MKOMAZI
NATIONAL PARK

Home of Black Rhinos



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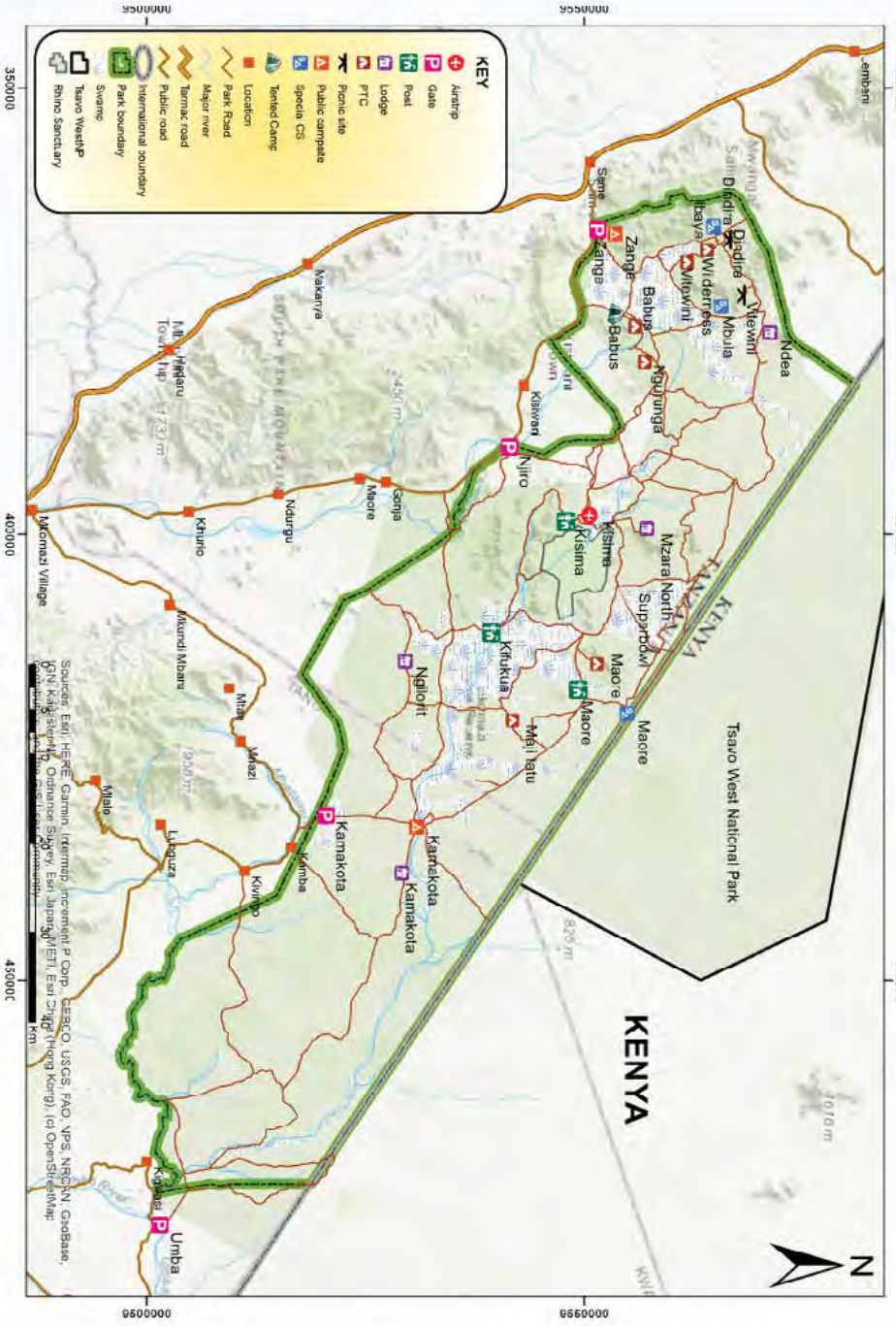
Welcome to the Park!

Please welcome to this peculiar place of its sort on the planet earth. It is our utmost desire to ensure your enjoyment during your stay with us. Your arrival is of immense help as you contribute to the dedicated conservation efforts of this Park. Being endowed with a unique landscape, it is flanked with majestic hills providing a perfect hiking environment and experience. The spectacular landscape is complimented with an array of more than 450 bird species; a wide range of wildlife species including the "big five" and sociable wild dogs; and above all, the unique vegetation providing favorable habitats for the fauna therein. The park attractions can be easily accessed by game viewing, walking safaris and others. We do hope that your visit in this park will be awarding and memorable one.

Thank you!

Brief History

Previously known as "Mkomazi-Umba Game Reserve", the area was officially gazetted as a National Park in 2008. Covering an area of 3,245 km² It became the 15th member of the 21 in the fleet of the Tanzanian National Parks. Its name, Mkomazi, was derived from a Pare vernacular word for "a scoop of water" indicating insufficient availability of water attributed to the fact that the area is characterized with semi-arid climate.



Getting there

The Park is accessible all-year round both by road and air.

