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Leveraging Conservation Investment in Africa

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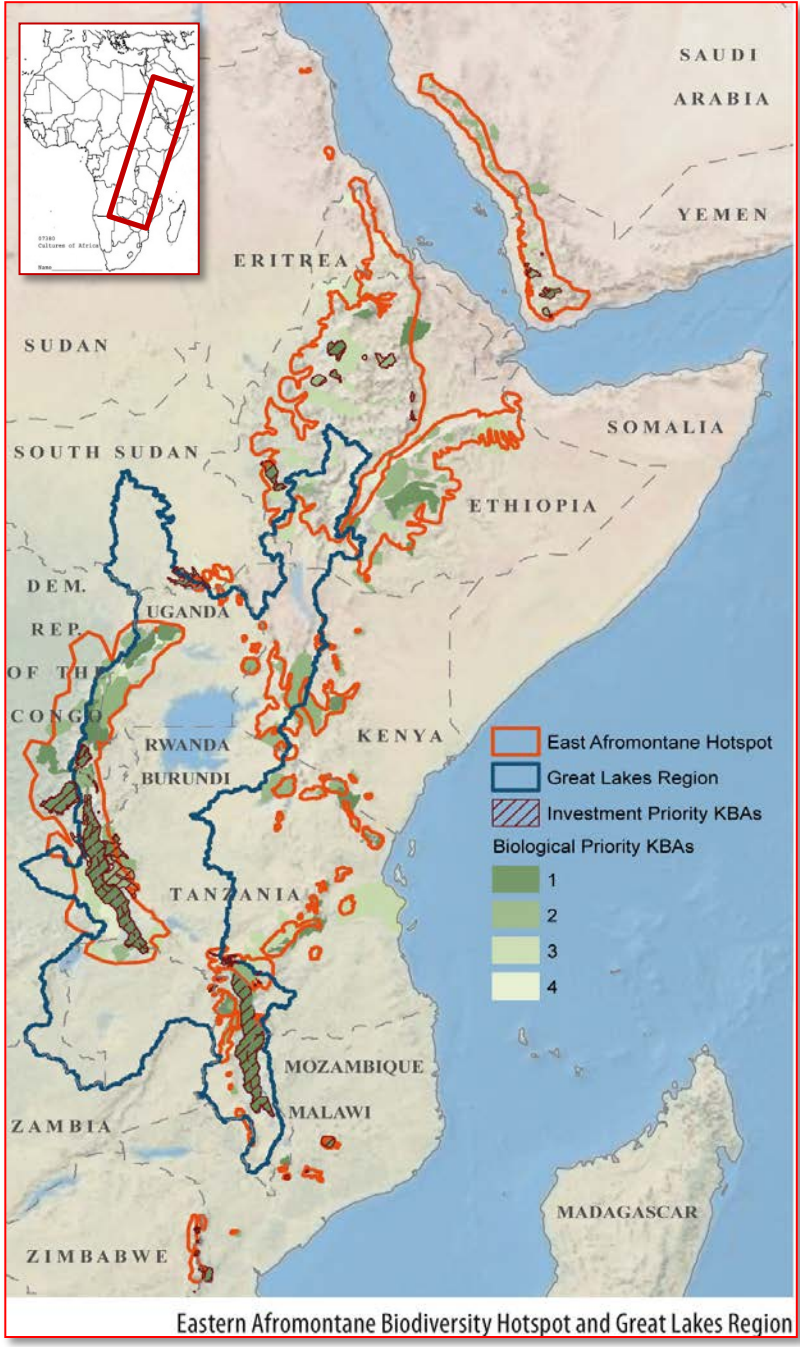
The overlapping Eastern Afromontane Hotspot and Great Lakes Region

- Geographic and thematic overlaps
- Well defined niche
- Complementarity of the strategies
- Common threats
- Sharp focus on balancing development and sustainability of biodiversity and ecosystem values



Eastern Afromontane Biodiversity Hotspot and Great Lakes Region

Significance of the region for conservation

Biodiversity importance

- High biodiversity (226 KBAs in the Great Lakes and 310 in EAM) and endemism (31% in EAM, fishes in the GLR)
- Over 25 Alliance for Zero Extinction
- Unique priority areas:
  - 4 major landscapes in EAM (Arabian Peninsula, Ethiopian Highlands, Albertine Rift and Eastern Arc and Southern Highlands) and
  - 5 major lake basins in the Great Lakes (Lakes: Turkana, Tanganyika, Victoria, Malawi/Niassa and the Upper Nile Basin

