



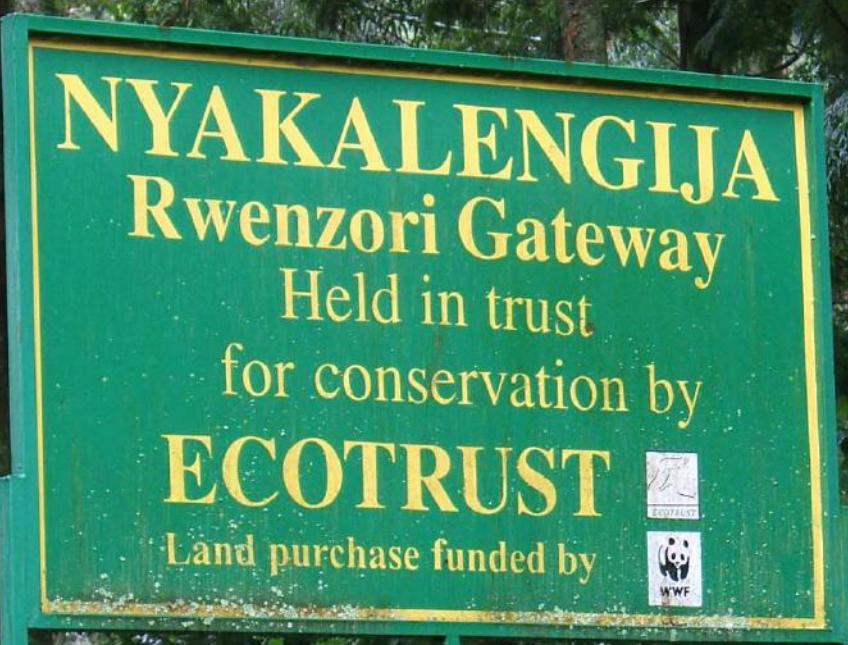
# Trees for Global Benefits

## A Cooperative Rural Community Carbon Offsetting Scheme

### Based on the Plan Vivo System

### Implemented by ECOTRUST

# About ECOTRUST



## ◆ **VISION**

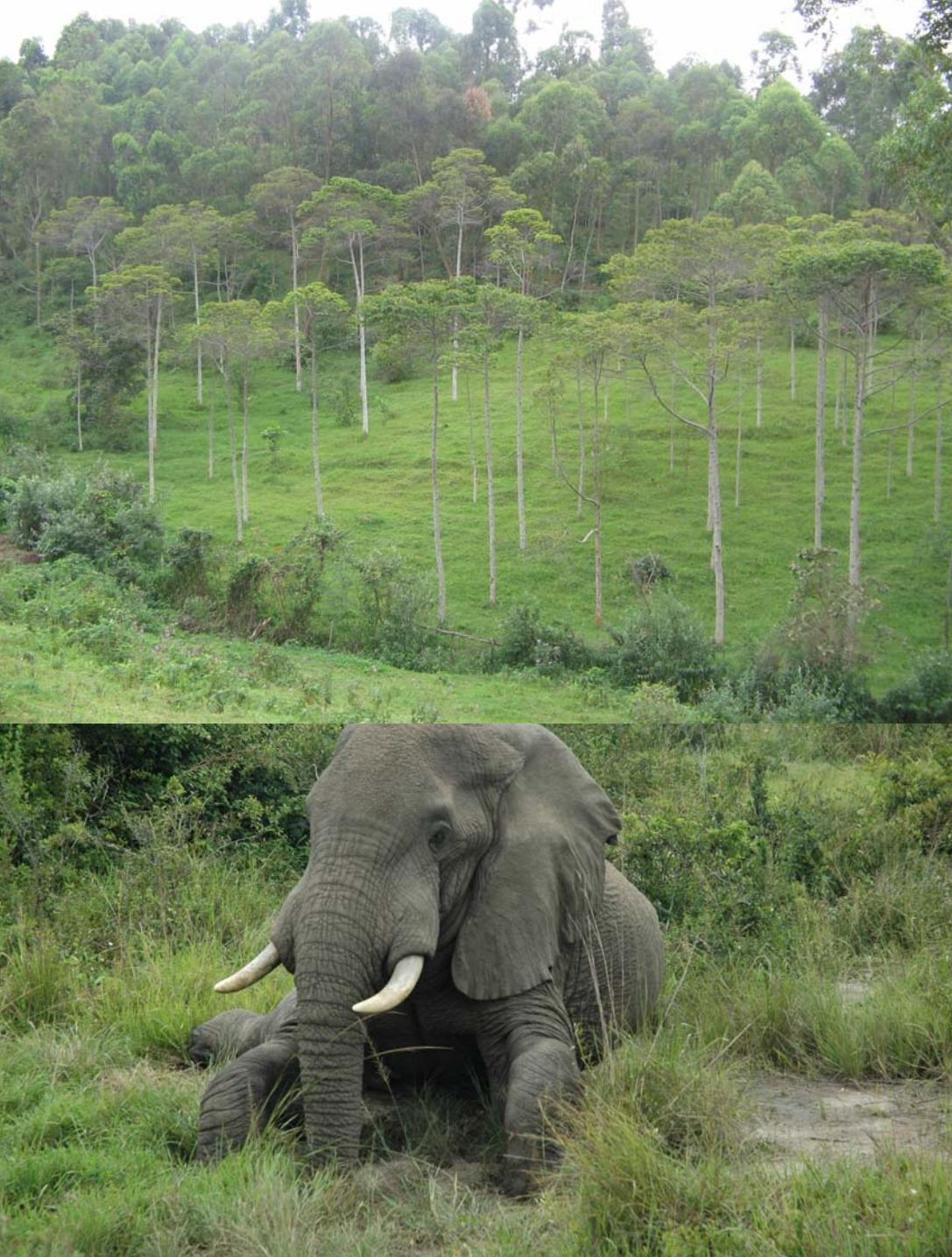
A healthy environment with prosperous people

## ◆ **MISSION**

Conserve biological diversity and enhance social welfare by promoting innovative and sustainable environmental management

## ◆ **GOAL**

Provide long-term sustained funding for the conservation of biodiversity and environmental management in Uganda



# Trees for Global Benefits

- ◆ Carbon Offsetting Scheme
- ◆ Plan Vivo System
- ◆ Small – Scale landholder farmers
- ◆ biodiversity and environmental conservation
- ◆ livelihoods

# Key Activities



Cost effective CO2 sequestration activities based on improved land management

- ◆ Tree Planting
  - Single species woodlots
  - Woodlots of Mixed native trees
  - Boundary planting
  - Agro Forestry
- ◆ Improved Forest Management
- ◆ Assisted regeneration



# Delivering Environmental Services

- ◆ Select Sites where tree planting has multiple environmental benefits
- ◆ Technical Specifications are used to estimate the carbon potential
- ◆ Performance – Based Payments
- ◆ Third Party Verification



# Methods for Engaging Communities



- ◆ Target Communities  
Neighboring areas of ecological importance
- ◆ Collaborative Natural Resource Management groups
  - Participatory process
  - Farmer field schools
  - Identify activities responsive to community needs
  - Assist community to access finance
- ◆ Small Scale Landholder farmers
- ◆ Private Land
- ◆ Communal land Associations



# Major Achievements



- Mobilizing resources for conservation action
  - Communities Investing in production of non-food crops
  - Timber, fuel wood, building poles, medicinal extracts, fodder
  - Apiary
  - Supporting other economic activities e.g. capitalizing village banks



# Challenges

- ◆ Efficiency vs Fairness
- ◆ Balancing Science with Practicability
- ◆ Involvement of the poorest of the poor
- ◆ Land Tenure
- ◆ Misunderstandings over role of carbon finance



# Thank you

