

TRANSLOCAL FOREST OWNERS AND ENVIRONMENTAL COLLABORATION: AN ACTION LEARNING PROCESS OF FOREST GOVERNANCE TRANSFORMATION IN TANZANIA

(IN SHORT 'MAKUTANO' WHICH MEANS GATHERING IN SWAHILI)

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In many developing countries, there has been a transfer of public and open access land to private use. In the Southern Highlands of Tanzania, the promotion of small-scale private plantation forestry has attracted domestic investors to capture this new resource frontier to meet the increasing demand for timber. This has further increased land value and consequently also land related disputes. The main objective of MAKUTANO research project is to study skills on environmental collaboration and conflict resolution methods among a group of forest owners and local community members in Southern Highlands, and to trace how these skills are transformed and used in the future actions of these forest owners and the surrounding communities. The research idea has emerged from Tanzanian small-scale forest owners. The project outcomes may influence Tanzanian-Finnish collaboration by promoting social safeguards to mitigate unexpected impacts of plantation forestry. The research collaboration involves international partners from Tanzania, Kenya, Mexico and Denmark.

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