



# FOREST LANDSCAPE RESTORATION (FLR) IN AFRICA INITIATIVE FY22 ANNUAL REPORT

# INTRODUCTION

The Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR) in Africa initiative, one of the Forest Practice's flagship initiatives, has created a valuable umbrella network to harmonize restoration efforts across nine countries: Cameroon, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Kenya, Madagascar, Mozambique, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Hosted by WWF-Tanzania, we collaborate with governments, regional economic commissions, civil society organizations, local communities, faith-based groups, donors and other institutions across Africa to achieve our mission.

The aim is to restore 13.5 million hectares of degraded forest land by 2027 and our teams across the continent are already making impressive progress on a number of fronts.



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## IN THE MEDIA

[WWF: Partners in initiative to promote faith-based organizations' link to climate change](#)

[WWF pushes for landscape restoration through strategic hub](#)

[WWF joins the AFR100 management team to accelerate restoration phase II](#)

# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR



## WWF RECOGNIZED AS A KEY PARTNER

Through effective thought leadership of the initiative, WWF – in addition to being a technical partner of the AFR100 – was accepted by the AFR100 Secretariat as a member of the AFR100 Initiative's Management Team.



## NEW ASSESSMENTS

In collaboration with AFR100 (the African Forest Landscape Restoration Initiative) technical partners and governments, ROAM (Restoration Opportunities Assessment Methodology) reports were commissioned in six countries, including four that were concluded at the national and sub-national level, for the delivery of AFR100 commitments at the country level. AFR100, a partnership of 31 African governments and numerous technical and financial partners, is a country-led effort to bring 100 million hectares of land in Africa into restoration by 2030.



## EXTERNAL LAUNCH

The Initiative [officially launched in Tanzania](#) in June 2022 with an officiation by Dr. Ezekiel Mwakalukwa, the National Director of Forest and Beekeeping at the Tanzanian Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism (MNRT). The event was attended by partners from Trillion Trees, the Finnish embassy, RESTOR, and the CARE-WWF Alliance. The launch was preceded by a planning workshop that brought together FLR focal points from the nine countries and implementing partners like Mpingo Conservation and Development Initiative (MCDI).



## INNOVATIVE FUNDRAISING

WWF-Cameroon has developed an online digital platform, [Moneytrees](#), to facilitate direct interest-based, real-time interactions between donors and investors and small farmers, groups and individuals, including service providers such as nursery services and independent monitors involved in landscape restoration and small-scale forestry in WWF-Cameroon's priority landscapes.



## BANKABLE NATURE SOLUTIONS

WWF-Uganda developed a roadmap to strengthen FLR wood-value chain cooperatives with the goal of accelerating private sector-led FLR activities in the Greater Virunga Landscape.



## PARTNERSHIPS FOR RESTORATION

WWF-Zambia launched the ["Let's Secure Zambezi"](#) project with Stanbic Bank, in collaboration with the government of the Republic of Zambia. The Zambezi Source area is currently listed on Zambia's tentative list of world heritage properties under UNESCO for its value as the origin of Zambia's longest and Africa's fourth longest river and its high plant diversity. The project aims to restore this precious ecosystem.

# FLR IN AFRICA INITIATIVE PROFILE AND INFLUENCE

WWF's FLR in Africa initiative had a major presence in top regional and global events, ensuring our work is well positioned in key fora.



Dr. Amani Ngusuru, Country Director, WWF-Tanzania © WWF

FLR in Africa lead Dr. Severin Kalonga attended the [UNCCD-COP15](#), an important forum to communicate about WWF's extensive FLR work to UNCCD focal points in the region, including Regional Economic Communities (RECs): East African Community (EAC), Southern African Development Community (SADC) and the Central African Forest Commission (COMIFAC). The event culminated in a tripartite collaboration among the AFR100 Secretariat, the Commonwealth Secretariat and WWF in the delivery of FLR strategic interventions, including joint regional resource mobilization efforts for FLR implementation.

Implementing partners of the Bengo FLR project from Kenya, Tanzania and Zambia, along with Dr. Severin participated in the [African Land Restoration Forum](#) organized by Global Evergreen Alliance (GEA) in collaboration with AFR100. WWF was invited to be a technical partner to GEA, specifically in the [Restore Africa](#) program. WWF was also nominated to serve in the Technical Advisory Group for the development of a [concept note](#) worth US\$1 bn to be submitted to potential donors during the UNFCCC COP27 in Egypt in November 2022.