By road: For visitors opting for road transport through Zange main gate can travel 190 km from Arusha, 152 km from Kilimanjaro International Airport, 112 km from Moshi, 99 from Kilimanjaro National Park and only six (6) km from nearby Same town. For easy accessibility, visitors travelling by road from Tanga and Mombasa can reach the Park through



Umba gate on special arrangement which is 150 km and 140 km respectively

By Air: Can be accessed by chattered flights through Kisima and Kavateta airstrips located in the park.

Climate

The park is located in an area with a dry and warm to hot conditions. The hottest period lasts from October through April, while the remaining months of the year, i.e. from May to September are the coldest ones. Annual average temperature is 23.1 C whereby annual average minima is ranging between 9.4 C and 17.5 C while the minimal is between 29.0 C and 37.8 C. The Park, on the other hand, experiences a biannual rainfall pattern. The long rainfall season is between March and May while the short one is between November and December.

Attractions

Complemented with the breath-taking landscape scenery, the presence of the wild animal species; abundant bird life and unique vegetation strand, Mkomazi turns out as one of the most rewarding places to visit in Tanzania.

- **Wild Animals**

  As it is with its climatic characteristics, wild animals favored by this climate are found in abundance. These include fringe-eared oryx, gerenuk, lesser-kudu, grant gazelle as well as common eland. Mkomazi is among those very few places in the country where you can have a rare opportunity to see all the BIG FIVE (i.e. black rhinoceros, african elephants, buffalo, lions and leopard). Of special interest, is the chance to spot the shy and beautiful cheetah and bumping on the amazing pack of african wild dogs high.



- **The African Wild dogs**

  Globally listed as Endangered, these canids have long legs and are unique with four toes in their feet, a feature not found in other dogs. They are graceful animals in the wild with their beautiful spotted coats of black, brown white and yellow. The park is also one of the few places one can have chance to see these species.

- **The Eastern Africa Black Rhinos**

  The species which highly endangered can be found among few places in this world in Mkomazi National Park. The Park is true home of the Black Rhinos .





- **Bird Life**

  Mkomazi is rich in bird life hosting more than 450 species, a number of which are endemic to this area. This makes it an ideal place for bird watching paradise. The endemic bird species include Violet Wood-Hoopoes; Friedmann's Lark; the Somali Long-billed Crombec and the Yellow-vented Eremomela. It is believed that these bird species are only found here because it is the most southern extension of the Somali semi-arid belt. Other common species found include Vulturine Guineafowls; Paradise Flycatchers (White Morphs); Black-bellied Sunbirds; Ostriches; African Orange-bellied Parrot; Eastern Chanting Goshawk, Go-Away Birds; Secretary Birds; Bustards and many others. Best places for bird watching include Zange, Maore, Mbula, Dindira, Norbanda and Ngurunga.

- **Scenic Landscapes**

  Mkomazi National Park is one of the most scenic National Park in Tanzania. It is surrounded by the Pare and Usambara mountains in the West and South and it is close to the coastal vegetation of Northern Tanzania. The stunning landscape flowered by startlingly postured range of hills adds up to your unique experience while at Mkomazi National Park.



Tourist activities

The Park offers several types of tourism activities which are game drive, walking safaris, hill-hiking, bird watching and special rhino viewing.

- **Game Viewing**

  This activity conducted while on a vehicle, avail you with an opportunity to explore a wide range area of the park while enjoying the scenery beauty of the park; abundant wild animal species including the peculiar ones such as Fringe-ear Oryx, Lesser Kudu, Elephants, Common Elands just to mention but a few.

- **Walking Safaris and Hill-hiking**

  Step out of your safari car, engage yourself in walking safari and/or hill-hiking to feel that exhilarating experience which safely and professionally conducted. It is a rare opportunity of which you can closely feel, touch and sense what nature can freely give – spotting of the big games' foot prints; leaves' rustling and pleasant fragrant scents. Plan your walking and/or hill-hiking safari while at Mkomazi National Park.

- **Rhino Viewing**

  This is a new tourism product in the park conducted in a sanctuary located inside the park. It is designed in such a way that visitors can have an access to view these charismatic big games in a close range possible. Because of its exceptionality, there is a separate arrangement for the visitors to seize this amazing opportunity whereby a booking in advance is required.





- **Bird Watching**

  Being a habitat for more than 450 species of birds, several being endemic to the area, the Park qualifies a dub as a perfect paradise for bird watchers. Though bird watching activity can be savored during game drive, nerve-wracking amusement can be felt during walking and/or hill-hiking safaris.

Tourist Facilities

The Park is availed with both privately and Organization owned accommodation facilities hence providing visitors with a wide range of choice for varied experiences. Currently, facilities operated by the park include cottages located at public camp site at Zange and special camp sites at Dindira and Maore. There is one privately operated tented camp going with the name "Babu's Camp". Opting to spend a night out of the park?... there are several small lodges and hotels in the nearby Same town, only six kilometer away as you exit through Zange main gate.





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;
- Erect, mark or remove any signboard in the park;
- 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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