



UGANDA BIODIVERSITY FUND  
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# UBF Factsheet



Celebrating seven years as Uganda's leading Conservation Trust Fund (CTF), spearheading the mobilizing, managing, and channelling of financial resources for biodiversity conservation.

## USAID's Uganda Biodiversity Fund

**Activity:** In May 2020, UBF received an award from USAID to strengthen itself into a sustainable entity generating and managing financing for biodiversity conservation nationwide. WCS was sub-awarded to support and implement selected activities of the prime award. This Activity is designed to support projects in any part of Uganda but with special focus in the Albertine Rift and the Karamoja Region. The overall goal of the Activity is to ensure a strong well-functioning, sustainable UBF that is responsive to Uganda's biodiversity conservation and natural resources management financing needs.

**EU Funded Project:** In December 2020, the Consortium of Uganda Biodiversity Fund, Wildlife Conservation Society, Nature Uganda, and Ecological Christian Organization received funding from the European Union to implement the project titles, "Restoring and conserving degraded fragile ecosystems for improved livelihoods among refugees and host communities in West Nile and Mid-Albertine Rift regions. The project is designed to address the impacts of accelerated population growth, due to influx of refugees, on the environment and ecosystems within and around the refugee settlements. The overall goal is to increase environmental and natural resources protection for improved livelihoods of the displaced populations and host communities. The four-year project in the districts of Terego, Yumbe, Kikuube, Kyegegwa, and Kamwenge contributes to restoration of selected degraded forests, savannah woodlands and wetlands as well as enabling farmers to adopt Sustainable Land Management and Climate Smart Practices in their farming activities.

## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS OF UBF AND ITS PARTNERS IN BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION (2022)



UBF has extended grants lasting between 12-24 months to 3 Community Based and Non-governmental Organisations to implement Biodiversity Conservation Projects in Karamoja Region.



Enriched and or Assisted 395.85 hectares of degraded forest to regenerate (West Nile-282 ha, Mid-Albertine-113.85 ha).



Restored 846.75 hectares of degraded woodlands (West Nile-750.55 ha, Karamoja-96.2 ha).



Supporting the restoration of 395 hectares of Wetland and Riverine in Mid-Albertine Rift.

Demarcated 39 kms of boundaries for 4 wetlands with concrete pillars.

Designated 400 ha of 5 wetlands for restoration and produced 4 management plans for 4 wetlands, which were signed by Kamwenge and Kyegegwa Districts.



Established 455.7 hectares of woodlots (West Nile-409.5 ha, Mid-Albertine-32.7 ha, Karamoja-13.5 ha).

Introduced and built capacity of 25 NFA Staff to use the SMART tool to monitor management and illegal activities in forest reserves.

Supplied 23 sets of android smartphones and computers to NFA for SMART technology and reporting.



Put 213.4 hectares of land under Agroforestry (West Nile-85 ha, Mid-Albertine-128.4 ha).



Trained 2396 local community members in SLM, CSA, and agroforestry

Trained 59 women and youths from 59 groups (24 WNR, 35 MARR) in enterprise development and preparation of business plans.

Trained 62 Nursery operators in good tree nursery practices.