The initiative was represented at the [AFR100 – 6th Annual Partnership Meeting](#), where [it was socialized](#) and WWF was formally accepted as a member [of the AFR100 management team](#).

At the [Association of Member Episcopal Conferences](#) in East Africa's (AMACEA) 20th Plenary Assembly, WWF was afforded the opportunity to share insights on WWF's principles and present cases on FLR. The theme of this year's conference was "Environmental Impact on Integral Human Development," and it was officiated by Tanzanian President Samia Suluhu Hassan.

The FLR agenda took center stage at the [XV World Forestry Congress](#), where WWF's FLR Global Lead Anita Diederichsen introduced the initiative to a global audience and participated in a session on community-based FLR in Africa.

FLR focal points from the nine African participating countries, as well as partners from around the WWF Network, convened for the [FY23 planning/exchange workshop](#) in June 2022 to finalize the workplan and decide on important implementation timelines.

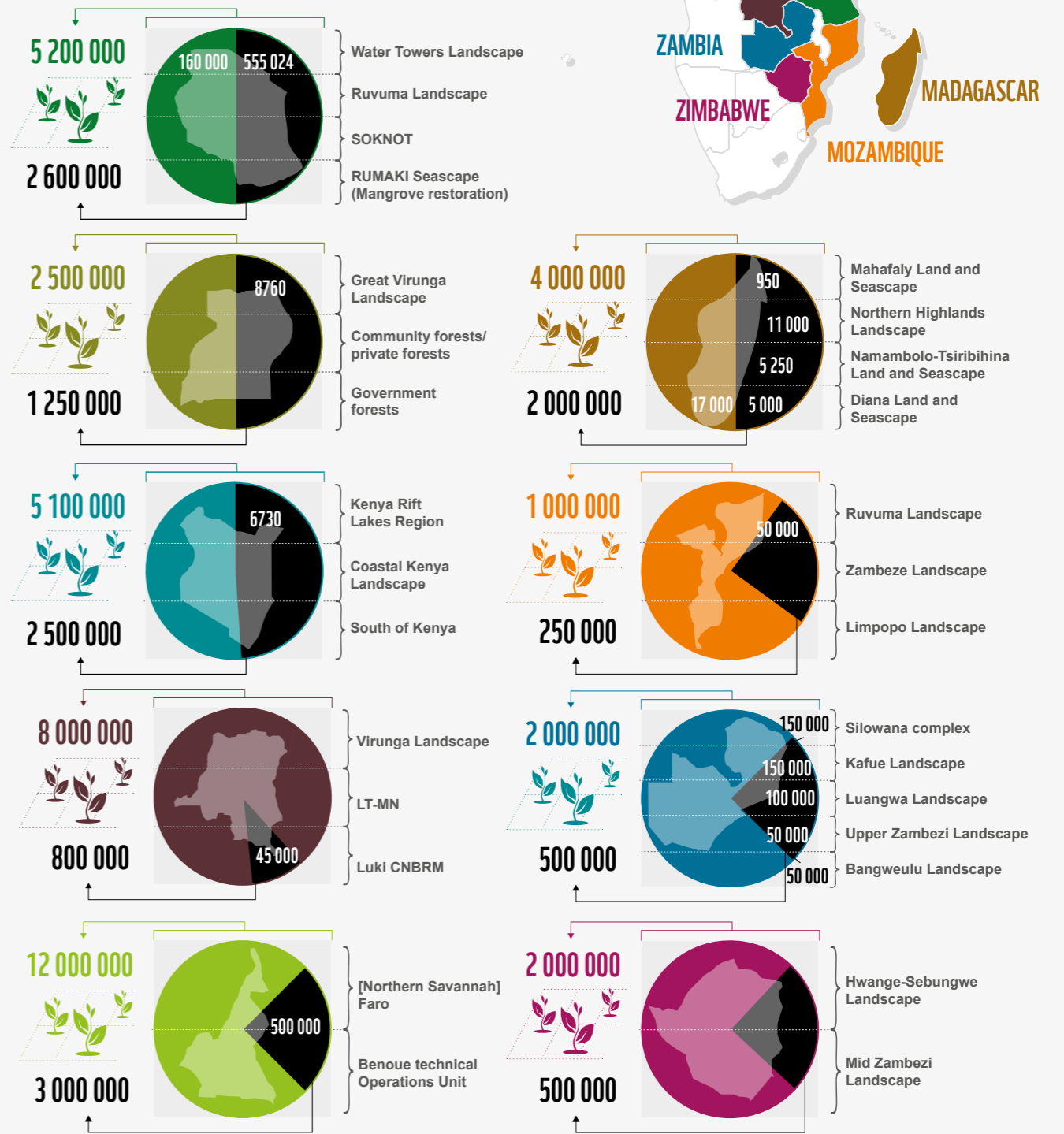
# IMPACT: DELIVERING AGAINST OUR TARGETS

Government restoration target or area to be restored by 2030 (ha)



