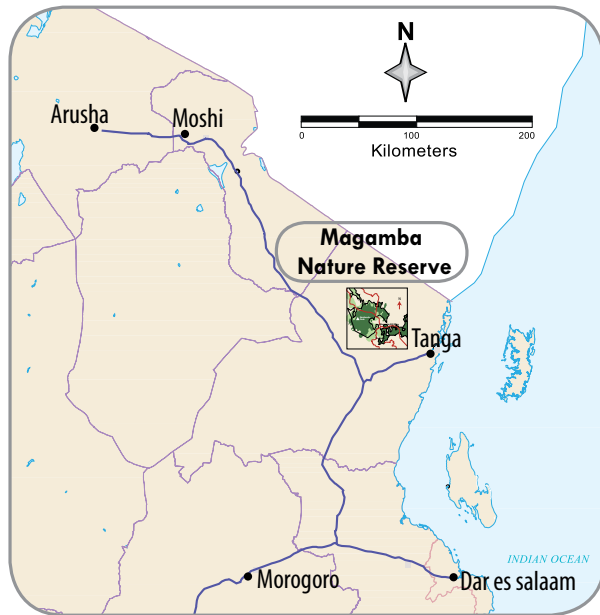


Organizing your trip



Access

The reserve is most easily reached via Lushoto. At Mombo, on the Dar-Arusha highway, take the turning up to Lushoto, (Mombo - Lushoto 32km). From Lushoto, follow directions to the Sebastian Kolowa University for approximately 10 km. Pass the university. At the next T-junction, turn left. After 1 km the Reserve Office is on your left. Parking is available.

Information

Information about guides and other attractions is available from the Tourist Information Centre in Lushoto. To find out more about the Nature Reserve and the facilities on offer call or e-mail the Conservator.

Accommodation

There are many guest houses and camp sites in Lushoto. Within the nature reserve there are two campsites: one at Kigulu Kakwewa and one on the Grewal Trail. Campers need to be completely self-sufficient in terms of food, drinking water and cooking facilities. Basic supplies are available in Lushoto.

Entry fees (subject to change)

Visitor fees help to protect and conserve the forests. They must be paid before entering the reserve. Visitor fees can be paid at Magamba Nature Reserve Office or at the District Forest Office at Lushoto town.

Entry fees (per person per day):

- Tanzanian nationals and residents: 3,000 TSh
- Tanzanian students: 1,000 TSh
- Non-residents: US\$ 30 (students US\$ 10)
- Children under 5: free

Camping fees (per person per night):

- Tanzanian nationals and residents: 2,000 TSh
- Non-residents: US\$ 30

Vehicles entry fees (on first entry only):

- Tanzanian nationals and residents: 5,000 TSh
- Non-residents: US\$ 30 (for vehicles up to 2 tonnes)

Other fees may also apply.

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Mazumbai Warty Frog by
Dina El Tounsy-Garner



Forest view



West Usambara two-
horned chameleon



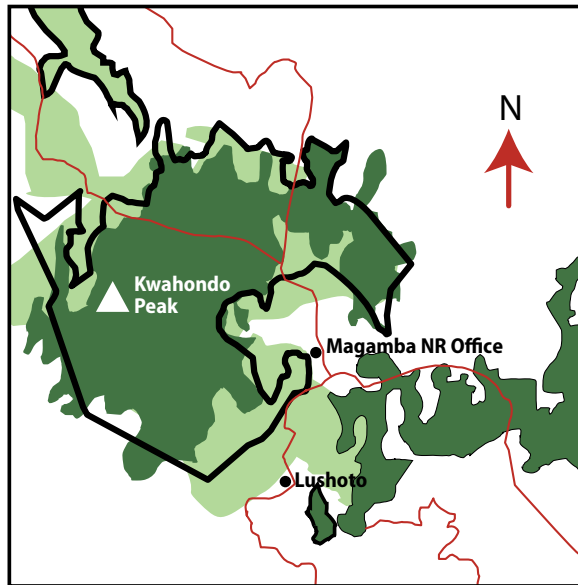
The German Cave



Kigulu Hakwewa View Point

The **Eastern Arc** is a chain of ancient forested mountains stretching across Tanzania and into Kenya. Many unique species thrive in these isolated massifs, including over 500 plant species and numerous animals that are found nowhere else on earth. Acre for acre there are more unique plant and animal species in the Arc than anywhere else in Africa, and the area is considered one of the planet's most important biodiversity hotspots. Between the 13 Eastern Arc mountain blocks, the West Usambara mountains are the third in importance with respect to endemic plant diversity.

Map of Magamba Nature Reserve



- Legend
- Natural Forest
 - Plantation Forest
 - Magamba Nature Reserve Boundary
 - Loose surface road

Magamba Nature Reserve, in the West Usambara Mountains, is an area of dense mountain forest with dramatic viewpoints. The reserve is a popular daytrip from the nearby town of Lushoto, a popular mountain retreat that attracts visitors all year round.

Magamba Nature Reserve is the largest forest fragment remaining in the West Usambara mountain block. Some of the plants and animals that are found in Magamba are found only in the West Usambara Mountains including Vestergaard's Forest Toad, the Mazumbai Warty Frog and the West Usambara Two-horned Chameleon.

For bird watchers, the reserve offers a rare chance to see the Usambara akalat, Usambara weaver, Usambara nightjar, Usambara eagle-owl, Fischer's turaco and the banded green sunbird.

In the past the West Usambaras have suffered greatly from illegal logging, farming encroachment and the establishment of plantations. In historical times it is estimated that about 2,300 km² of the West Usambara Mountains was covered by forest. In 2000 only 323 km² of this forest cover was left.

Nature Reserve Facts

- Total area: 9284 ha
- Altitude: 1,650 – 2,287 meters
- Highest peak: Kwahondo Peak (2,287 m)
- Annual rainfall: 1,200 mm
- Temperature: 15 – 30°C
- Important for: high biodiversity, rain water catchment, environmental and cultural values
- Threats: illegal logging, illegal gold mining, fire
- Gazetted in: 2008
- Managed by: Tanzania Forest Service of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism
- Location: 037 413538 E 9475593 S

Visitor Attractions

Nature trails offer an ideal way to view the reserve's spectacular forest and its wildlife. Trails can be reached either on foot from the Reserve Office or from one of the two dirt roads that cross or border the reserve. 4WD is recommended. Trails and view points include:

Kigulu Hakwewa Trail and View Point

At 1850 m, the 'Kigulu Hakwewa' or 'Not-for-the-short-legged' view point offers a spectacular view over the forest towards Lushoto. A thatched hut offers shelter for visitors and is an ideal picnic spot. Below this view point, German residents excavated **a tunnel** into the hillside as a retreat during WWI. The view point is a 20 minute drive from the Reserve office.

Grewal Trail

Passing through dense montane rainforest and tracing the course of mountain streams, this trail provides the chance of a glimpse of the reserve's forest birds, butterflies, black and white colobus monkeys and Sykes monkeys. The trail starts at the Magamba Nature Reserve Office.

Kwahondo Peak Trail

Cloaked in forest, at 2287 m, Kwahondo Peak is the highest peak in the Usambara Mountain. Close to the centre of the reserve, it can be accessed on foot from the Nature Reserve Office or from the dirt road that crosses the reserve.

Jiwe la Mungu View Point

A stone with a foot-shaped imprint has been named 'Stone of God'. Set in Shume Nywelo Village, to the north-east of the reserve, the site offers a spectacular view across the Maasai steppe towards the Pare Mountains.