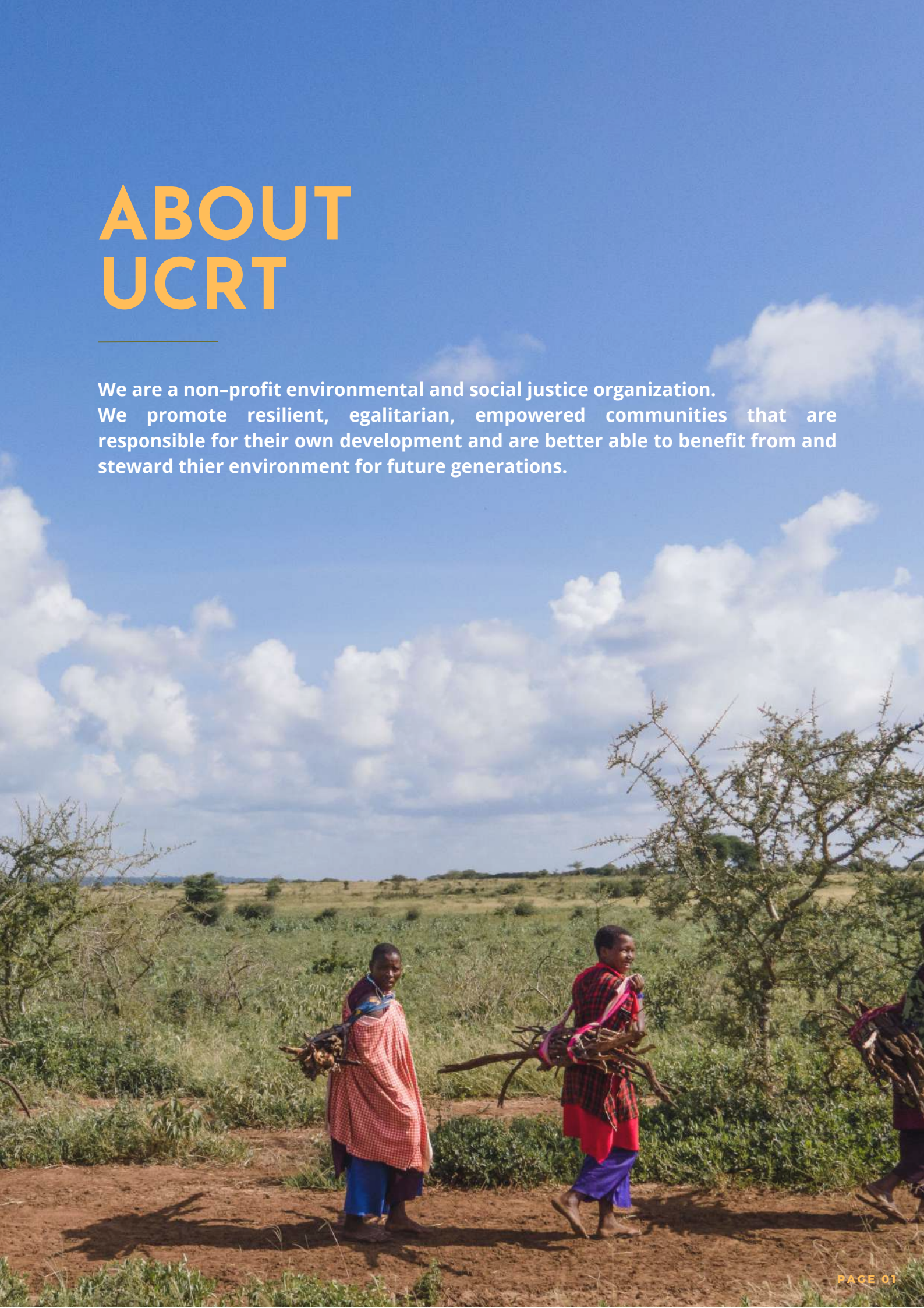


UCRT BRIEF

ABOUT UCRT

We are a non-profit environmental and social justice organization. We promote resilient, egalitarian, empowered communities that are responsible for their own development and are better able to benefit from and steward their environment for future generations.



