

# Mount Elgon

## UGATIPA20

Country: **Uganda**

Administrative region: **Eastern (Region)**

Central co-ordinates: **1.10346 N, 34.50890 E**

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### Qualifying IPA criteria

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

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### IPA assessment rationale

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### Site description

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### Botanical significance

Alongside threatened species, this IPA is one of the most important sites for the nationally Endangered habitat, Afromontane rainforest, hosting 35% of the national resource. Significant areas of this forest has already been lost on Mount Elgon, particularly on the more sheltered southwestern slopes where this habitat is thought to have extended to lower altitudes than at present (Langdale-Brown et al. 1964; van Breugel et al. 2015). On the drier northern slopes of this mountain, forest transitions to the drier Afromontane undifferentiated type. Although there is only a small extent of this habitat within this IPA (48 km<sup>2</sup>), Afromontane undifferentiated forest is rare nationally and so it is estimated that around 20% of the national resource lies within Mount Elgon National Park (Richards et al., In Review). Therefore this habitat type also triggers criterion C(iii) under the IPA criteria.

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### Habitat and geology

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## 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
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## 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
Afromontane dry forest (VU)	C(iii)	✓	✓	✓	47.97

## General site habitats

GENERAL SITE HABITAT	PERCENT COVERAGE	IMPORTANCE
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## Land use types

LAND USE TYPE	PERCENT COVERAGE	IMPORTANCE
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## Threats

THREAT	SEVERITY	TIMING
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## Bibliography

Langdale-Brown, I., Osmaston, H. A., & Wilson, J. G. 1964. **The Vegetation of Uganda and its Bearing on Land-Use.**

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