MIKUMI
NATIONAL PARK

Wildlife at a Glance



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English



Welcome to the Park!

As accessible as it is, Mikumi is the most appealing Park to a safari. This Park will give a true taste of an African safari while preserving your precious time.

The Park has a variety of wildlife that can easily be seen. Its closeness to Dar es salaam city makes it an ideal place for weekend visitors who don't have to spend a long time on an extended safari itinerary. The vegetation of this area is savanna dotted with Acacia, Baobab, Tamarinds and some Borassus trees.

Mikumi is one of the most reliable places in Tanzania for animal sightings especially during the dry season. This is the time when wildlife is easier to spot because vegetation is thinner and animals gather around water sources such as Mkata river, hippo and Mwanambogo pools and other waterholes. These waterholes are constantly visited by big herds of Buffaloes, Elephants, Giraffes, Zebras as well as other wild animals.

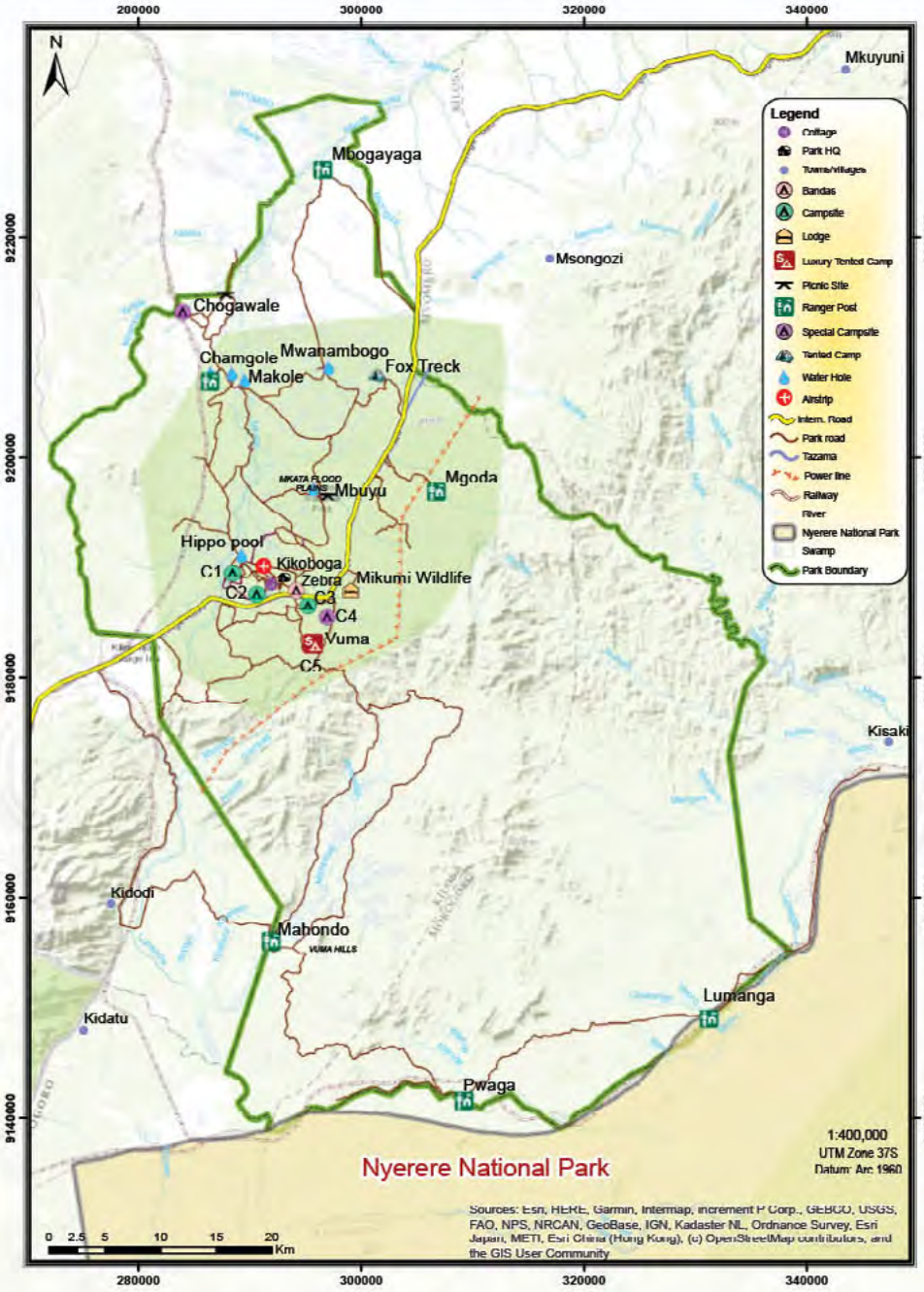
We are honored that you have chosen to visit and stay with us and look forward to providing you with unforgettable experience.

