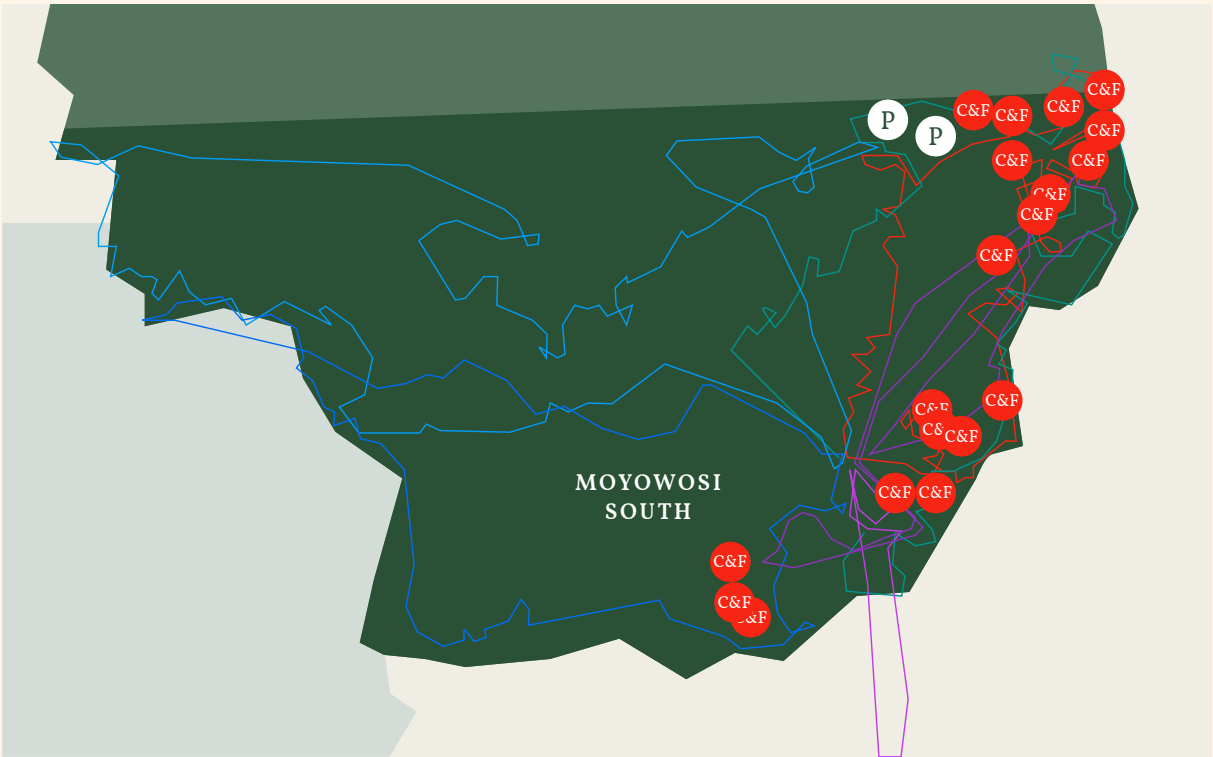
The Uvinza Open Area, an integral part of the larger Moyowosi ecosystem, has been deprived of consistent conservation efforts for a prolonged period due to a lack of funding and resources. As a result, this previously protected expanse became a prime target for poaching syndicates, who took advantage of the vacuum in conservation activities to launch a reign of terror on the area’s wildlife.

What sets this new wave of poaching apart from previous challenges is the use of high-powered weaponry. Poachers, armed with AK47 rifles, have become a formidable adversary to the dedicated conservationists at Ganam. This increased firepower not only poses a significant risk to wildlife but also endangers the lives of those committed to safeguarding the reserve.

EBN’s response

Facing this resurgence of poaching threats, Ganam has intensified its efforts to counter this menace. We have reallocated resources and built an anti-poaching base in the north-west corner of Moyowosi South, Mugina.

This has enabled us to fortify our patrols bordering the Uvinza Open Area and control the river where the poachers seek to cross and move into Moyowosi South.



Lines: GPS tracks from the helicopter flying across the area.

Red pins: Cattle and fishermen camps.
White pins: Poaching camps

Helicopter operation

In April 2023, a 3 day helicopter operation took place in Moyowosi South and we used our time to both survey the block and monitor intrusions within our boundaries.

