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SOUTHERN TANZANIA, NAMTUMBO DISTRICT

*"Dont give up the fight".*

## RANGERS: HOLDING THE THIN GREEN LINE. SERIES ONE

I am Issa, I work in Southern Tanzania in the Namtumbo District as the Acting District Game Officer. I started 10 years ago, I volunteered for 8 years & I now receive a small salary.

The special values of my park lie in that it is a community run wildlife area which still supports much wildlife, such as sable, elephant, buffalo, lion and wild dog.

I was initially selected as a volunteer village game scout at Nambecha village. I was then selected as a member of the village natural resource committee. The District Game Officer at the time was impressed by my skills and sent me for training in 1997 at Likuyu Community Based Training Centre. In 2001 I studied at Mwanza and received a certificate in Wildlife Management. Thereafter I was employed by the District & officially a ranger!

My job is varied, I primarily supervise activities concerning wildlife management in the Namtumbo District. This includes organising patrols, going on patrol, dealing with problem animal control, responding to information about poachers, keeping records on quota hunting, writing reports & meeting with the various village assemblies in the area to discuss hunting quotas & other natural resource use levees.

For me, finishing my training was a very happy day & most memorable. Coming 1st in my training at Likuyu Community Based Centre was my biggest achievement. I feel with more knowledge & training I would be much more confident in my current position. I need more training.

If the system does not change soon in 20 years time the area will be worse.



*"I became a scout because my friends & family thought I would make a good village game scout. So I wrote a letter, applied to be one, which was approved & that's how it all began".*



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