WHERE WE WORK

THE MAASAI, DATOGA, HADZABE AND AKIE COMMUNITY'S NATURE-DEPENDANT LIVELIHOOD SYSTEMS HAVE SUSTAINED THE LANDSCAPE FOR CENTURIES.

We work in solidarity with these groups, understanding the challenges they face and empower them to advocate for their own rights to natural resources and land.

410,914 PEOPLE

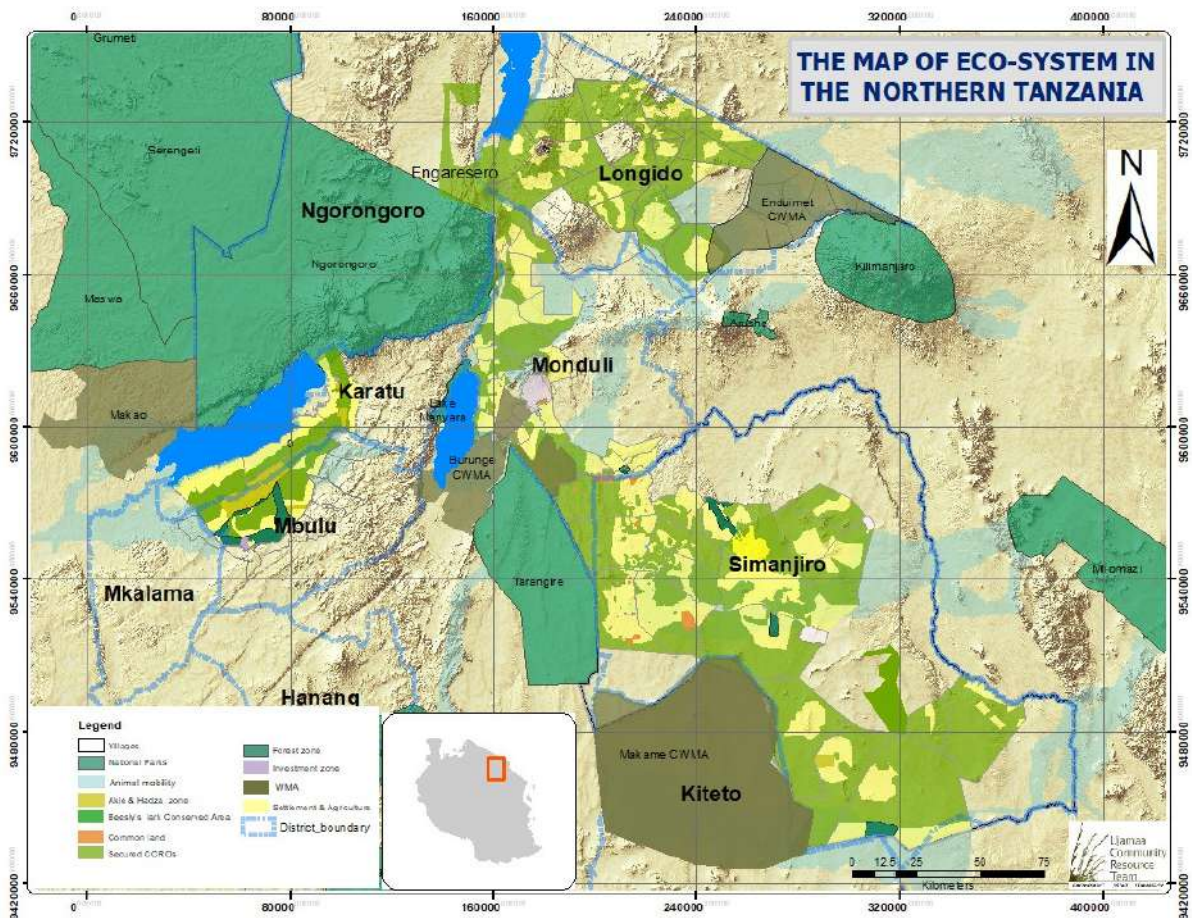
Benefit from secure rights to their land and natural resources.

