

Workshop on Environment Statistics for the East African Community

Tanzania Experience on Compilation of Environment Statistics

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1. Introduction – Tanzania Country Profile

- Geographical Location: Eastern Africa
- Total Area covered: 947,600 sq. km
- Projected Total Population: 48.8 million in 2015
- Unemployment Rate: 10.3%, 2014 ILFS
- GDP Growth Rate at 2007 Prices: 7.0% by 2015
- Annual Average Inflation Rate: 5.6% by 2016







1. Introduction.... – Conceptualization

- Environment statistics describe the qualitative and quantitative aspects of the state of the environment and Interaction with human activities and natural events by integrating data from multiple sources.
- Like in other countries, Environment statistics in Tanzania is an emerging statistical field in official statistics and it is essential for evidence-based policies and decision making to support sustainable development.
- Out of the three pillars for Sustainable Development which focus on **economic development, social inclusion and environmental sustainability**, the

 environmental pillar is the weakest in terms the **availability and quality** of

 statistics... so much effort is needed.





1. Introduction: ... Environmental Concerns... Globally

- Quality Environment statistics are more important now than ever at both global and national levels
- At Global level, the world is focusing attention to address environmental concerns like climate change, extreme events and disasters, loss of biodiversity, deforestation, etc.





1. Introduction: ... Environmental Concerns.. Regional Level

Environment statistics are needed for monitoring the various regional requirements such as cooperation in environment and natural resources management as stipulated in the EAC Treaty, Chapter 19.





1. Introduction: ... Environmental Concerns.. National Level

- In Tanzania, data on environment are needed to better monitor environmental issues such as:-
 - Land degradation;
 - Water resources degradation and pollution;
 - Aquatic resources degradation;
 - Loss of wildlife habitats and biodiversity; invasive alien species;
 - Deforestation;
 - Urban pollution;
 - Climate change; Modern biotechnology; E-waste; and Biofuels.





1. Introduction: ... Main Uses

- To mention few, Environment Statistics are used in Monitoring National and International Development frameworks such as:
 - Tanzania Development Vision 2025
 - FYDP II, 2016/17 2020/21
 - National Environment Action Plan, 2012 2017
 - SDGs, 2030 Development Agenda and
 - The Africa Development Agenda, 2063





2. Some Key Environment Statistics in Tanzania

Environmental Topic	state of the Environmental Topic
Forests and Woodlands	48.1 million hectares (55% of the total land)
Rate of deforestation	372,816 ha per year
Annual average rainfall	Ranges from 200 to 2000 mm
Water Resources	59,050 km ² of inland water bodies 6% of land area is covered by Lakes/ rivers
Biodiversity	Tanzania ranks fourth in Africa in terms of the number of mammals (at least 310 mammal species)

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2. Some Key Environment Statistics in Tanzania...

Environmental Topic	state of the Environmental Topic
Municipal Waste	More than 10,000 tonnes of municipal solid waste is generated per day countrywide
	On average, about 50% of solid wastes generated in urban areas are collected daily and disposed
	Note: most of the wastes are generated from manufacturing and households
Energy Resources	Coal reserves have been estimated at 1.6 billion tonnes of which 304 million tonnes have been confirmed.
	Natural gas exists in Tanzania with proven reserves of about 55 Trillion Cubic Feet
Invasive Alien Species (IAS)	Tanzania has 67 reported IAS of different categories including plant pathogens, pests, aquatic and terrestrial weeds, animals and trees





3. National Efforts in Promoting Environment Statistics

- Tanzania has made a great effort in promoting environment statistics including:-
 - Enactment of Statistics Act, 2015 which mandates NBS to produce and coordinate production of Official Statistics within the National Statistical System.
 - Establishment of Environment Statistics Department within the NBS to better coordinate compilation of environment statistics from different institutions
 - Annual publication on Environment Statistics....latest 2014
 - Establishment of National Technical Working Group on Environment Statistics.
 - Alignment of the TSMP priorities with the FYDP II which will also respond to Tanzania Vision, 2025, SDGs and Africa 2063 Development Agenda.
 - Development of Environment Statistics compendium





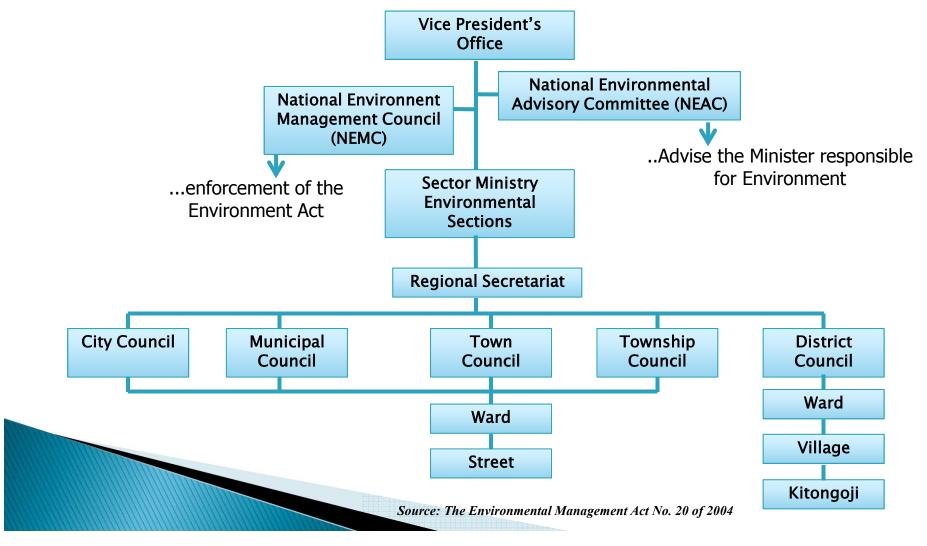
3. National Efforts in Promoting Environment Statistics.....