Thank you!

Brief history

Mikumi National Park was gazetted in 1964 with an area of 1,070 km², later on by 1975 annexed to cover an area of 3,230 km².

The park shares the name 'Mikumi' with the village just beyond its Western boarder of Dar es Salaam - Iringa high way, which traverse the park for 50km. The small town in turn takes the name from the (*Borassus spp*) palm.



Getting there

By road: The park is located 288km west of Dar es Salaam, using Dar es Salaam - Iringa highway via Morogoro town.

By Air: Chattered flights from all major town and cities to Kikoboga airstrip which is located inside the park.



Climate

The park has a bi-modal rain season, characterized by short rains from November to early December, followed by long rains from March to May and annual average rainfall is 700mm, although the rainfall pattern is very unpredictable. There is always a definite dry period between June to October, then January and February. The wet months are associated with a hot humid weather, where temperatures reach up to 30 °C. Dry months are always cooler with temperature between 20 °C and 25 °C. Annual average temperature is 25.5 °C. The best period to visit the park is during the dry season, however the northern part of the park is accessible throughout the year.

Attractions

- **Wildlife**

  The park has concentration of variety of animals in Mkata flood plain including four of the big five, elephant, buffalos, lion and leopard. It is a place where the world's largest antelope (eland, greater kudu, sable antelope, defassa waterbuck) and african hunting wild dogs can easily be spotted.





- **Birds**

  Mikumi harbours multitude of bird species (400spp), from the striking turkey-sized group hornbill to the tiny sunbirds. Bateleur eagles are often seen soaring in the intense blue skies, and the lilac-breasted rollers add brilliance to their background.

- **Vegetation**

  Mikumi has a variety of vegetation types ranging from seasonally flooded grassland to woodland and riverine forest. The Afromontane Forest found on the summit of Malundwe Mountains is renowned for its unique flora and fauna.





Tourist activities

- **Day Game viewing:** This is a main activity in the park for visitors' enjoyment. The activity allows visitors to circle around the park while viewing wildlife.

- **Night Game viewing:** The bush is completely a different world at night. This is what makes night drives so special. Not only do night game drives allow you to see nocturnal animals but also are a fantastic way to see nocturnal predators such as leopards.

  Night drives are interesting and can offer a different perspective on wildlife. The smaller cats, genet and African wild cat not to mention the chance of seeing lion hunting. Night jars and other birds are also of interest.





- **Walking Safari:** This gives you a more learning experience about animals in the wilderness and a better way of spotting animals at a close range. It is mostly done in the morning and evenings and brings about a different scope and sense of adventure. It also conveys a different dimension in the whole safari experience.

  "Experience safari on foot in order to view large heard of elephants, scenic view of the Mikumi landscape and see the African big cats."

- **Birding:** The Mkata plains are great place for birding. Mikumi boasts with a respectful 400 species of birds with the most common ones being the black bellied bustards, guinea fowls, marabou storks, bateleur eagles, oxpeckers, colorful lilac breasted rollers and yellow throated longclaw.

- **Sundowning**

  The sunset from the Ngotwike mountains made ever changing skies and light, producing glorious look of the park.

- **Conference tourism:** The park has a conference room for different events such as meetings, workshops and seminars. There are two conferences; the VIP conference with capacity of 20 people and open hall of 200 people.

- **Sport Tourism:** The park offers playing grounds for visitors. The football, basketball and netball grounds enable tourist playing different games while viewing wildlife.

- **Cultural tourism:** This is activity allow to share norms and culturally experience from the villages near the park such as cooking, dancing and sharing artist productions.



Available tourist facilities

Inside the park: Including parks tourist houses (Cottages, Rest house and hostel), three private tented camps and campsites (both public and special). Public campsites have basic facilities such as dinning, washrooms and fireplace. Special campsites are just natural sites where water and bathrooms facilities are not provided.

Outside the park: In Mikumi township there are accommodations services including Motels, Hotels, Lodges, Camps and Guesthouses which all of them are at affordable rates.





Park rules and regulations

Please do not:

- Enter the park without a valid permit;
- Litter;
- Block other visitors access, disturb or the animals they are watching;
- Exceed the speed limit of 50k.p.h;
- Take pets, plant seeds or fire arms into the park;
- Uproot, pick, cut or damage or be in possession of any part of the plant from the park;
- Kill, harass, disturb or feed any wild animals in the park;
- Feed animals;
- Ignite wildfires;
- Enter or leave the park at points other than the official entry/exit gates stipulated in your permit.

Visit and support!

Visit and experience the beauty of this amazing park. You can support the park and the surrounding communities by visiting and contribute to conservation projects.

Thank you!



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