ACROSS VALUABLE AND BIODIVERSE RANGELAND AND FOREST AREAS

These areas support pastoralists, agro-pastoralists, and hunter-gatherers who are all being affected by rapid environmental change.

127 VILLAGES

Spread across northern Tanzania's districts of Simanjiro, Longido, Monduli, Kiteto, Hanang', Yaeda Valley, Karatu, Mbulu, Lake Eyasi, Ngorongoro and Mkalama.



VISION & MISSION

Vision

Strengthened livelihoods and social justice for pastoralist, hunter-gatherer, and agro-pastoralist communities through security over land and natural resources and sustainable community based natural resource management.

Mission

To strengthen community capacity to improve their livelihoods, to secure rights to land and natural resources, and to sustainably manage them.



OUR PROGRAMMES



COMMUNITY LAND TENURE

This programme helps local communities secure rights to own the communal land and resources they live and depend on, through conflict mediation and acquiring collective land titles (CVLs and CCROs).

GOVERNANCE

UCRT builds the capacity of local governance institutions and the communities they serve to understand their rights, roles and responsibilities. This programme also promotes the rights of women to take leadership positions and have their voices heard in decision-making processes. UCRT engages in advocacy and policy dialogue to help shape supportive conditions for sustainable community-based natural resource management.

COMMUNITY NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

UCRT works to dually support the rights and wellbeing of communities and the flora and fauna of northern Tanzania by helping communities adaptively improve and strengthen their management systems and practices. This is done by facilitating village formulation of land use plans and natural resource management by-laws and building community capacity to sustainably manage the rangelands across village borders.

NATURE-BASED LIVELIHOODS

Under this programme UCRT builds strategic partnerships with ethical investors and organisations skilled in nature-based enterprise development.

Community benefits are then increased through building capacity to engage in natural resource based enterprises, such as eco-tourism, carbon projects, or easements. UCRT also supports the economic empowerment of women so that they are in a position within their households and communities to be stewards of their land and natural resources.

SOCIAL EMPOWERMENT

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KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

1,500,000+
HECTARES SECURED

Since UCRT was founded, we've helped communities secure over 1,500,000 hectares of communally owned connected land spreading across the northern Tanzanian ecosystem.

2,600,000+
HECTARES RECEIVED
LAND USE PLANS

Allows communities in 10 districts across the northern Tanzanian landscape to prevent conflicts and practice sustainable land use based on their cultural practices and knowledge.

900,000+
HECTARES GAZETTED

This additional layer of tenure security is paving the way for cementing legal recognition over priority areas vital for supporting livelihoods and rangeland protection and management across northern Tanzania.

117
CCROS ISSUED

Communal Certificates of Customary Rights of Occupancy issued, giving communities rights to own and manage their resources and land sustainably

1320+
WOMEN EMPOWERED
THROUGH WRLFS

Women know their rights and can own and benefit from their land and natural resources thanks to their membership in our Women's Rights and Leadership Forums spread across 55+ villages.

INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION

In 2008, in recognition of our contributions to conservation and development in Tanzania, the United Nations Development Programme selected UCRT to receive the prestigious Equator Prize. The Prize is awarded biannually to recognize and celebrate outstanding community efforts to reduce poverty through the conservation of biodiversity.

In 2016 Edward Loure won the prestigious Goldman Environmental Prize for Africa on behalf of UCRT for our historic work in establishing CCROs as an effective tool for strengthening land tenure security for both pastoralists and hunter-gatherer communities in Tanzania and supporting marginalised indigenous communities to access them. The Goldman Prize is the world's largest award honouring grassroots environmental activists.

UCRT was a member of the African Steering Committee representing East Africa under the International Land Coalition and a member of the Global Council as the representative from Africa.

In 2022, we witnessed remarkable accomplishments within our organization. One of our dedicated members, Dismas Partalala, who spearheads the Yaeda-Lake Eyasi program, was honored as a finalist for the Tusk Conservation in Africa Award. While Paine Mako, UCRT's director was appointed a member of the Mulago Fellowship program.



