

**STATE PARTY:**

**UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA**

**WORLD HERITAGE SITE:**

**SELOUS GAME RESERVE**

**RESPONSIBLE MINISTRY:**

**MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
AND TOURISM**

**RESPONSIBLE MANAGEMENT:**

**TANZANIA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT  
AUTHORITY**



**A REPORT ON STATE OF CONSERVATION OF SELOUS GAME RESERVE  
WORLD HERITAGE PROPERTY (N 199)**

**DATE OF SUBMISSION: 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024**

**State Party:** United Republic of Tanzania

**Name of World Heritage Property:** Selous Game Reserve (N199 bis)

**Geographical Co-ordinates:** 7°20' to 10°30' S and 36°00' to 38°40'E

**Date of Inscription on the World Heritage List:** 1982

**Organization responsible for the preparation of the report:**

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Selous Game Reserve (SGR) was inscribed on the World Heritage list in 1982 under criteria (ix) and (x). In 2014, it was inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger due to a drastic decline in elephant population. In 2016, the State Party embarked on the construction of the Julius Nyerere Hydro-Power Project (JNHPP) within the property. Such a decision was considered by the World Heritage Committee through its Decision **42 COM 7A.56** as an added justification for its danger listing.

The State Party continues with the implementation of Julius Nyerere Hydropower Project (JNHPP). The State Party reiterates its position that considering the size of the property, the project will have minor impacts on OUV of the property. Furthermore, the State party is continuing with the implementation of the mitigation measures for the impacts that were identified in the project's ESIA. Ten (10) separate scientific studies have also been conducted to address information gaps hence complement to any impact management. The State Party considers that this project will ultimately sustainably address the twin and urgent conservation and developmental needs of her especially the most underprivileged rural populace.

The State Party has updated the 2012 Environmental Management Plan (EMP) of Mkuju Uranium Project. Furthermore, there is renewed interest, however, for the construction of Kidunda dam outside the boundary of the property. An updated ESIA for this project has been completed and is thus submitted together with this report for WHC review. Regarding other major development projects (Kito-1 oil and gas exploration and oil exploration blocks outside the reserve) previously planned remain dormant as there is no immediate intentions for their implementation. Additionally, the State Party will invite the RMM mission in May, 2024 to examine the state of conservation of the property.

Finally, the State is committed to the preservation of the OUV for the property and therefore seeks to acknowledge the support of, and continue the collaboration and dialogue with WHC and other partners.