



NTAKATA REDD+ PROJECT



Thanks to REDD + projects, developing countries make a concrete contribution to the conservation of their national biodiversity and to the global action against climate change. In addition to the environmental benefits, REDD + projects offer social and economic benefits, in line with the Sustainable Development Goals.







The Ntakata REDD+ project was initiated in May 2017 with the aim to engage and support local communities in the protection of their village forest reserves. This project contributes to the conservation of critical wildlife habitat, mitigates climate change, and creates significant employment and opportunities for some of Tanzania's most remote villages. The project is in Tanganyika District, Western Tanzania, an area that has experienced dramatic landscape change over the past decade, with detrimental effects on forests and critically important species such as chimpanzee. Chimpanzees rely on large expanses of for-



est to maintain their 'fusion fission' social patterns, whereby troops split up and form new groups on a regular basis. Sufficient forest habitat and corridors to facilitate movement throughout the landscape are vital. The farmers of this richly wooded and forested landscape practice their lifestyle in well-watered valleys and have always cared for the forests which hold deep cultural and spiritual meaning. This farming lifestyle depends on healthy forests for water catchment and other products and services, such as medicines, honey and small amounts of firewood and building poles.



The project generates income from forest carbon offset sales that provide indigenous communities with an alternative source of revenue, used for community healthcare, education, development projects.



Development of sustainable food production systems and resilient agricultural practices.



Community health care fund created.



Creation of funds for community education.



The project provides woman with employment opportunities as community scouts or project officers.



Men and women of all ages from the community are employed as community scouts and are engaged in daily project activities.



Property guarantees and land management rights for marginalized communities.



 $600,000 \text{ tCO}_2$ annually reduction.



Conservation of biodiversity and protection of natural resources.



Collaboration with partner organizations that can secure legal land title and ownership rights over resources for the communities.



Collaboration with community and partners to bring unique approaches to the sustainable development of rural Tanzania.