SEMA
Initiative for the conservation of Serengeti – Mara ecosystem (SEMA Project)

At a glance

PROJECT DURATION:
2018 – 2020

DONOR:
European Union

TARGET GROUP:
Small holder farmers with a special focus on women, youth and children, farmer organisations, public & private sector and research institutions.

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA:
Tanzania
Tarime District
Bunda District
Serengeti District

Kenya
Narok County
Bomet County

PARTNERS:
Tanzania
Bunda Farmers Development Support Organization (BUFADESO)

Kenya
Fintea Growers Co-operative Union Ltd (Fintea)

OVERALL OBJECTIVE:
To contribute to conservation of Serengeti-Mara transboundary ecosystems through empowering local communities to adopt sustainable livelihoods and enhancing regional cooperation.

OBJECTIVES
1. To empower local communities and stakeholders to conserve and protect Serengeti-Mara transboundary ecosystems.
2. To promote diversified sustainable livelihoods for communities in Transboundary Conservation Areas (TFCA).
3. To promote regional dialogue, cooperation and community involvement in wildlife law enforcement and management of TFCA.

Mwita Igayi Morro proudly shows his pawpaw. His farm is adjacent to Serengeti National Park, Tarime district, Tanzania
ACHIEVEMENTS

- Land use plans and Sub-catchment management plans developed and by-laws to guide implementation.
- 1,800 farmers trained on participatory land use planning to initiate sustainable land use
- 12,450 trees planted by Water Resource Users Association members and community groups.
- 1,511 farmers trained on entrepreneurship: to promote diversified sustainable livelihoods: Bee keeping and poultry have been prioritised by most community members
- Community groups trained and adopted the Voluntary Savings and Lending Associations/schemes.
- Conservation clubs in Tanzanian and Kenyan Schools trained on environmental education.
- Farmers trained on improved livestock management including artificial insemination
- Communities groups trained on human-wildlife conflict and compensation/consolation mechanism targeting community members living within and around the core wildlife protected areas and conservancies.
- Community members exchange learning visits done for farmers from the project area both in Kenya and Tanzania.
- Demonstration sites with sustainable agroforestry practices established and 2,532 farmers have been trained on agroforestry
- A cross border (SEMA week) consultative meeting on ecosystem conservation held with key stakeholders in the Serengeti-Mara ecosystem from both countries.

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