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SRP includes two DA G3 “Enabler” programs – Range and Training Land Program (RTLP) and Integrated Training Area Management (ITAM).

Mission: Manage the Army’s Training Land “Platform” to Sustain its Future use for Training (AR 350-19)

Army Sustainable Range Program Tenets:
1. Information Excellence
2. Integrated Management
3. Outreach

Command: Execute SRP Within Operations / Training Channels

Partnering: Operations, IMCOM-E, AFRICOM, EUCOM, and Host Nation

ITAM emerged nearly 25 years ago. What began as a scientific evaluation of natural resource management on lands supporting military-mission activities, evolved into a world-class model for the management of military lands and strategic enabler supporting military readiness.
Land Rehabilitation and Maintenance
- Initial Focus: JMRC Hohenfels (’87 Flood)
- Check Dams / Retention Basins (’90s)
- 3K Acres Reseeded Annually (’90)

Land Condition Monitoring
- Land Condition Plots Monitored Annually (’86)
- Annual Satellite Imagery (’86)
- Runoff Monitoring Stations (’93)

Geographic Information System (GIS) Data Acquisition
- Aerial Orthoimagery (’92)
- Sub-Meter Elevation Models (’03)

Cooperative Security Events
- S. Africa (’01)
- Georgia (’05)
- Botswana (’07)
AFRICA COMMAND (AFRICOM)

- Established in October 2007, and is headquartered in Germany, the command is responsible for coordinating military-to-military relationships between the United States and African nations and military organizations.

- U.S. Africa Command, in concert with other U.S. government agencies and international partners, conducts sustained security engagement through military to military programs, to promote a stable and secure African environment in support of U.S. foreign policy.
Many of the Workshops are funded under the Office of Secretary of Defense (OSD) Defense Environmental International Cooperation (DEIC) program, which seeks to build capacity and dialog through defense-related environmental topics.

Regional (ITAM) Workshop, organized by AFRICOM
USAREUR ITAM Support

The Message
ITAM Tenets

- **Information Excellence** – Ensures the U.S. Army is using the best available information and science to support its ranges and land assets.

- **Integrated Management** – Ensures that the major management functions directly affecting ranges and land assets are integrated to support the training mission.

- **Outreach** – Provides an outlet to explain to the public why training activities are essential and improves understanding of Public perception of, and Concerns about, training and Range operations.
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ITAM Tenets Continued

➢ **Information Excellence** → Geographic Information System (GIS)
➢ **Integrated Management** → Training Range Integration (TRI) → Partnering
➢ **Outreach** → Sustainable Range Awareness (SRA)
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Three Phase Approach
Planning Visit
Workshop

✓ With a focus on:

- Partnering
- Geographic Information System
- Outreach
- Range Tour
Familiarization Visit
Case Study – Tanzania Peoples Defense Forces

[Images of the American and Tanzania flags]
Initiate a conservation partnership to support land management activities on 303rd training lands.

Significance of Brigade 303 Area:
1. Land falls within the Maasai Steppe and is considered to be a critical ecological site because of its size and location within a greater conservation landscape.
2. Experiencing conservation threats that need to be addressed; Encroachment and Poaching
3. Area has potential for multiple sustainable uses.
Goal of Engagement

➢ To conserve Natural Resources within an area adjacent to National Park(s) and community land.
➢ To protect an important wildlife dispersal area, and corridor, linking Tarangire and Lake Manyara National Parks.
➢ To develop integrated and sustainable land use management on Brigade 303 training area.
• Participated in Planning visit.
• Conducted two Workshops focusing on enhancing the Tanzania People’s Defence Force (TPDF) abilities related to the planning and management of training areas that satisfy current and future military training requirements.
• Hosted Familiarization visit.
• Acted as facilitator to Encourage positive relationships locally, regionally, and nationally.
Partners

✓ USAID
✓ AFRICOM
✓ Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA)
✓ Tanzanian Land Conservation Trust
✓ World Wildlife Fund (WWF)
✓ African Wildlife Foundation (AWF)
✓ Local surrounding communities
• MOU between AWF and 303rd documents currently with headquarters for review.
• These events fostered Partnerships which should help sustain TPDF’s valuable training area resources
Final Thoughts

- Workshop need to include all stakeholders: Military, Government Ministries and NGO’s for process to be successful
- Need full support of Defense Attaché Office (DAO) and U.S. Embassy
- Can be successful with proper follow-up workshops!
Questions?

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