

RUNGWE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Rungwe district council

Is one among the oldest Districts in Tanzania among the seven Districts in Mbeya Region lies between latitude 8030 and 9030 south of Equator and longitudes 330 and 340 East of Greenwich meridian, The District shares borders with Kyela District in the south, Ileje District in the west, Busokelo Council in the East and Mbeya District in the north. The District headquarter is situated at Tukuyu township which is about 72 Km from Mbeya city.

Tourism Industry

Rungwe District Council, has more than 25 tourist attractions sites comprising Mountain (Mount Rungwe) ,Waterfalls (Malamba, Kapologwe ,Malasusa etc), Crater lakes (Ngosi, Kisiba and Ndwati), Hot springs (Kajala, Malamba), Natural forests(Rungwe ,Mporoto, Sawago etc), Cultural monuments and other so many natural features. Some of tourism sites are shortlisted and explained as follows;-

No	DESCRIPTIONS	ACTIVITIES	LOCATION/DISTANCE	POTENTIALS/OPPORTUNITIES	STATUS OF DEVELOPMENT/INFRASTRUCTURES
1.	Mount Rungwe Nature Reserve				
	Mount Rungwe Nature Reserve having an area of 136.5m ² is a forested slopes and Montane grasslands host	Activities which could be done are hiking (2981m high), research, animals viewing, bird	This attraction is located in Rungwe around 4 wards (Isongole, Ndanto, Kiwira, Kyimo, Ibighi, and Suma & Masebe). Its distance from	Investment opportunities available are construction of Accommodation facilities (hostels, lodges, restaurant and hostels) -Gastronomy facilities(restaurants, bars & cafes) -construction of view	Constructed toilets, simple campsite, Entrance gates, Reception office and presence of trails. Needed to construct infrastructures like electricity facilities, water

	<p>a unique variety of Wildlife, the area is critical for several endangered species including Kipunji. Mount Rungwe is the third highest peak in Tanzania reaches 2981 metres high. The climb is beautiful and rewarding due to its zoological affiliations and its botanical biodiversity. Other attractions found are three craters, more than 460 of plant species, 85</p>	<p>watching, camping, exploring the Nature Reserve and walking safaris.</p>	<p>Tukuyu town is about 13.4Km via Syukula and 42Km via Ngumbulu entrance</p>	<p>points -construction of steers and trails -Guide and porter Centers, -Establishment of Cultural Centers etc. These facilities are to be built at all villages around the attraction</p>	<p>facilities and road construction so as to support tourism activities within the site.</p>
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	mammals species, 230 birds, 36 amphibians, 10 fish etc				
2	Ngosi Crater Lake				
	Get to experience the second largest Crater Lake in Africa having a depth of 74 m, 2.5 km long and 1.6 Km wide having the African map in shape. It takes up to two hours from foothill to the ridge where the lake lies at 200 meters below. The slopes of the crater wall are covered by upper Montane forest, grassland and	Activities which can be done are hiking and trekking, research, animals viewing, bird watching, camping, exploring the nature, photographing, walking safaris, cultural tourism etc.	This site situated in the Mporoto Ridge Forest Reserve at Isongole ward, the distance from Tukuyu town is 37 Kilometers and 33 Kilometers from Mbeya town to the attraction	Investment opportunities available are construction of Accommodation facilities (hostels, lodges, restaurant and hostels) -Gastronomy facilities(restaurants, bars & cafes) -construction of view points -construction of steers and trails -Spot fishing gears -Guide and porter Centers, -Establishment of Cultural Centers etc. These facilities are to be built at all villages around the attraction	Needed to construct accessible roads, toilets, simple campsite, Entrance gates, Reception office and presence of trails. Also, needed to construct infrastructures like electricity facilities, water facilities and road construction so as to support tourism activities within the site.

