

Kibale National Park

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Country: **Uganda**

Administrative region: **Western (Region)**

Central co-ordinates: **0.42000 N, 30.37000 E**

Area: **794km²**

although it is thought to have been previously more widespread, with Kibale representing one of the largest extents of this forest in Uganda.

Qualifying IPA criteria

A(i), B(ii), C(iii)

Habitat and geology

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IPA assessment rationale

Kibale National Park qualifies as an IPA under criterion A(i) as it supports globally important populations of 18 taxa (1 Critically Endangered, 8 Endangered and 9 Vulnerable) including four that are unique to Kibale within the Ugandan IPA network: *Rothea violacea* subsp. *kigeziensis* (CR), *Aerangis jacksonii* (EN), *Albertisia exelliana* (EN) and *Dicliptera alternans* (VU). In addition, it supports a nationally important population of *Turraeanthus africana* (VU). Further A(i) trigger species may be confirmed in the future, as Kibale is reported to contain populations of six further globally Vulnerable species, but their presence at the site requires confirmation, or in the case of *Prunus africana*, the importance of Kibale in a national context requires assessment given that species' broad range in Uganda.

Conservation issues

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Under criterion B, Kibale qualifies under B(ii) as it contains six species on the national list of species of high conservation value and so exceeds the 3% threshold.

Alongside species of conservation importance, Kibale CFR triggers criterion C(iii) as one of five best sites in Uganda for Lake Victoria drier peripheral semi-evergreen Guineo-Congolian rainforest. This habitat is assessed as Critically Endangered nationally and Kibale is an important opportunity to protect this habitat, encompassing around 9% of the national resource.

Site description

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Botanical significance

Kibale CFR is one the best sites for nationally threatened habitat Lake Victoria drier peripheral semi-evergreen Guineo-Congolian rainforest. This habitat is now largely restricted to protected areas,

IPA criterion A species

SPECIES	QUALIFYING SUB-CRITERION	≥ 1% OF GLOBAL POPULATION	≥ 5% OF NATIONAL POPULATION	1 OF 5 BEST SITES NATIONALLY	ENTIRE GLOBAL POPULATION	SOCIO-ECONOMICALLY IMPORTANT	ABUNDANCE AT SITE
<i>Aeglopsis eggelingii</i> M.Taylor	A(i)	✓	✓	–	–	–	Unknown
<i>Aerangis jacksonii</i> J.Stewart	A(i)	✓	✓	✓	–	–	Occasional
<i>Albertisia exelliana</i> (Troupin) Forman	A(i)	✓	✓	✓	–	–	Unknown
<i>Balsamocitrus dawei</i> Stapf	A(i)	✓	✓	–	–	–	Occasional
<i>Brachystephanus glaberrimus</i> Champl.	A(i)	✓	✓	✓	–	–	Unknown
<i>Cnestis mildbraedii</i> Gilg	A(i)	–	–	–	–	–	Unknown
<i>Commelina zenkeri</i> C.B.Clarke	A(i)	✓	✓	✓	–	–	Unknown
<i>Dasylepis eggelingii</i> J.B.Gillett	A(i)	✓	✓	✓	–	–	Frequent
<i>Dicliptera alternans</i> Lindau	A(i)	✓	✓	✓	–	–	Unknown
<i>Disperis aphylla</i> Kraenzl. ex De Wild. & T.Durand	A(i)	✓	✓	✓	–	–	Unknown
<i>Eggelingia ligulifolia</i> Summerh.	A(i)	✓	✓	✓	–	–	Unknown
<i>Entandrophragma cylindricum</i> (Sprague) Sprague	A(i)	–	–	–	–	–	Unknown
<i>Grewia ugandensis</i> Sprague	A(i)	✓	✓	✓	–	–	Unknown
<i>Leplaea cedrata</i> (A.Chev.) E.J.M.Koenen & J.J.de Wilde	A(i)	–	–	–	–	–	Unknown
<i>Mimusops bagshawei</i> S.Moore	A(i)	✓	✓	–	–	–	Occasional
<i>Pavetta bagshawei</i> S.Moore var. <i>leucosphaera</i> (Bremek.) Bridson	A(i)	✓	✓	✓	–	–	Frequent

SPECIES	QUALIFYING SUB-CRITERION	≥ 1% OF GLOBAL POPULATION	≥ 5% OF NATIONAL POPULATION	1 OF 5 BEST SITES NATIONALLY	ENTIRE GLOBAL POPULATION	SOCIO-ECONOMICALLY IMPORTANT	ABUNDANCE AT SITE
<i>Polystachya fallax</i> Kraenzl.	A(i)	✓	✓	✓	–	–	Unknown
<i>Polystachya nyanzensis</i> Rendle	A(i)	✓	✓	–	–	–	Unknown
<i>Prunus africana</i> (Hook.f.) Kalkman	A(i)	–	–	–	–	–	Occasional
<i>Psychotria bagshawei</i> E.M.A.Petit	A(i)	✓	✓	✓	–	–	Unknown
<i>Rinorea beniensis</i> Engl.	A(i)	–	–	–	–	–	Unknown
<i>Rothea violacea</i> (Gürke) Verdc. subsp. kigeziensis (Verdc.) Verdc.	A(i)	✓	✓	✓	–	–	Unknown
<i>Tiliacora latifolia</i> Troupin	A(i)	✓	✓	✓	–	–	Unknown
<i>Turraeanthus africana</i> (Welw. ex C.DC.) Pellegr.	A(i)	–	✓	✓	–	–	Occasional
<i>Zanthoxylum mildbraedii</i> (Engl.) P.G. Waterman	A(i)	–	–	–	–	–	Unknown

IPA criterion C qualifying habitats

HABITAT	QUALIFYING SUB-CRITERION	≥ 5% OF NATIONAL RESOURCE	≥ 10% OF NATIONAL RESOURCE	1 OF 5 BEST SITES NATIONALLY	AREAL COVERAGE AT SITE
Lake Victoria drier peripheral semi-evergreen Guineo-Congolian rainforest (CR)	C(iii)		–		363.3

General site habitats

GENERAL SITE HABITAT	PERCENT COVERAGE	IMPORTANCE
Forest - Subtropical/Tropical Moist Lowland Forest	–	Major

Land use types

LAND USE TYPE	PERCENT COVERAGE	IMPORTANCE
Nature conservation	100	Major

Threats

THREAT	SEVERITY	TIMING
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Protected areas

PROTECTED AREA NAME	PROTECTED AREA TYPE	RELATIONSHIP WITH IPA	AREAL OVERLAP
Kibale National Park	National Park	protected/conservation area matches IPA	794

Conservation designation

DESIGNATION NAME	PROTECTED AREA	RELATIONSHIP WITH IPA	AREAL OVERLAP
Kibale National Park	Key Biodiversity Area	protected/conservation area matches IPA	794

Management type

MANAGEMENT TYPE	DESCRIPTION	YEAR STARTED	YEAR FINISHED
Site management plan in place		—	—