

# TAWIRI – NINA collaboration

A joint effort to increase research competence and capacity

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## Main objective

To develop a program for institutional collaboration with the purpose of increasing the ability of Tanzania Wildlife Research Institute (TAWIRI) to conduct wildlife related research and develop a modern and well run research agency.

## Key areas and common interests

Administrative and scientific capacity building, development of proposals and research programs, human resources management and development, strengthening of technical facilities, technical training, media and communications strategies and products, outreach and stakeholder involvement. NINA and TAWIRI are in many ways similar types of institutions operating in widely different contexts and conditions. Both institutions work with applied research linked to natural resource management, and both agencies increasingly need to address sustainability issues and multidisciplinary approaches to complex problems.

## Activities

During the five year program the activities have been grouped in three categories

- Research and information management
- Extension and dissemination of information
- Institutional collaboration and capacity building

During the last two years of the program the institutional capacity building has been focused around development of environmental impact assessment (EIA) skills. Following theoretical training, an EIA addressing the problems of tourism vehicle congestion in the Ngorongoro Crater and impacts to wildlife, the Maasai community and the tourism experience was used as a project training package. This included all stages of a project cycle from designing a project to completed reporting. The Ngorongoro Conservation Area Authority (NCAA) has been an active partner in this project.



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### Other reports:

NINA Project report 25  
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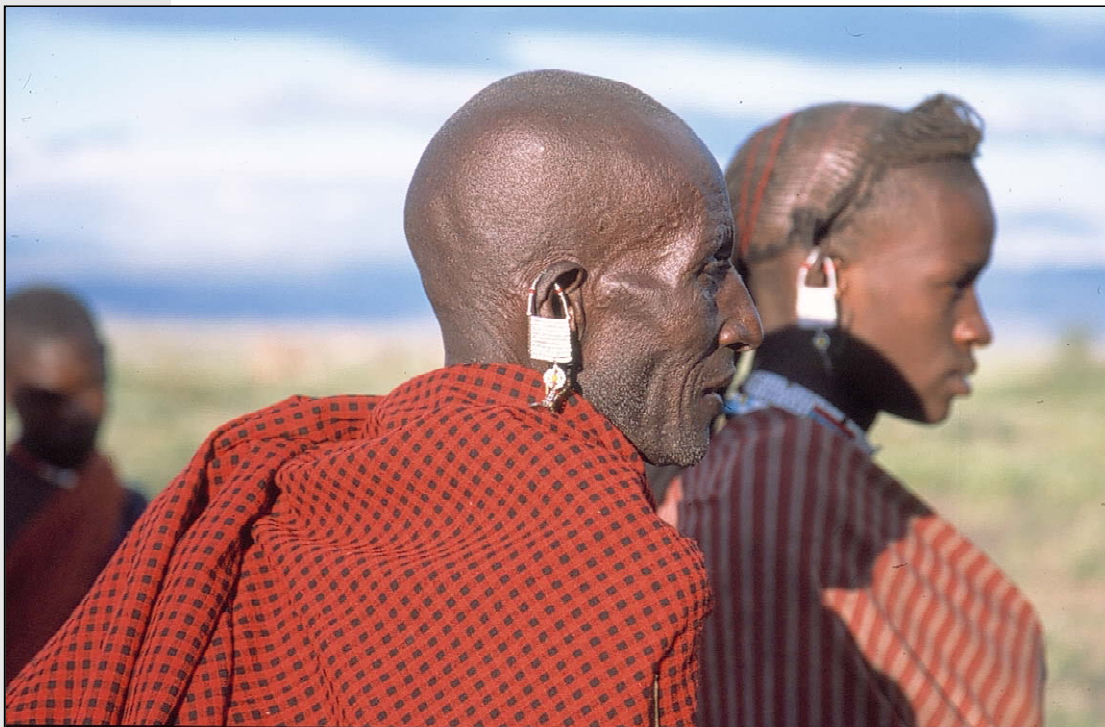
NINA Report 258 (pdf-file)

## Capacity building and international partnerships

Valuable experiences from institutions in the North and South have been brought together in this project. Through staff exchange, joint workshops, publications, project development, management and evaluations, field work, elaboration of office routines and administrative systems, a strong and mutually beneficial partnership has evolved.

### \*Partners:

- NINA Norwegian Institute for Nature Research
- NTNU Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Department of Biology
- TAWIRI Tanzania Wildlife Research Institute
- NCAA The Ngorongoro Conservation Area Authority



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