WWF contribution to country restoration: target or area to be restored by 2027 (ha)

T Area identified or under restoration by mid-2022 (ha)



# COUNTRY LEVEL HIGHLIGHTS

## CAMEROON

Memorandum of Understanding underway with US-Based Facet Power to access biochar from the forest landscapes to support FLR in the north of the country

[Moneytrees](#), an online digital platform, launched to facilitate communications and fundraising

Sub-national ROAM assessment completed for Northern Savannah region, earmarking 30,000 hectares of degraded landscapes for restoration

## DRC

3 value chains totaling US\$1.7 million developed. Over US\$1 million generated from improved cookstoves and US\$308,000 generated from honey production

45,000 hectares of degraded land and deforested forest landscapes under restoration

## ZAMBIA

Two forest restoration projects launched with Stanbic Bank and ABSA Bank Zambia PLC in collaboration with the Ministry of Green Economy and Environment

Start-up investments in the form of procurement and distribution of processing facilities and equipment for three major non-timber forest products (devil's claw, beekeeping and mungongo oil) were delivered to six local communities

## ZIMBABWE

Pipeline concepts and proposals developed at a landscape level

## UGANDA

Four community-based organizations engaged in tree planting as a business

Training of National Forestry Authority staff in carbon monitoring successfully completed

7,000 hectares of commercial forests planted on private lands and under private license in Central Forest Reserves

700 hectares planted by cooperatives and 600 hectares natural forest regenerated in Kagombe, Bugoma, and Budongo

## TANZANIA

National civil society organization platform established to advocate for restoration

24,215 hectares put under sustainable forest management for a total of 555,024 hectares

15,000 trees raised and planted via Foresters for the Future, a tree germination program started by WWF in 2020 to train young people to plant trees in their communities and become advocates for the maintenance of forests and wildlife in Tanzania. The program includes four primary school environmental clubs in the Ruvuma Landscape.

119,590 tree seedlings planted in the Usambaras landscape under the [Trillion Trees partnership](#)

## KENYA

National FLR civil society alliance established

## MOZAMBIQUE

Technical support provided for the establishment of the national forest information system

18 community enterprise projects established

345 community trainers, including 158 women, trained in Business and Finance Management and Community and Natural Resource Governance

REDD+ framework developed around Hwange National Park

## MADAGASCAR

A national-level FLR monitoring system was launched with the government, for which trainings have been held

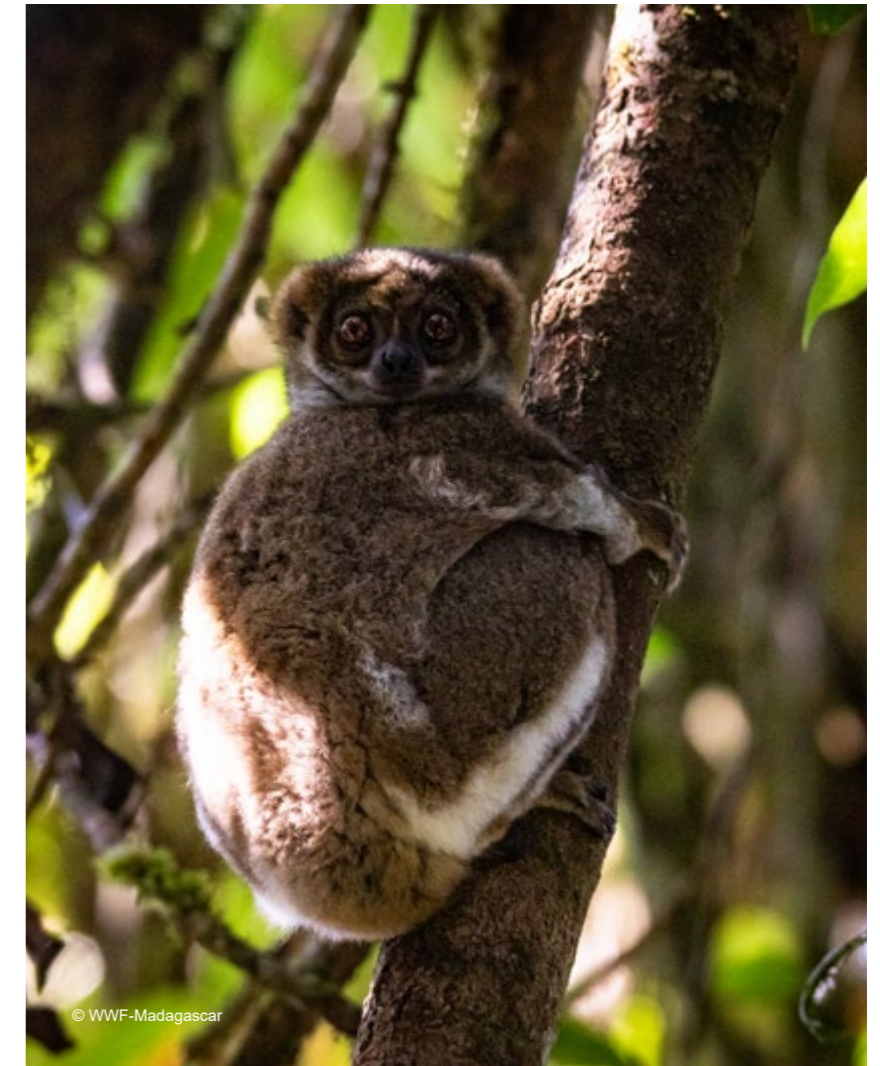
Two MEOR studies conducted and published for two watersheds: Manambolo Tsiribihina Landscape and Mahafaly landscape located in the Southwest of Madagascar

