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Army Sustainable Range Program (SRP)

US Army Europe: Sharing the ITAM Tenets with Multinational Partners in Africa



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Sustainable Range Program Introduction

- SRP includes two DA G3 “Enabler” programs – Range and Training Land Program (RTLTP) and Integrated Training Area Management (ITAM).
- Mission: Manage the Army’s Training Land “Platform” to Sustain its Future use for Training (AR 350-19)
- Army Sustainable Range Program Tenets:
 1. Information Excellence
 2. Integrated Management
 3. Outreach
- Command: Execute SRP Within Operations / Training Channels
- Partnering: Operations, IMCOM-E, AFRICOM, EUCOM, and Host Nation



ITAM emerged nearly 25 years ago.

What began as a scientific evaluation of natural resource management on lands supporting military-mission activities, evolved into a world-class model for the management of military lands and strategic enabler supporting military readiness.

USAREUR ITAM

➤ Land Rehabilitation and Maintenance

- ✓ Initial Focus: JMRC Hohenfels ('87 Flood)
- ✓ Check Dams / Retention Basins ('90s)
- ✓ 3K Acres Reseeded Annually ('90)



➤ Land Condition Monitoring

- ✓ Land Condition Plots Monitored Annually ('86)
- ✓ Annual Satellite Imagery ('86)
- ✓ Runoff Monitoring Stations ('93)

➤ Geographic Information System (GIS) Data Acquisition

- ✓ Aerial Orthoimagery ('92)
- ✓ Sub-Meter Elevation Models ('03)

➤ Cooperative Security Events

- ✓ S. Africa ('01)
- ✓ Georgia ('05)
- ✓ Botswana ('07)



AFRICA COMMAND (AFRICOM)

➤ Established in October 2007, and is headquartered in Germany, the command is responsible for coordinating military-to-military relationships between the United States and African nations and military organizations.

➤ U.S. Africa Command, in concert with other U.S. government agencies and international partners, conducts sustained security engagement through military to military programs, to promote a stable and secure African environment in support of U.S. foreign policy.



Defense Environmental International Cooperation

- Many of the Workshops are funded under the Office of Secretary of Defense (OSD) Defense Environmental International Cooperation (DEIC) program, which **seeks to build capacity and dialog through defense-related environmental topics.**
- Regional (ITAM) Workshop, organized by AFRICOM





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USAREUR ITAM Support



The Message



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Tenets

As of 5 May 2011

ITAM Tenets

- **Information Excellence** – Ensures the U.S. Army is using the best available information and science to support it's ranges and land assets.
- **Integrated Management** – Ensures that the major management functions directly affecting ranges and land assets are integrated to support the training mission.
- **Outreach** – Provides an outlet to explain to the public why training activities are essential and improves understanding of Public perception of, and Concerns about, training and Range operations.

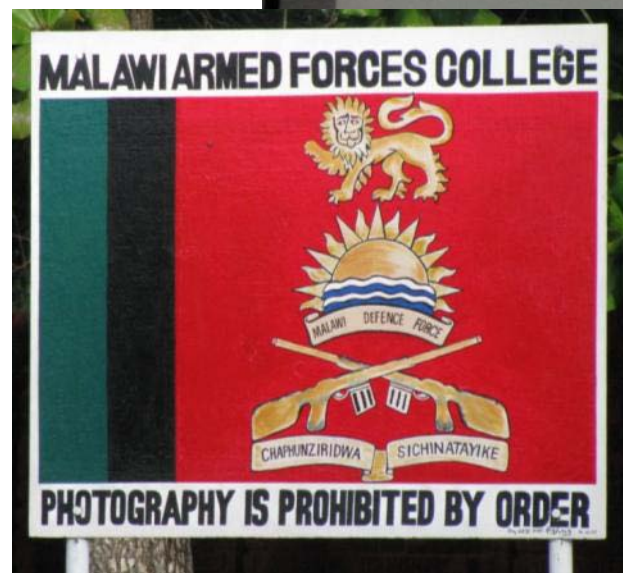


ITAM Tenets Continued

- **Information Excellence** → Geographic Information System (GIS)
- **Integrated Management** → Training Range Integration (TRI) → Partnering
- **Outreach** → Sustainable Range Awareness (SRA)



