

# Mikuyuni – Our wetland, our livelihood, our future .



NEEMA COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION FORUM



The Mikuyuni and Mwitasyano wetlands play an important role in our lives. We have always depended on the wetland as a source of livelihood.....

The wetland supports ourselves and our livestock in the following ways....



- How we benefit from the wetlands.....**
- Vegetable growing along the river banks
  - Beekeeping
  - Fishing in the rivers and dams
  - Sand harvesting
  - Water for irrigation
  - Water for domestic use
  - Water for grazing our cattle
  - Livestock grazing
  - Brick making
  - Source of building stones
  - Source of grass for thatching



- But some of these activities are destructive to the wetlands.....**
- Brick making
  - Overgrazing
  - Sand harvesting
  - Tree cutting for charcoal burning
  - Stone breaking

- Negative impacts.....**
- ❖ SOIL EROSION
  - ❖ SILTATION AND DRYING UP OF RIVERS
  - ❖ DESERTIFICATION

The members of the Mikuyuni and Mwitasyano communities have come together to protect and conserve this important source of livelihood from further degradation so that we continue enjoying these ecosystem services. The NEEMA COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION FORUM has been formed by members of the Mikuyuni and Mwitasyano communities. Our goals are to sensitise, educate and mobilise members of the community to be involved in conservation and environmental management activities for improvement of living standards.

- So far we have identified the following activities to be initiated:**
- Tree nursery
  - Fish farming
  - Vegetable farming
  - Beekeeping



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- HOW CAN YOU BE PART OF THIS?**
- Join the group and share your ideas
  - Participate in educational seminars
  - Speak to other members of the community about NEEMA activities
  - Donate land for the above activities

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