



AFRICAN PHA FOUNDATION

AFRICAN FOREST CONSERVATION PROJECT (AFCP)

The African hunting professionals and their clients desire to conserve and enhance the flora, the fauna, and the human habitat in a manner that reinforces the value of hunting and wildlife to the local population in and near the hunting areas of Africa. The forest conservation project will be managed by the nonprofit, public charity 501(c)3 African PHA Foundation, Inc. (APHAF). The project will be designed and structured to utilize existing technology and science to make improvements in the living conditions of the human population, the game animal habitat, and the forest.

The major emphasis will be to preserve, enhance, and restore the forest in the area selected by minimizing the cutting of trees for fuel. The project will select and implement appropriate technology to meet this goal. The project will evaluate, select, and implement a method of improving the efficiency of the fuel used for cooking, which will make the home environment healthier, and will promote family planning strategies that are respectful of local values and customs, focusing on education and long term solutions to reduce fertility rates.

The AFCP will evaluate and determine the best source for mass-produced stoves, and develop a plan to enable the local population to purchase them. The AFCP will train the local population to use the new technology, and will seek alternate income-producing activities for the locals who are now producing charcoal for sale to urban dwellers.

The village of Ifakara, adjacent to the Selous Game Reserve area of Tanzania, has been selected as the first location where the project will endeavor to make a significant reduction in the number of trees that are being cut down for fuel

AFCP will seek to involve other partners, such as GZT, the German government organization very involved in similar projects in the Selous Reserve, and UMATI, the family planning arm of the Tanzanian government.

The project will engage members of African Professional Hunters Association who operate in the area to act as the eyes and ears of APHAF on the ground, and to make introductions to the local population. The Professional Hunters will also advise and report on the effectiveness of the project, and may assist in organizing housing, meals, and local transport.

The project will establish a benchmark census of the trees, human, and game populations in the area. A regular schedule to update the census and prove the continuing sustainability of the project will be established and maintained by AFCP.

The project will be designed to be portable to other areas in Africa and a written plan of how to replicate the results in other areas of Africa will be developed.