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INVESTMENT PROFILE



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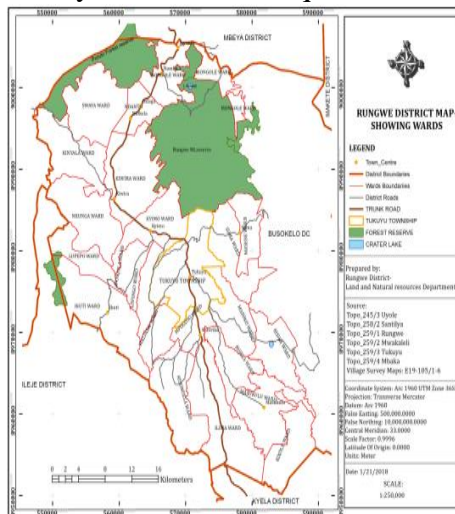
Rungwe District lies between latitudes 8° 30' East at 9° 30' south of the Equator and Longitudes 33' and 34' east of Greenwich Meridian. The District shares borders with Kyela District in South, Ileje District in the West, Busokelo Council in the East and Mbeya District in the North. The District headquarters is situated at Tukuyu which is 72 Km from Mbeya City along Uyole - Ibanda Highway which passes Kyela District enroute to Malawi.

POPULATION

According to 2022 National Housing and Population Census, the population of Rungwe District council was 273,536 people of whom 144,119 (53%) are females and 129,417 (47%) are males.

LAND AREA AND DISTRIBUTION

The Rungwe District Council covers an area of 1231.536sq km. 1,668sq km is arable land, 45sq km covered by forest and 498sq km residential areas



SOCIAL SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURES

Education

The District has 150 primary schools, 49 secondary schools and 6 colleges.

Electricity

The council receives reliable supply of hydroelectric power from national grid system.

Water

Tukuyu Water and Sewage Authority (TUWASA) provide water services in the Tukuyu town. There are many water projects in the district (completed and on-going). The average percentage of people served with safe and clean water in the Council stand at 52%

Communication And Financial Institution

Number of communication services is available such as postal services (Money transfer and EMS), mobile telephone (Vodacom, Tigo, Airtel, TTCL and Zantel) serves the District.

Also there are financial institutions such as NMB, CRDB and NBC banks and other microfinance such as Bayport, Faidika, Maboto Enterprises, Mara credit, ABC Bank, Kiwira sacco which provide financial services.

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Through Public-Private-Partnership, investors are highly encouraged to invest in the following areas;

- ❖ Construction/maintenance of Agro-processing Plants for Tea, Coffee Avocados and Cocoa.
- ❖ Construction of Modern and Integrated Abattoirs.
- ❖ Construction of Food Processing Plants (Milk, Potatoes, Banana and Paddy)
- ❖ Construction of Shopping Malls, Modern Market and Conference Halls
- ❖ Power production and fisheries due to presence of water bodies
- ❖ Construction of Vocational Education and Training Centres
- ❖ Construction of tourism facilities (hotels, camping sites)
- ❖ Organizing tourist and holiday festivals (campsites, permanent and temporally tented camps and recreational areas)

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;-

Mount Rungwe Nature Reserve

Mount Rungwe Nature Reserve having an area of 136.5m² is a forested slopes and Montane grasslands host 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 meters 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 mammals species, 230 birds, 36 amphibians, 10 fish etc

Activities which could be done are hiking (2981m high), research, animals viewing, bird watching, camping, exploring the Nature Reserve and walking safaris.

This attraction is located in Rungwe around 4 wards (Isongole, Ndanto, Kiwira, Kyimo, Ibigi, and Suma & Masebe). Its distance from Tukuyu town is about 13.4Km via Syukula and 42Km via Ngumbulu entrance.



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
- Guide and porter Centers,
- Establishment of Cultural Centers etc.

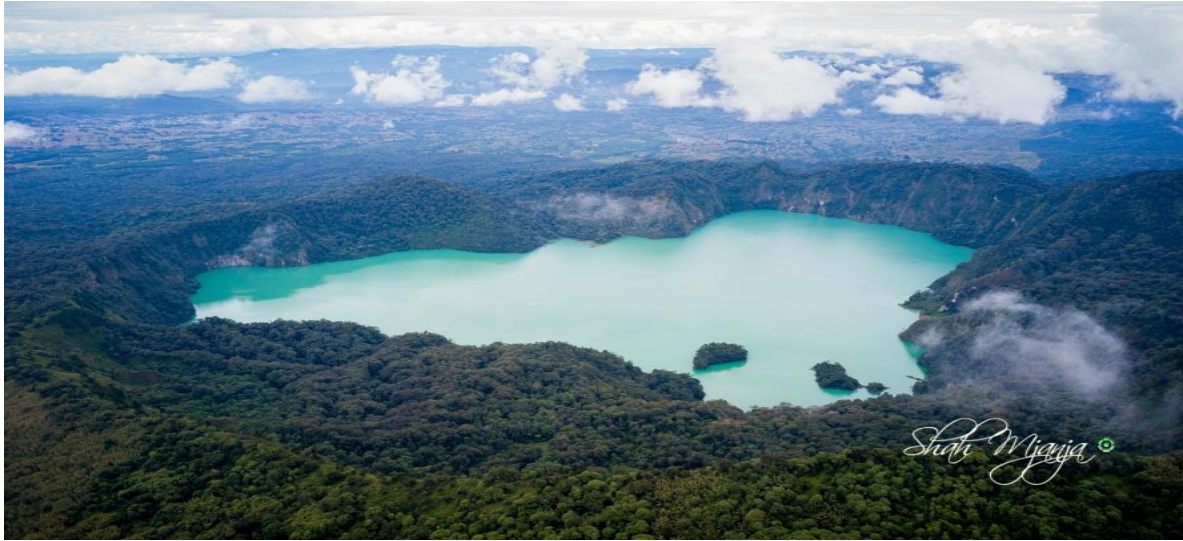
These facilities are to be built at all villages around the attraction.