The map below shows all the tracks where the helicopter flew across the area over 3 days. The red pins are marked locations of active cattle and fishing camps within our boundaries. Most of these camps were burned and we arrested 10 people. The two white pins are two old poaching camps but they had been abandoned for a long time when we discovered them. One camp contained bones from a giraffe and there were no contents from the second camp except a meat smoking rack.

A second helicopter operation was done in September 2023 where another 10 people were arrested and are now awaiting trial for illegal intrusions into protected areas.

It is clear from the map where efforts are needed.



The helicopter had a very positive conservation impact in the area. All the arrests that were made over these days were a huge morale booster for the team and they have been rewarded handsomely for their work.



Staff canteen under construction at Fish Eagle Camp. Rain proof and comfortable with a separate room for storing food safely.

Staff accommodation at Fish Eagle Camp

Ganam is committed to the welfare and efficiency of our dedicated anti-poaching staff and game scouts who tirelessly protect Moyowosi South Game Reserve, especially during the challenging rainy season. As part of our ongoing efforts to enhance their working conditions, we have invested in improving their accommodation.

This investment not only demonstrates our appreciation for their dedication but also strengthens our collective commitment to conservation. By providing better facilities for our teams, we empower them to carry out their duties effectively and protect Moyowosi South.



Road maintenance and access

By employing graders to open and maintain roads, Ganam greatly enhances the accessibility of the Moyowosi South Game Reserve. This, in turn, promotes tourism by making it easier for visitors to explore the reserve's beauty and biodiversity. Additionally, it facilitates conservation activities, allowing rangers, and conservationists to reach critical areas for monitoring and protection.

The use of graders by Ganam in Moyowosi South Game Reserve exemplifies the commitment to sustainable tourism and wildlife conservation. Through road maintenance, expansion, and rehabilitation, Ganam ensures that the natural wonders of the reserve remain accessible.



Camp and client accommodation

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Maintaining these standards in one of Tanzania's most remote hunting areas is no small feat. It requires a dedicated team that goes above and beyond to ensure the camp is always in pristine condition, that our clients' needs are met with excellence, and that our environmental impact is minimised.

General



Support and collaborations TAWA & Ganam

Ganam has been an active and dedicated partner in our joint conservation efforts with TAWA (Tanzania Wildlife Authority), leaving no stone unturned to support the protection and preservation of the Moyowosi Game Reserve. Our collaboration has seen us engage in a range of initiatives aimed at enhancing the capabilities and resources of our valued partners.

One of the standout ways in which we have supported TAWA is by providing vital repairs and maintenance to their vehicles and road graders. By ensuring their machinery is in optimal working condition, we enable more efficient patrols and infrastructure development within the reserve. In fact, we went a step further by sponsoring a new blade for their road grader, a vital tool in maintaining the reserve's access routes.

In a gesture of collaboration and mutual respect, we had the privilege of hosting the magistrate of Kibondo at our Fish Eagle Camp within the Moyowosi Game Reserve. This provided an invaluable opportunity to exchange ideas, build relationships, and discuss strategies for the conservation of this extraordinary wilderness.

Additionally, recognizing the need for effective mobility and infrastructure development within the reserve, we donated 800 liters of diesel to the management of Moyowosi Game Reserve. This fuel support ensures the smooth transport of road graders, a critical component of habitat maintenance.

In Kizigo West, Ganam is sponsoring a 10-day operation to remove illegal beehives that have been put inside the boundaries of the Kizigo Game Reserve. We are hoping that this will discourage further human encroachment and disturbance and ultimately restore Kizigo West into one of Tanzania's finest hunting blocks.

In conclusion



Ganam's unwavering commitment to the conservation of Moyowosi South, Kizigo Central and Kizigo West is a testament to our dedication and passion for preserving the remarkable biodiversity of this unique wilderness.

In light of the big investments and development that Ganam has contributed to in Moyowosi South and Kizigo West & Central - we sincerely hope that TAWA is going to offer increased support in the form of funding, staff, road maintenance and anti-poaching efforts etc. This will be much needed in order to maintain the level that Ganam has brought these areas to. Moyowosi South and Kizigo West are both under category I status and some of the most expensive blocks in Tanzania and we hope that TAWA are willing to support us in their future developments.

We at Ganam celebrate the remarkable progress made and remain committed to ensuring the continued thriving of these invaluable reserves for generations to come. Together, we can nurture and protect these sanctuaries, promoting a brighter future for our precious wildlife and the beautiful Tanzanian wilderness.

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