







Background

"Tanzania's biodiversity is unparalleled on mainland Africa, and nowhere is this more evident than in its forest herpetofauna." (Menegon et al. 2011)

- 38 % of Tanzania's area is protected
- East Usambara forest is a biodiversity hotspot
- Out of the 360 native reptile species, at least 86 are endemic
- Endemic species are threatened by habitat loss, disease and over exploitation for the wildlife trade
- Rural communities depend on natural resources of the forests for their survival