



**Community Conservation Research Network  
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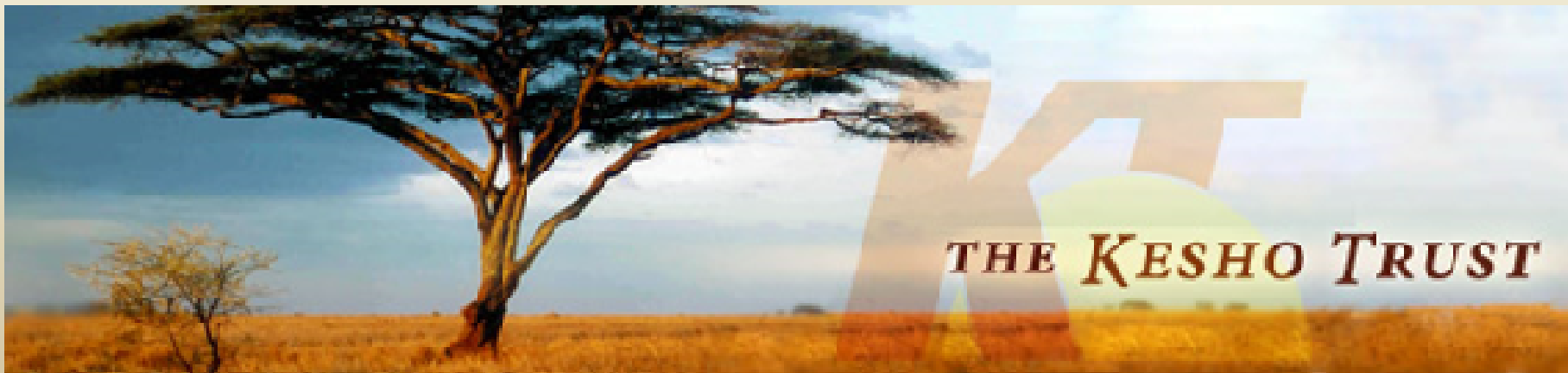
# mission:

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- to facilitate and support community led activities that foster long term sustainability of community based conservation and development initiatives

Canadian charity [2005]

NGO registration in Tanzania [2006]



# principles:

- small scale
- partnership
- community based
- facilitative
- exchange of experiences
- inclusion



# research alliance:

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Protected Areas and Poverty Reduction Research and Learning Alliance (PAPR)

- led by Vancouver Island University
- Kesho Trust a community partner in Tanzania



Four research themes:

- costs /benefits
- human wildlife interaction
- governance
- knowledge mobilization

# my research:

## Conservation Influences on Livelihood Decision-making: A Case Study from Saadani National Park, Tanzania

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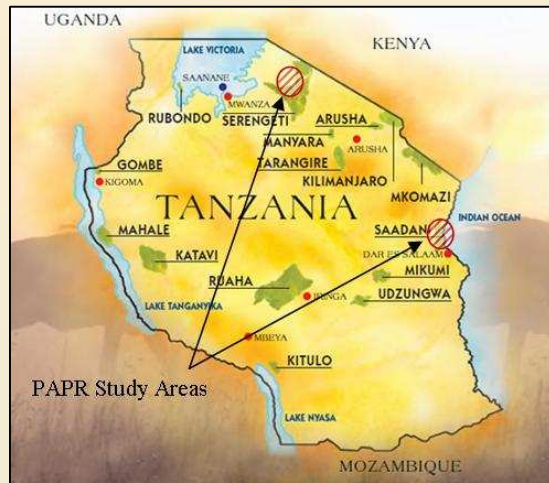
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# study area:



Mkwaja Village



Saadani Village



Matipwili Village



# research question:

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- to assess the strength, nature and interaction of the influences on household livelihood decision-making of people dependent on natural resource utilization in rural communities adjacent to a protected area.



# key responses:

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- resource productivity diminishing
  - rainfall less and variable;
  - temperatures increasing
- lack of control over change / impacts
- access restrictions
- small scale economies
- lack of options – wage employment
- cooperative ventures





# conclusions:

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- diminishing resource productivity produced short term response that increase extraction effort
- little recognition of local user impacts
- external forces – external solutions
- reluctance for cooperative livelihood ventures





## Saadani National Park

- factors influencing poverty
- sustainable livelihoods

## Institutional Canopy of Conservation: Loliondo

- links between conservation and livelihoods
- community conservation
- governance
- incentives

