

## AGREEMENT

Between the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Natural Resources and the Chumbe Island Coral Park concerning the Declaration of a gazetted forest on Chumbe Island.

It is proposed that, in addition to the declaration of the Chumbe Reef Sanctuary under the Fisheries Act (No.8 of 1988), Article 6.(1)(e), the forest covering Chumbe Island be declared a gazetted forest, according to established procedures. The management of the same would be entrusted to the Chumbe Island Coral Park Project, under a management contract, which would contain the following:

1. That the purpose of the declaration is the conservation of the Chumbe Island's terrestrial environment;
2. The area covered by the declaration extends the whole area of the island, excluding the area surrounding the lighthouse and lighthouse keeper's house, to be reserved for the management of the Chumbe Reef Sanctuary and the upkeep of the lighthouse, which for the duration of this agreement is leased to the Chumbe Island Coral Park Project.
3. That no cutting of firewood or any extractive use will be permitted in the forest, except for the re-establishment of the natural balance;
4. However, non-consumptive activities, such as the establishment of nature trails, fresh water pools for bird watching, the (re-)introduction of indigenous species of birds and other animals (such as duikers) may be permitted, to be organized by the Chumbe Island Coral Park Project, upon agreement by the Commissioner for Natural Resources;
5. The management of the area will be delegated to the Chumbe Island Coral Park Project, who will manage it in accordance with the purpose stated in clause 1;
6. Before the project starts operation a botanical assessment of the state of the forest and associated terrestrial environment will be carried out with the co-operation of the Forestry Department and the Department of Environment;
7. Thereafter, the forest ecosystem will be monitored at periods of not more than 12 months and a report will be submitted annually to the Commissioner for Natural Resources;
8. The management of the Chumbe Island Coral Park project will be assisted in the task of management by an "Advisory Committee" to be formed with representatives of the Fisheries and Forestry Departments of the Ministry of Agriculture, Live stock and Natural Resources, the Department of Environment (DOE) of the Commission of Lands and Environment (COLE), the Institute of Marine Sciences (IMS) of the University of Dar es Salaam, the Councillor and the "Serikali ya jimbo" of Dimani. The Advisory Committee will meet at intervals of not more than a year, in order to discuss reports presented by the project management and give advice and support if required.
9. The duration of the agreement is 33 years, with the possibility of extension.