



# Greater Virunga Landscape

Located in Eastern Africa, the Greater Virunga Landscape (GVL) straddles the borders of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, and Uganda. The landscape includes eight national parks and other game and forest reserves. It contains more terrestrial, endemic, and threatened species than any other defined landscape in Africa.

The Climate Adaptation and Protected Areas (CAPA) Initiative will focus on implementing nature-based solutions to enhance biodiversity while supporting local nature-based livelihoods for women, men, and Indigenous communities.

## Key Climate Change Impacts



Landslides



Drought



Wildfires



Heat waves



Erosion



Flooding

## Key Biodiversity and Ecosystem Threats



Habitat loss



Climate change



Deforestation



Land-use change



Agriculture



Mining



Pressure on natural resources



Conflict

## Key CAPA activities include

- promoting nature-based livelihood interventions like beekeeping, tree nurseries, and agroforestry to support communities and reduce habitat pressures in the GVL;
- promoting tree planting and land restoration interventions to boost the resilience of vulnerable communities in the GVL to climate change; and
- strengthening the capacity of women-led community-based organizations to have a voice in decision-making processes.

## Project Sites

### Rwenzori Mountains National Park

This snow-capped, mountainous park is the water tower of the region, feeding into many lakes and rivers, such as Lake George, Lake Edward, and the Semliki and Nile rivers.

**FACT** ▶ About 81% of plant species in Rwenzori are native to East Africa.

### Bwindi Impenetrable National Park

This densely forested park in southwestern Uganda hosts staggeringly diverse tree, fern, and animal species over ecosystems that span 1,500 m in elevation gain.

**FACT** ▶ Bwindi is home to about half of the world's mountain gorillas.

**FACT** ▶ The park has been designated a Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere program.

### Queen Elizabeth National Park

This savanna landscape in western Uganda is home to over 95 mammal species and over 600 bird species.

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