



WWF DEPLORES TANZANIA'S DECISION TO BUILD DAM IN SELOUS NATIONAL RESERVE

WWF has voiced concern over a decision by the Tanzanian government to proceed with the construction of a hydro-electricity power dam in the Selous National Reserve, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. A WWF-commissioned research on the Stiegler's Gorge project strongly indicated that construction of the dam would have far-reaching negative impacts on the Selous and beyond. Its construction could damage the wetland of international importance known as the Rufiji-Mafia-Kilwa Marine Ramsar Site and negatively impact the livelihoods of more than 200,000 people who live downstream.

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COUNTRIES COMMIT TO SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE BLUE ECONOMY

Aiming for a better planet and a sustainable economy, UN Environment, together with over 100 delegations, presented various commitments at the first global conference on the sustainable blue economy that took place in Nairobi, Kenya. Aware of the potential of cross-cutting policies to drive a sustainable blue economy, UN Environment committed to lead global partnerships to map, assess and value ecosystem services. With various discussions around the urgent need for effective waste management taking place at the conference, UN Environment committed to strengthen global partnerships on marine litter, nutrient management and waste water based on the principles of circularity.

THREE BLACK RHINOS FOUND DEAD IN KENYA'S MAASAI MARA RESERVE

Wildlife officials in Kenya's Maasai Mara National Reserve said in November that they were investigating the deaths of three black rhinos that were found dead in the park with their horns intact. The cause of death remains unclear and a post-mortem is under way. The Kenya Wildlife Service said that one of the dead rhinos was aged 37. In all the three cases, both anterior and exterior horns were intact. A rush to relocate critically endangered black rhinoceros from Nairobi National Park to Tsavo National Park in August ended in catastrophe when all 11 pachyderms died soon after arrival because the habitat, with saline water, was ill-suited.



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