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 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.

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

Kisiba/Masoko Crater Lake

Visit one of the exciting destination located at Lwifwa Village in Rungwe District. Kisiba/Masoko Crater Lake is one of the volcanic lakes collecting its water from underground streams. It offers 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. There is an interesting myth stories about the formation of the Kisiba/Masoko Crater Lake. There was a man from Kinga tribe known as Lwembe, who went to Lwifwa Village and ask for drinking water, but sadly locals residing the place denied him water. But Luckily there was an elderly woman who respectfully gave him water, and then Lwembe told the woman to pack up her belongings and vacate the village because there is bad thing is about to happen, the woman did as she was told. Suddenly the village was surrounded by springs which cause the whole village to sink with all the villagers and their belongings, whereby the lake appeared and it was later named Kisiba meaning lake. The elderly woman, who moved away from the village, was the only person remained alive. Another myth is about Germans; it is believed that, there is a treasure buried in Masoko Crater Lake, assumed to be hidden by Germany during the end of First World War (1918) whereby Germany were defeated by British.



The place offers numerous touristic activities such as; swimming, canoeing, Sport fishing, photographing, diving, bird watching, camping, cultural aspects, nature sightseeing etc. It is about 18kms from Tukuyu town to Kisiba/Masoko Crater Lake which can be accessible throughout a year.

Investment opportunities available are

- construction of Accommodation facilities (hostels, lodges, restaurant and hostels)
- Gastronomy facilities (restaurants, bars & cafes)
- construction of view points
- Spot fishing gears
- Guide Centers,
- Establishment of Cultural Centers etc.

These facilities are to be built at two villages around the attraction

Kapologwe Waterfalls

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 meters below. Apart from few bruises to his forearms, he was unhurt and indeed is apparently still alive. Activities that are done are; nature viewing, bird watching, storytelling, photographing, and viewing the falls top, behind and bottom. 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.



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 constructed at Isuba Village

Katembo Big Trees

A giant tree was named Katembo by the local village which means big, it is also known as Mvule in Swahili and Mwale in Nyakyusa. However, its scientific name is *Milicia Excelsa*. The tree has more than 250 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. The place offers several touristic activities like; research, photograph, storytelling, stretching hands 10 to 12 people etc. This destination is located in Rungwe District, 21Kms from Tukuyu town to Kisiba Ward, Lwifwa village. The tree was used for ritual worships; 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 request. The tree normally produces white fluid but there is one branch that produces the red fluid whenever the prayers are about to be answered. Meaning, when the prayers about rain are answered the branch from the tree will give out the sign by producing read fluid and later on the rain will start, this also applies to other requests.



Investment opportunities available are construction of campsites, touristic Restaurants, Guide Centers, Establishment of Cultural Centers etc.

Gods Bridge

Meet the natural formed bridge, which is considered as the natural wonder of Tanzania. Gods Bridge, as it is named by the villagers, was formed as the result of volcanic lava flow which created a hole through the hard surface, leaving behind rocky span that cut across two sides of the river in the shape that look exactly like a single wall.

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 centers, Establishment of Cultural centers 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.

Kijungu (Pot hole)

This is the exciting destination located at Mboyo village, 1.5 Kilometers from gods 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 Kijungu’ reflecting Swahili word “chungu” which means a pot.



Activities to be conducted at Kijungu area are bird watching, research, photographing nature sightseeing, storytelling etc.

This attraction is located in Rungwe at Mboyo village (Lupepo ward). The distance to get there from Tukuyu town is about 19.5kms and it is accessible throughout a year.

Investment opportunities available are construction of campsites, touristic Restaurants, Viewing point, Guide centers, Establishment of Cultural Centres etc.

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
- Sport 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, 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, Coffe farms, Avocado farms).



Malasusa Waterfalls

The main advantages of Investing in Rungwe District may be summarized as follows:

- ✓ Good climatic condition suitable for both tourism and agriculture
- ✓ Safe environment with little crime, Inexpensive and trainable workforce
- ✓ Source of skills both skilled and non skilled
- ✓ Reliable Transport links with other regions and neighboring countries
- ✓ Availability of cold room for value addition of perishable goods