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## A CAMP PRESENTATION ON USANGU WETLANDS CONSERVATION PROJECT

### USANGU EXPEDITION CAMP

### RUAHA NATIONAL PARK, SOUTHERN TANZANIA

*Usangu Wetlands Conservation Project donation:*

- US\$100 for 1–3 pax
- US\$150 for 4–6 pax

*Pre-booking required*

In 2006, Usangu Game Reserve was annexed into the Ruaha National Park due to its value as a biodiverse wildlife hotspot and as a source of water that feeds the Great Ruaha River — the lifeblood of the national park. Thereafter the river travels east and into the Rufiji River. Since this time, Usangu has never been developed, and remains the untouched wilderness it has always been. Without development the area has generated no revenue to support the national parks or surrounding communities, and thus conservation

of the area has been challenging in terms of security against poaching and illegal grazing. The good news is the tide has turned, and we have every reason to hope for a brighter sustainable future for Usangu. In 2019, Asilia Africa alongside TAWIRI & TANAPA (Tanzanian National Parks and Research Institute) set up a project within the area to study the ecosystem and assess the potential of implementing tourism, developing a more robust water management plan with local government and business, and work out how to provide the area the deserved level of protection and appreciation. The project also supports monitoring and collaring the rich biodiversity of wild animals that inhabits the wetlands and surrounding ecotones, as well as reducing poaching and human-wildlife conflict by engaging local communities and stakeholders.

Book an evening talk and dinner with a member of the Asilia team leading this great adventure and be part of this pioneering conservation story. Listen, learn and enquire about these myriad projects, while developing an understanding of how sustainable tourism could be the answer to protecting this vital area for future generations.