Four partnerships secured: with Velux for a REDD+ project with a 20-year duration; Blue Action Fund for watershed restoration and the Dutch Fund for Climate & Development (DFCD) for bankable sustainable projects

# PARTNERSHIPS

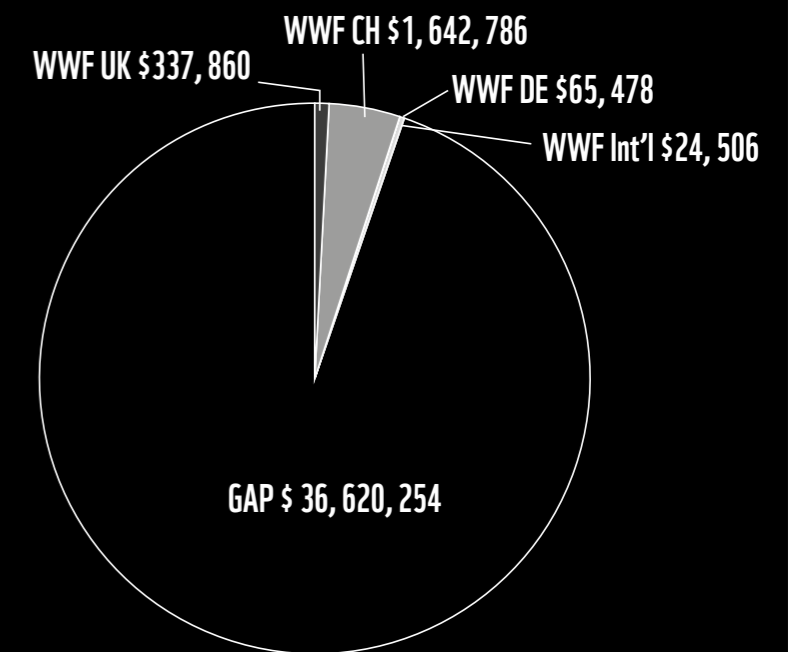
Collaboration and partnerships are cornerstone principles for the effective implementation of WWF's FLR in Africa initiative. Through sustainable partnerships with AFR100, Conservation International, Global Evergreen Alliance, IUCN, WRI, private sector, Indigenous people and local communities (IPLCs) and other AFR100 partners, the initiative has supported governments in the nine countries to upscale ongoing efforts in delivering their restoration commitments. Our partnership with RESTOR will allow the FLR in Africa initiative to integrate, manage and monitor all our FLR work, and include our partners.

The Initiative is also grateful to our partner offices that have provided financial and technical support, including WWF-Switzerland, WWF-Germany, WWF-UK and WWF International. We also have a number of other partners supporting the initiative indirectly through funding FLR-related projects at the country level, for example WWF-France, WWF-Finland, WWF-Sweden, WWF-Denmark and WWF-Belgium.



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## BUDGET 2021-2027



Total budget for the initiative 2021-2027 USD \$38 690 884



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# FLR IN AFRICA INITIATIVE TEAM

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