- Mainstreaming environmental concerns into development policies, strategies and programs, for example:
 - Formulation of the National Environmental Policy (1997); Currently under review
 - Enactment of the Environmental Management Act No. 20 of 2004
 - National Environmental Action Plans (NEAP) in the interval of 5 yrs
 - Ratification and implementation of various Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs).
- Domestication of the Environmentally-Related SDG Indicators in Tanzania
- Implementation of the Framework for the Development of Environment Statistics (FDES 2013) and ESSAT in Tanzania.





4. Institutional Framework for Environmental Management in Tanzania







5. Domestication of the Environmentally-Related SDG Indicators in Tanzania

- International environmental issues relevant to Tanzania has been relatively well integrated in the National Development Plans.
- Domestication of SDGs indicators in Tanzania has played a vital role in promoting production of official statistics including environment statistics;
 - Conducting Workshops to crates awareness and ownership
 - Development of Data Road Map...
 - Training on the Advance Data Planning Tool (ADAPT) PARIS21
 - Mapping of the FYDP II indicators with the SDGs





5. Domestication of the Environmentally-Related SDG Indicators in Tanzania

- Domestication of SDGs indicators in Tanzania
 - Identification of other relevant SDGs indicators not reflected in the FYDP II for special planning
 - Identification of environment related SDGs indicators and
 - Other thematic group discussions to fill the data gaps in progress





6. Implementation of ESSAT and FDES, 2013

- Another interesting development in promoting environment statistics in Tanzania is the application of ESSAT and the FDES 2013.
- These tools are important in data gaps assessment with regards to the national relevance, importance, availability, and sources of statistics as outline in the Basic Set of Environment Statistics (FDES 2013).
- It helps harmonisation of methodologies and avoiding duplication of work.



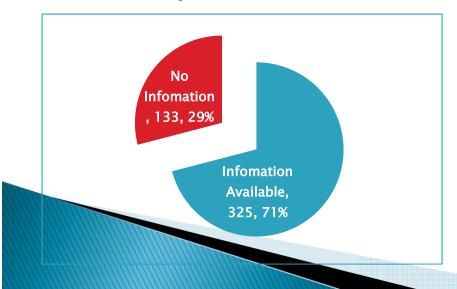


6. Implementation of ESSAT and FDES, 2013... – General Overview

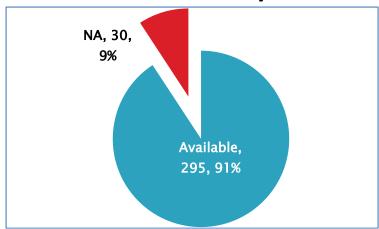
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- Availability
- Reasons for not Available
- Relevance
- Tier Classification

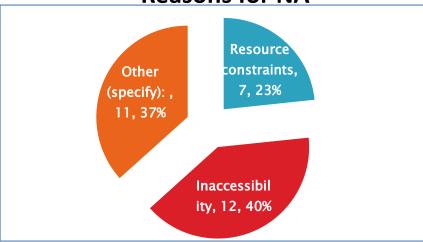
Availability of Information



Availability



Reasons for NA





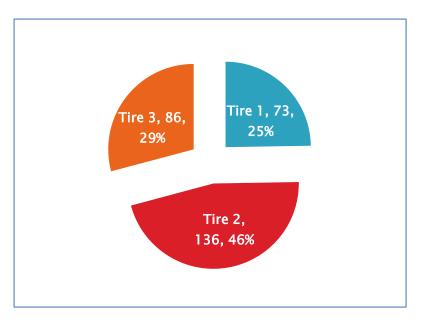


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Relevance of the Data for given Information (%)

120.0 97.8 100.0 84.3 80.0 60.0 40.0 20.0 6.8 6.8 1.5 0.6 0.0 High Medium Low Total Not Not Relevant Applicable

Tier Classification for available indicators



Data Gap Assessment, FDES, 2013 – General Overview





7. Challenges and the Way Forward Challenges:

- Despite the Country commitment to promote production of environment statistics and mainstreaming of environmental concerns into development programs:-
 - Monitoring and measurement of the environment indicators remain a challenge due to insufficient production of data
 - Inadequate capacity in compilation of environment statistics at national level
 - Absence of international guidelines for the compilation of some areas of environment statistics





7. Challenges and the Way Forward....

The Way Forward:

The following are important in strengthening production of environment Statistics:-

- Application of Data Revolution initiatives
- Strengthening of institutional capacities
- Application of ESSAT and FDES 2013
- Review the draft UNSD Manual on the Basic Set of Environment Statistics as outline in the FDES, 2013







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