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- To gather, store and disseminate information relating to environmental management and protection in Tanzania generally and make it accessible to the public; and
- To do anything within the ambit of the laws of Tanzania for the purposes of advancing the objects of protecting, conserving and ensuring wise use of the environment, natural resources, and protection of human rights.

MEMBERSHIP

LEAT's membership is open to any person who subscribes to its vision, mission and objects, Moreover LEAT seeks to bring together experts from different disciplines such as lawyers, economists, engineers, social scientists, environmentalists, town planners, to mention but a few who are committed and dedicated in improving sound management and protection of the environment and natural resources.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

LEAT is managed by the Management Team, which comprises heads of different departments and is headed by the Executive Director. The Executive Director is the one who is in charge of day-to-day affairs of the organization and reports to the Board of Directors and the Annual General Meeting. The Annual General Meeting is the ultimate authority of the organization. Responsibilities and duties of the Management Team includes but not limited; -

- To develop and implement the organization's programs, work plans, and projects;
- To make follow up on the development of projects by measuring the working and delivery standards of the organization;
- To fund raise for the organization; and
- To supervise different activities implemented by community based organizations on related projects.

COLLABORATION WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

LEAT collaborates with other organizations within and outside Tanzania whose objectives are in general or in part similar to the objects of LEAT.

Internationally, LEAT is a member and collaborates with organizations operating worldwide such as the Environmental Law Alliance Worldwide (E-LAW), which connects public interest environmentalists worldwide through emails, Internet, fellowships, and conferences. LEAT also is associated with World Resource Institute (WRI), an organization dealing with environmental and natural resources issues in the world. WRI is located in Washington DC in USA. LEAT is also the member of the Friends of the Earth International (FOEI) and Friends of the Earth Africa.

Within Tanzania, LEAT collaborates with organizations based in Tanzania Mainland such as Journalists Environmental Association of Tanzania (JET), Tanzania Natural Resources Forum (TNRF), Legal and Human Rights Centre (LHRC), AGENDA for Sustainable Environment, HAKIARDHI, ENVIROCARE, Policy Forum, HAKIMADINI, Coalition for Human Right Defenders (CHRD), FORDIA and other organizations.

Moreover, LEAT collaborates with other Non-Governmental Organizations in East Africa and Southern Africa Countries whose objectives are in general or part similar to those of LEAT. For example, ILEG and RECONCILE of Kenya, ACODE and Greenwatch of Uganda. In the Southern Africa, LEAT has forged collaboration with Zimbabwe Environmental Law Association (ZELA), of Zimbabwe, Yongenawa of Swaziland. .

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About LEAT

Lawyers' Environmental Action Team (LEAT) was founded in 1994 and it is a premier non-governmental and non-profit making environmental management and protection organization in Tanzania. It is registered under the Companies Act Cap 212 R.E 2002 as a company limited by guarantee without a share capital.

Establishment of LEAT

The main motive behind the formation of (LEAT) was the realization by a group of young lawyers that law is an essential tool in ushering in sound environmental and natural resources management and protection. They further felt that our country needed to pass a framework environmental legislation containing environmental management and protection principles, create an effective environmental enforcing agency able to enforce environmental laws, and engender sound environmental management in the country. Moreover, enlisting public participation in environmental management and protection was critical and this was to be best achieved through awareness raising, advocacy, and public interest litigation. Its formation in 1994 led to the emergence of the first public interest environmental law organization in Eastern Africa in general and Tanzania in particular.

LEAT carries out environmental and natural resources legal and policy research, advocacy, and selected public interest litigations. Its membership is drawn from public interest spirited individuals from all disciplines of the environment and natural resources. Over the years, LEAT has transformed itself to become the premier public interest environmental and natural resources management and protection organization in Tanzania.



LEAT's Vision

"Africa with sustainable and well managed environment and natural resources for current and future generations"

LEAT's Mission

To contribute towards good governance in the use and sustainable management of the environment and natural resources through public interest litigation, advocacy, strategic research, capacity building, and networking.

LEAT's Core Values

LEAT operates and continues to unreservedly commit to upholding the following core values;

- Honesty;
- Unquestionable integrity;
- Team work and volunteerism;
- Commitment to environmental protection;
- Timely response and consciousness;
- Respect to human diversity; and
- Transparency and accountability.

LEAT's Goal

Contribute towards increased citizens' participation in East Africa and Southern Africa countries in general and Tanzania in particular in sustainable environmental and natural resources management and protection, by building their capacities and strategies and partner with them to bring about sustainable environmental and natural resources management.

Objectives

- To ensure that the country's natural resources and the environment are democratically governed and managed in accordance with the public trust doctrine and harnessed for the benefit of Tanzanians;
- To impart the general understanding of the laws and policies relating to the environment and natural resources;
- To conduct audit on existing and proposed investments in Tanzania in order to reveal possible positive and negative impacts on the country's environment and social life

of Tanzanians and recommend options;

- To work with local communities in enhancing their access to natural resources and securing their rights to those resources, including but not management of those resources;
- To carry out legal research on various environment and natural resources issues and related issues, including but not limited to, governance, human rights, food security, poverty alleviation and social equity;
- To participate in and take part in various international and regional legal processes and/or activities aimed at protecting or impacting on the environment, natural resources and related issues;
- To undertake various advocacy activities including those related to public interest litigation against environmental and natural resources degradation and destruction on the one hand and violation of human rights on the other. Moreover, to pressurize public authorities, through judicial processes, to scrupulously carry out their environmental management and protection duties;
- To conduct environmental protection campaigns, seminars, workshops, public hearing, media briefings, lobbying and / or sensitize decision makers on environmental and natural resources management and protection issues;
- To cooperate, federate, amalgamate, affiliate in part or in whole with or to subscribe to any governmental, inter-governmental