	<p>bamboo. Monkeys and many birds species can be seen in the forest which is also home of an endemic species of three horned Chameleon. The lake has spiritual significance for the local inhabitants and its water are changing to blue, dark or green.</p> <p>.</p>				
3	Kisiba Crater Lake				
	<p>- Kisiba/Masoko Crater Lake is one of the volcanic lakes collecting its water from underground streams. It offers</p>	<p>The place offers numerous touristic activities such as; swimming, canoeing, Sport fishing, photographing, diving, bird</p>	<p>This attraction is located in Rungwe at Lwifwa village (Kisiba ward). The distance to get there from Tukuyu town is about 18kms from Tukuyu town to</p>	<p>Investment opportunities available are construction of Accommodation facilities (hostels, lodges, restaurant and hostels) -Gastronomy facilities(restaurants, bars & cafes)</p>	<p>Needed to construct infrastructures like electricity facilities, water facilities and road construction so as to support tourism activities within the site.</p>

	<p>numerous attractions such as wetland birds, Lake Shore forest, and Germany colonial military post. Additionally, when visiting this attraction, one will get a chance to experience richness of culture mainly from Nyakyusa tribe. Furthermore, there is an interesting myth stories about the formation of the Kisiba/Masoko Crater Lake</p>	<p>watching, camping, cultural aspects, nature sightseeing etc. It is about 18kms</p>	<p>Kisiba/Masoko Crater Lake which can be accessible throughout a year.</p>	<p>-construction of view points -Spot fishing gears -Guide Centers, -Establishment of Cultural Centers etc. These facilities are to be built at all villages around the attraction</p>	
4	Isongole Fishing Camp				
	<p>This is an historical place which was</p>	<p>Activities to be conducted at</p>	<p>This site is situated in Rungwe, about 2 Kilometers from</p>	<p>This site needs to be innovated by improving tourist facilities such as</p>	<p>The road is accessible to the attraction.</p>

	constructed by Germans with rainbow trout in the 1930s. The scenery are some interesting walks along Kiwira river. This is a perfect destination for picnic sports, fishing and camping stay	Isongole camp are swimming, sport fishing, bird watching, camping, cultural tour, nature sightseeing etc.	Uyole □ Kasumulu high way, 40Kms from Tukuyu town at Isongole ward, unyamwanga village near Kiwira River.	presence of old building left by Germany Military and other necessary facilities like water facilities and electricity facilities	Needed to construct infrastructures like electricity facilities, water facilities so as to support tourism activities within the site.
5	Katembo Big Tree				
	A giant tree was named Katembo by the local villagers meaning big , it is also known as Mvule in Swahili and Mwale in Nyakyusa. However, its scientific name is <i>Milicia Excelsa</i> . The tree has more than 250	The place offers several touristic activities like; research, photographing, storytelling, stretching hands 10 to 12 people etc.	This destination is located at Rungwe District, 21Kms from Tukuyu town to Kisiba Ward, Lwifwa village.	Investment opportunities available are construction of campsites, construction of Lodges, touristic Restaurants, Guide Centres, Establishment of Cultural Centres etc.	Needed to construct infrastructures like electricity facilities, water facilities and road construction so as to support tourism activities within the site.

	<p>years old rising at 40 metres high with diameter of 3.7 metres. It needs ten to twelve people stretching both hands to encircling the whole tree to measure the circumference.</p> <p>Apart from the tree being big in size, there is an interesting story behind that tree. It was used for ritual worship; the reason for its long survival was because the tree was like altar, whereby villagers took all their prayer such as when they praying for the rain, family problems, and other prayers.</p>				

6	God s Bridge				
	Meet the natural formed bridge, which is considered as the natural wonder of Tanzania. God s Bridge, as it is named by the villagers, was formed as the result of volcanic lava flow which created a hole thorough the hard surface, leaving behind rocky span that cut across two sides of the river in the shape that look exactly like a single .	The touristic activities that are carried out are; bird watching, research, photographing, natural sightseeing, storytelling etc.	This attraction is located in Rungwe District at Mboyo village (Lupepo Ward), the place can be accessed throughout the year. It is about 18kms from Tukuyu town.	Investment opportunities available are construction of campsites, touristic Restaurants, Viewing points, Guide Centres, Establishment of Cultural Centres etc.	The road is accessible to the attraction. Needed to construct infrastructures like electricity facilities, water facilities so as to support tourism activities within the site.
7	Kijungu (Pot Hole)				
	This is the exciting destination located at	Activities to be conducted at Kijungu area are bird	This attraction is located in Rungwe at Mboyo village (Lupepo ward).	Investment opportunities available are construction of campsites, touristic Restaurants, Viewing	The road is accessible to the attraction. Needed to construct

