

## REDD+ Community Forest Management Areas in Zanzibar, Tanzania



### SUMMARY

<b>Project Location:</b> Zanzibar, Tanzania	<b>Gross Project Life VCU:</b> 15,676,624
<b>Project Area:</b> 91,000 hectares	<b>Crediting Period:</b> 30 Years
<b>Target Standards:</b> VCS, CCB (Triple Gold)	<b>Project Start Date:</b> 2017
<b>Project Type:</b> REDD+	

### PROJECT PARTNERS

- Project Proponent:**
- Department of Forestry Development (DFD)
  - JUMIJAZA - Community Forestry Management Areas
  - Terra Global Capital

- Program Manager and Carbon Developer**
- Terra Global Capital

### PROJECT SUMMARY

The HIMA Program is located in Zanzibar, on the islands of Pemba and Unguja, just off the coast Tanzania. Although once heavily forested, Zanzibar’s forests and mangroves have been subject to widespread exploitation. Currently, Zanzibar’s remaining forests are now being deforested at a rate of 1% per year. A consortium of government agencies and communities in Zanzibar, including the Department of Forestry Development (DFD), have partnered to initiate the Hifadhi ya Misitu ya Asili (HIMA) REDD+ Program, which translates to Conservation of Natural Forests.

The HIMA Project emphasizes the importance of women-focused community-based natural resource management, a practice used across the Middle East and North Africa for more than 1,500 years. In Arabic “Hima” means “protected place” and is an Islamic traditional system of community-based natural resource management for the protection of nature. The tradition of the HIMA system is to have humans and nature harmoniously coexisting through the sustainable use and extraction and promotes food, energy and water security. This unique REDD+ Program focuses on women, forests and livelihoods.

### KEY BENEFITS

The emission reductions generated from the climate component of the HIMA REDD+ Program will be used to provide revenue to support the climate, community and biodiversity objectives. The main objectives of the Project are three-fold:

1. Mitigation climate change by reducing carbon dioxide emissions from land use activities that result in deforestation and forest degradation, in forests and mangroves.
2. Improve community livelihoods, especially women, by strengthening community land use rights and through alternative livelihood activities and carbon finance, and
3. Contribute to biodiversity conservation by protecting standing forests and assisting in natural regeneration of forests as a means of improving wildlife habitat in the Project Area.



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### PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

This community-based REDD+ Project was strategically developed to meet the United Nation’s Sustainable Development Goals of 2030. The project activities were designed with the idea of meeting the needs of communities and solving issues they face everyday. This program looks to implement global goals of combating climate change through pro-poor sustainable development. Specific Project activities of the HIMA Program include 1) maintaining transparent and equitable benefit-sharing mechanisms, 2) strengthening of land tenure status and establishment of forest governance structure, 3) forest protection through demarcation and community patrolling 4) reducing fuelwood/charcoal demand and consumption through increasing energy efficiency, 5) creation of alternative sources of fuelwood through establishment of woodlots, 6) sustainable intensification of agriculture on existing agriculture lands, 7) providing alternative livelihoods to the agents of deforestation, and 8) promoting Assisted Natural Regeneration and Enrichment Planting in mangroves.

The HIMA REDD+ Program fulfils indicators under every SDG – demonstrating its global importance. Help fulfill SDG#17 *Partnerships for the Goals* by supporting the HIMA Program.



### TERRA GLOBAL COMPANY OVERVIEW

Founded in 2006, Terra Global is a woman-run, women-owned for-profit social enterprise and small business. Terra Global's mission is to facilitate financially, socially and environmentally sustainable forestry and agricultural land management practices. Terra Global is the leader in sustainable forest and agriculture program development, land-use greenhouse gas quantification and finance, and providing technical expertise and investment capital to their global client base in a collaborative and innovative manner. As a group Terra Global has more global experience generating positive social and environmental outcomes from sustainable landscape management working with its community and government partners.





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### BIODIVERSITY & ENDANGERED SPECIES

Zanzibar's forests are part of the East Africa Coastal Forests Eco-region, one of the world's 200 biodiversity hotspots. Mangrove forests are one of the most important forest resources in Zanzibar, as they protect fragile ecosystems, crops and villages against sea-level rise and provide important breeding sites for fish and marine animals. Zanzibar is home to a number of rare and threatened species, including the Zanzibar red colobus (*Procolobus kirkii*), which is endemic to the island of Unguja; Ader's duiker (*Cephalophus adersi*); Pemba flying fox (*Pteropus voeltzkowi*); among others. The forests of Zanzibar harbor a wide range of other endemic plants, mammals, reptiles and birds many of them IUCN listed species.



### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND EMPOWERMENT

The HIMA program is developing sustainable community forest management in Zanzibar through gender-sensitive and pro-poor Community Forest Management (COFM). This REDD+ Program will benefit 56 COFM Areas to develop and strengthen capacity to improve and conserve Zanzibar's forest resources. The Community Association Jumuiya ya Uhifadhi Misitu ya Jamii Zanzibar (JUMIJAZA), has been established by the communities to support project-wide governance, implement activities, and manage the finances of emission reductions – putting the power of carbon finance in the hands of those making a difference on the ground. Special attention is given to women's empowerment, involvement and inclusion in project activities and decision making.



### CLIMATE MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION

Climate adaptation and mitigation is desperately needed in Zanzibar, as communities face sea-level rise. This Program will prevent an estimated 15 million tons of emission reductions over its 30-year lifespan. The HIMA Program is expecting to complete verification of emission reductions under the Verified Carbon Standard (VCS) and receive Triple Gold Level under Climate, Community and Biodiversity (CCB). The CCB Triple Gold verification shows that this project meets the highest criteria for mitigating and adapting to a changing climate, empowers communities through project design and protects irreplaceable wildlife.

