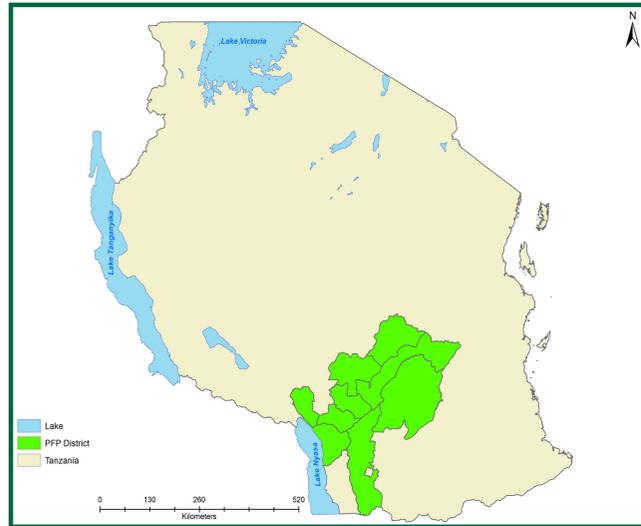


# GENERAL SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS AND IBOYA VILLAGE INFORMATION

Southern Highlands are located in the southeastern part of Tanzania, which consists of six regions: Rukwa, Mbeya, Iringa, Morogoro, Njombe and Ruvuma. The Private Forestry Programme works in four of these: Iringa, Morogoro, Njombe and Ruvuma.

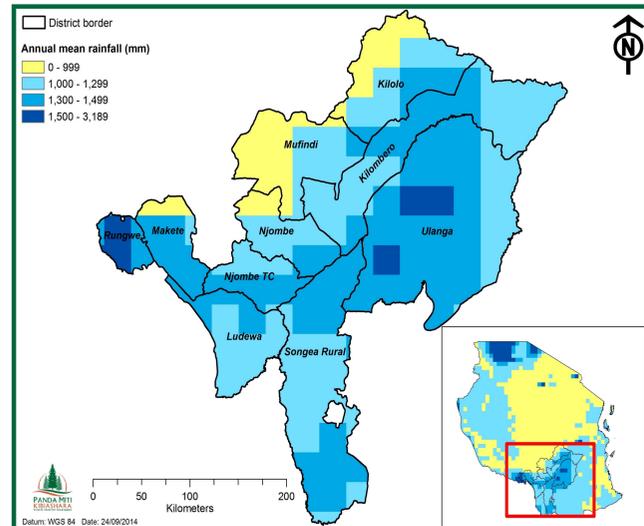
## SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS INFORMATION



Private Forestry Programme working area in the Southern Highlands.

The Southern Highlands region has 6.030.078 inhabitants in total (according to 2012 census), with the most populated province being Mbeya and the least populated Iringa. Major economical activities include agriculture, forestry, and with growing numbers tourism.

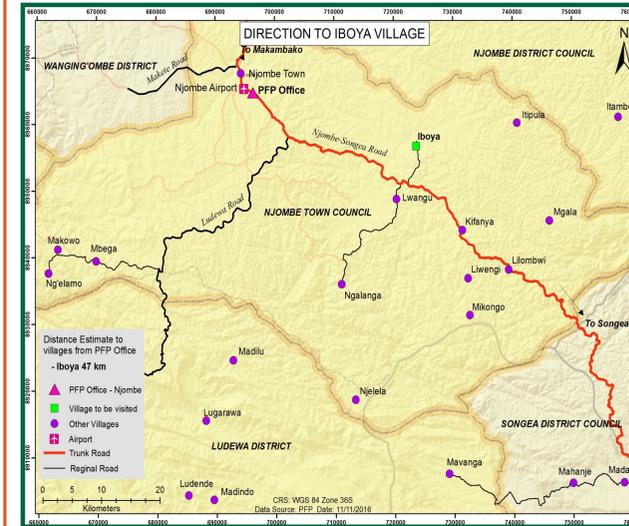
Mafinga Town, located within the region, is the major hub for wood processing in the country. It is estimated that the forestry and wood industry value chain employs between 20.246–30.967 people (source: PFP).



The region consists of mountainous terrain covered in forest and grassland. Annual rainfall varies between 500 and 1.600 mm.

A large area of the region is very suitable for forest plantations, of which majority of current ones are *Pinus patula* and *Eucalyptus grandis*.

## IBOYA VILLAGE INFORMATION



Iboya village location.

Iboya village is located in Njombe Town Council area, approximately 50 kilometers from Njombe Town. The village area is 110 km<sup>2</sup>, of which 30 km<sup>2</sup> is forest plantation.

The village has five hamlets: Lukelema, Mjimwema, Kanisano, Igunguli and Mwangata. The village is located fairly close to a good road, there is only 7 kilometers to tarmac road. The altitude of the village ranges between 1.540 m.a.s.l. and 1.820 m.a.s.l., with annual rainfall of 1.300–1.500 mm.

PFP supported the village to develop a village land use plan (VLUP) in 2014.



With a population of 701 people in 215 households, the main economic activities are forestry and agriculture with crop cultivation and livestock keeping. The average household cultivation area ranges between 10 and 30 acres (4–12 hectares).

The Iboya Tree Growers' Association (TGA), has currently 54 members, of which 22 are women. The TGA currently receives institutional capacity building from PFP and is in the process of opening a bank account. PFP has supported the TGA during two planting seasons. In 2015 PFP supported the establishment of 122 hectares and in 2016, 245 hectares of plantations.

### Private Forestry Programme (PFP)

The Private Forestry Programme (PFP) supports private forest ownership, particularly the establishment and management of plantations by smallholders, as well as the wood industry and the development of mature timber markets that would benefit all stakeholders.

The overall objective of the PFP is to enhance economic growth in rural households and thereby alleviate poverty. The first phase of this sixteen-year programme started in January 2014 and will be completed by December 2017. The programme is implemented by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism of Tanzania (MNRT) and the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland (MFA).



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