	<p>Mboyo village, 1.5 Kilometers from god s bridge. The river tumbles through a small rocky gorge creating heavy drop sounds of water several meters down. Resident call it is pot hole like feature</p> <p>Kijungu reflecting Swahili word chungu which means a pot distance from Tukuyu town to the attraction is 20 kilometers and it is accessible throughout a year.</p>	<p>watching, research, photographing nature sightseeing, storytelling etc.</p>	<p>The distance to get there from Tukuyu town is abaout 19.5kms and it is accessible throughout a year</p>	<p>point, Guide Centres, Establishment of Cultural Centres etc.</p>	<p>infrastructures like electricity facilities, water facilities so as to support tourism activities within the site.</p>
8	KAPOLOGWE				

	WATERFALLS				
	<p>The waterfalls offer a spectacular and interesting feature that gives a visitor a chance to view the falls from top, behind the large cave below the ledge and bottom of the falls. The original name of the falls was known as Kala falls, but later the name was changed by local residents, after an incidence of a young boy called Kapologwe who fell into the cliff-top to the plunge pool 35 metres below. Apart from few bruises to his</p>	<p>Activities that are done are; nature viewing, bird watching, storytelling, photographing, and viewing the falls top, behind and bottom.</p>	<p>The attraction is located at Rungwe district in Isuba village (Kisondela ward). It is about 18kms from Tukuyu town to Kapologwe Waterfalls which can be accessible throughout a year.</p>	<p>Investment opportunities available are construction of Accommodation facilities (hostels, lodges, restaurant and hostels) -Gastronomy facilities(restaurants, bars & cafes) -construction of view points -construction of steers and trails These facilities are to be built at Isuba Village</p>	<p>The road is accessible to the attraction.</p> <p>Needed to construct infrastructures like electricity facilities, water facilities so as to support tourism activities within the sites.</p>

	forearms, he was unhurt and indeed is apparently still alive.				
	Malamba waterfalls				
	Malamba falls are falls with an impressive beautiful scenery located at Suma Malamba village 15Kms from Tukuyu town. This is the longest waterfall in Rungwe District estimated to 80m high, it is an adorable site to tourists who visit the place for excursion and exploring the nature.	Activities which can be done are research, camping, exploring the nature, swimming, sport fishing, photographing, cultural tourism etc.	This attraction is located at Malamba village (Suma ward). The distance to get there from Tukuyu town is about 18kms.	Investment opportunities available are construction of Accommodation facilities (hostels, lodges, restaurant and hostels) -Gastronomy facilities(restaurants, bars & cafes) -construction of view points -construction of steers and trails -Spot fishing gears -Guide Centers, -Establishment of Cultural Centers etc.	Needed to construct infrastructures like electricity facilities, water facilities so as to support tourism activities within the sites.

Other Attractions in Rungwe District

- Waterfalls (Mbugujo, Malasusa, Malamba, Kapiki, Matwebe etc.
- Old and natural caves (Nkunga & Lupepo) Ndwati (Crater Lake)
- Hot springs (Kajala, Malamba& Kilambo)
- Historical sites (Boma, Masoko, Pakati, Bagamoyo)
- Agriculture& Industrial tourism (Tea plantations and factories, Banana farms, Cocoa farms, Coffer farms, Avocado farms)

PHOTOGRAPHS



Rungwe Nature Reserve



Kapologwe waterfalls

Ngosi Crater Lake



Kapiki waterfalls



Malasusa waterfalls

Malamba waterfalls



God's Bridge



Kijungu (pot hole)



Katembo Big Tree



Kisiba Crater Lake

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