Three Phase Approach





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Planning Visit



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Workshop

✓ With a focus on:

- Partnering
- Geographic Information System
- Outreach
- Range Tour





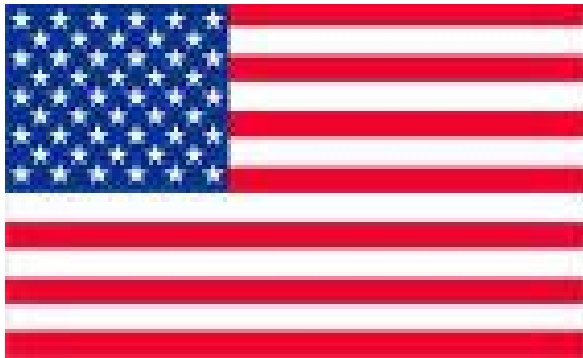
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Familiarization Visit

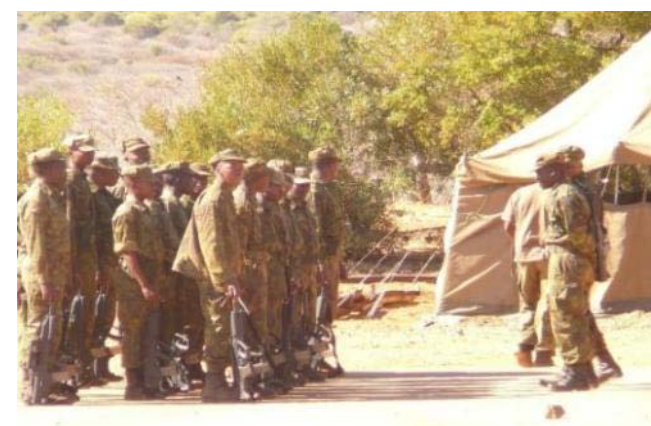


Case Study – Tanzania Peoples Defense Forces

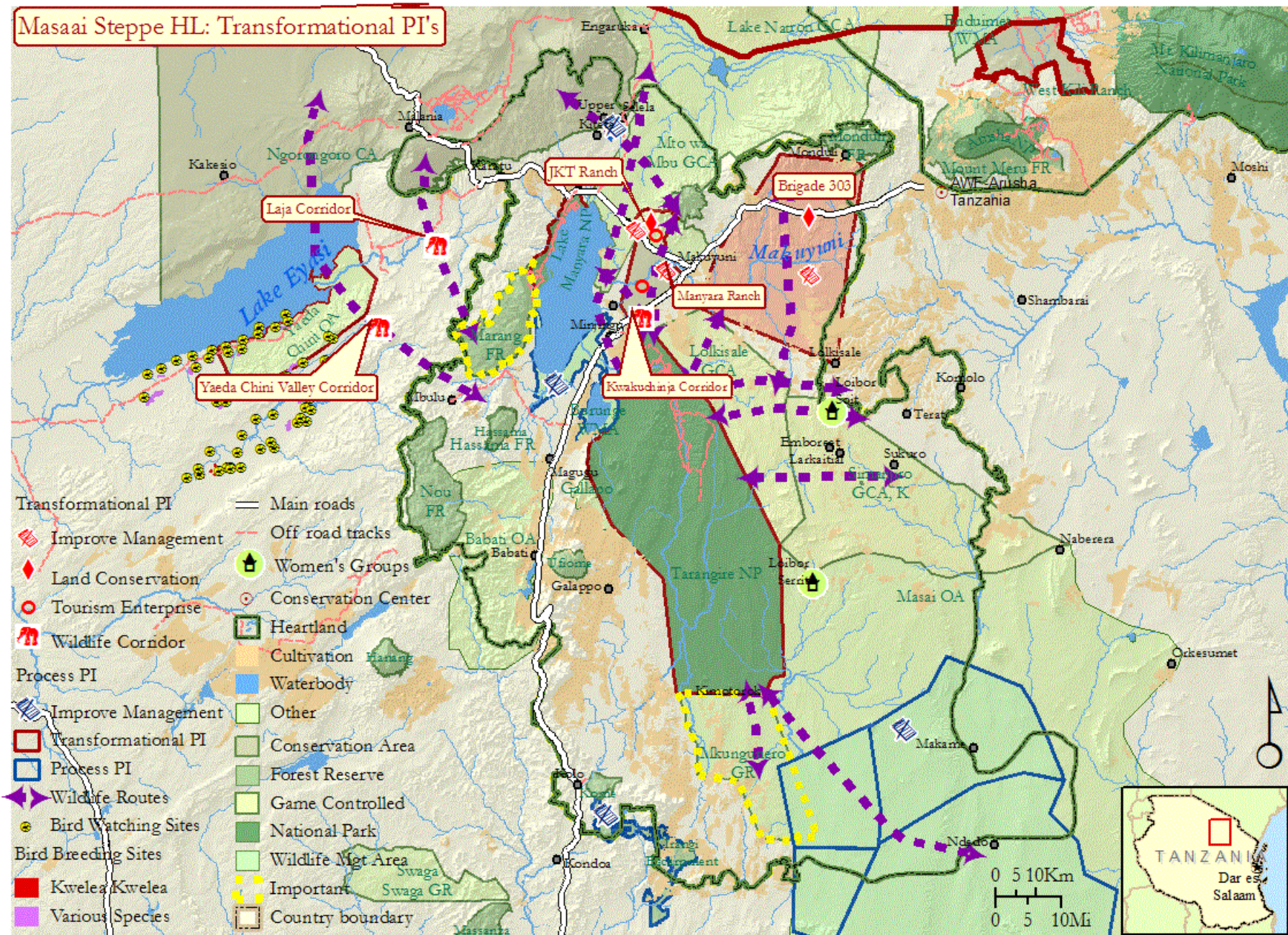


Project Background

- Initiate a conservation partnership to support land management activities on 303rd training lands.
- Significance of Brigade 303 Area:
 1. Land falls within the Maasai Steppe and is considered to be a critical ecological site because of its size and location within a greater conservation landscape.
 2. Experiencing conservation threats that need to be addressed;
Encroachment and Poaching
 3. Area has potential for multiple sustainable uses.



Masaai Steppe HL: Transformational PI's



Goal of Engagement

- To conserve Natural Resources within an area adjacent to National Park(s) and community land.
- To protect an important wildlife dispersal area, and corridor, linking Tarangire and Lake Manyara National Parks.
- To develop integrated and sustainable land use management on Brigade 303 training area



ITAM Involvement

- Participated in Planning visit.
- Conducted two Workshops focusing on enhancing the Tanzania People's Defence Force (TPDF) abilities related to the planning and management of training areas that satisfy current and future military training requirements.
- Hosted Familiarization visit.
- **Acted as facilitator to Encourage positive relationships locally, regionally, and nationally**



Partners

- ✓ **USAID**
- ✓ **AFRICOM**
- ✓ **Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA)**
- ✓ **Tanzanian Land Conservation Trust**
- ✓ **World Wildlife Fund (WWF)**
- ✓ **African Wildlife Foundation (AWF)**
- ✓ **Local surrounding communities**



- MOU between AWF and 303rd documents currently with headquarters for review.
- These events fostered Partnerships which should help sustain TPDF's valuable training area resources



Final Thoughts

- Workshop need to include all stakeholders: Military, Government Ministries and NGO's for process to be successful
- Need full support of Defense Attaché Office (DAO) and U.S. Embassy
- Can be successful with **proper follow-up workshops!**



Questions?

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