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Socio-economic importance

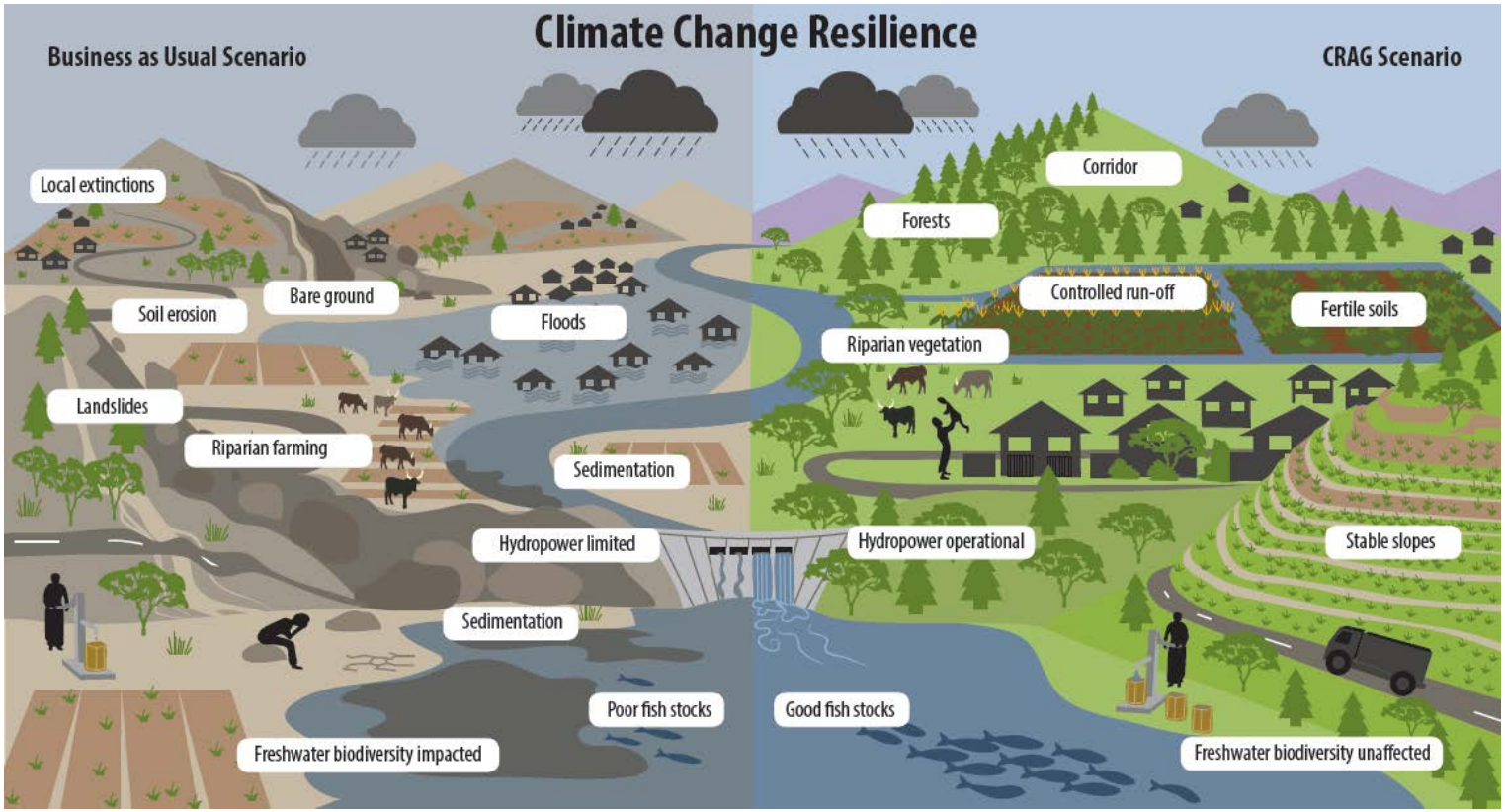
- Huge population densities and human migration due to civil unrest
- Supports the livelihoods of over 50 million people in 11 countries
  - Lake Victoria: world's no. 1 productive freshwater fishery worth >$600m annually
- Returns from ecosystem services contributing to public health and education

Status of work

- Strengthening capacity of civil society organisations
- Conservation of KBAs (some examples)

Status of work

- Increased coordination and cooperation
- Using science to inform policies, planning and development agenda (CIP development)



Achieving sustainable impact

Well defined priority actions (two strategies with specified Strategic Directions

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Biodiversity mainstreaming	Respond to development and climate pressure
KBA protection and management	Expand incentives to conserve ecosystems
Sustainable financing	Assist rural poor in resources management for multiple benefits
Strategic leadership and effective coordination	

Achieving sustainable impact

Low risk investment

- Stakeholders identified
- Conservation actions on-going
- Capacity in place to undertake further work
- High level of ownership and buy in

Achieving sustainable impact

- Leveraging – giving $1 yields twice the

  Blueprint for future conservation efforts

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