

# Geothermal Exploratory drilling activities, undergoing and planned in Tanzania

**The Global Geothermal Development Plan (GGDP)**

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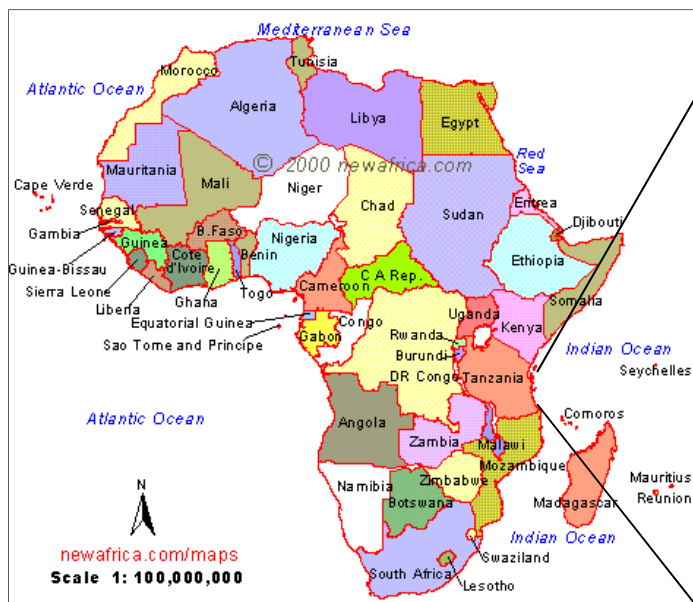
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# Country Profile - Tanzania

- Located in East Africa;
- Lies between Longitude  $29^{\circ}$  and  $41^{\circ}$  East and between Latitude  $1^{\circ}$  and  $12^{\circ}$  South;
- Total Area: 945,000 km<sup>2</sup>;
- Borders:
  - North: Kenya and Uganda;
  - South: Zambia, Malawi and Mozambique;
  - East: Indian Ocean;
  - West: Rwanda, Burundi & Democratic Republic of Congo.

# Location



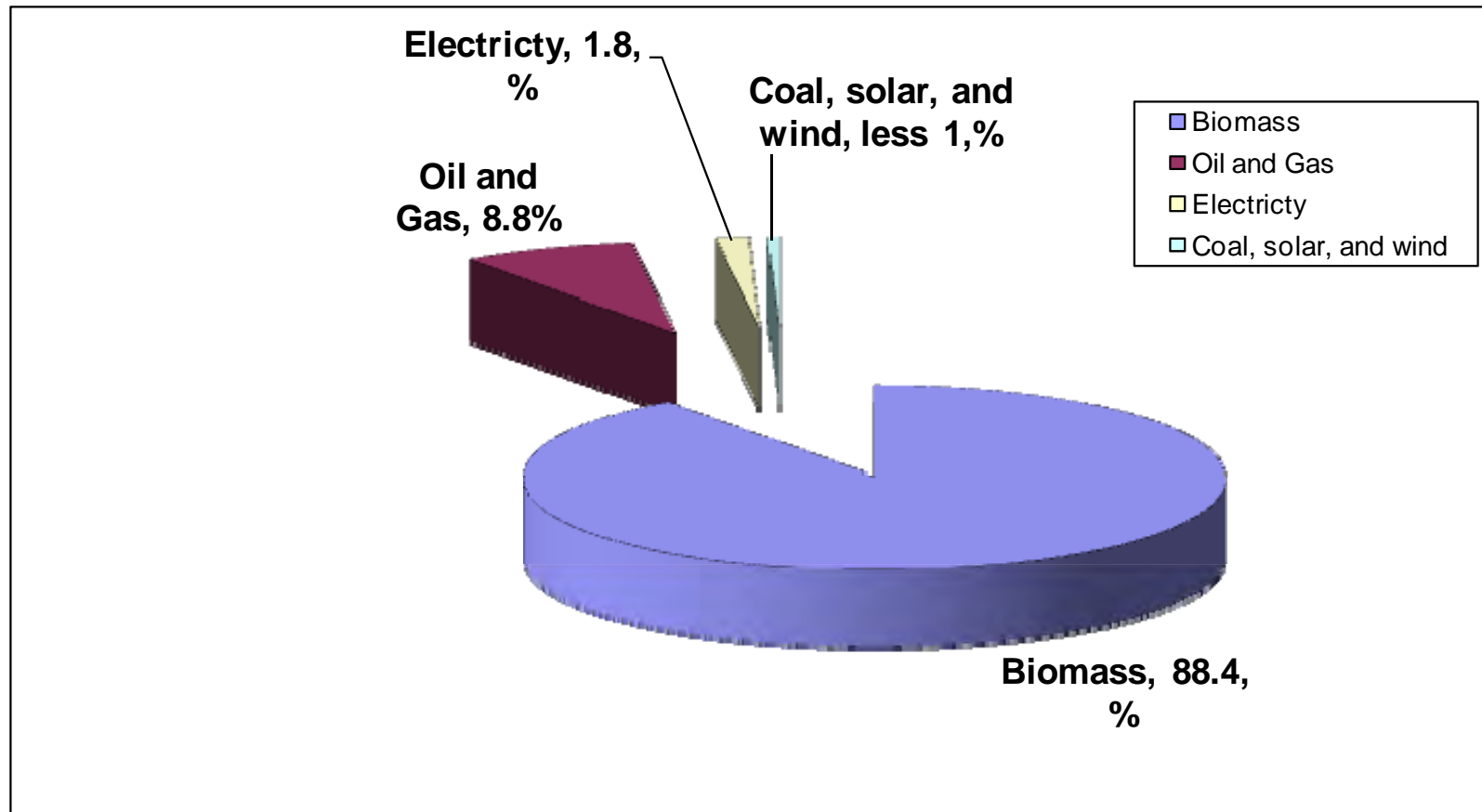
# The Energy Sector and Its Challenges

## Energy Sector

- About 80% - no access to power
- About 90% - use biomass energy
- About 75% - live in rural areas
- Contribution of the Energy Sector to GDP < 2.3%
- The country has a potential of using renewable energy sources

# The Energy Sector and Its Challenges

## Energy Balance



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## Challenges

- Fast increasing power demand due to accelerating productive investments and a growing population.
- Risk of interruption of electricity generation associated with price shocks due to fluctuating price of oil and increasing unpredictability of hydropower
- Low access to reliable electricity due to dispersed and low density of population which makes grid extension too expensive
- Health risks and environmental degradation from household reliance on biomass energy, causing annual loss of forest cover of about 100,000 - 125,000 hectares

# The Energy Sector and Its Challenges

## Strategy to Address Challenges

- Increasing the generation capacity from different sources
- Restructuring/Reform the State Utility (TANESCO)
- Construction of new distribution and transmission lines
- Development of new/review current policy, legal and regulatory frameworks
- Development of mini-grids and stand-alone projects
- Committed Government Budget and funds from DPs
- Implementation of projects for green sources of power



# Previous Geothermal Assessment Studies

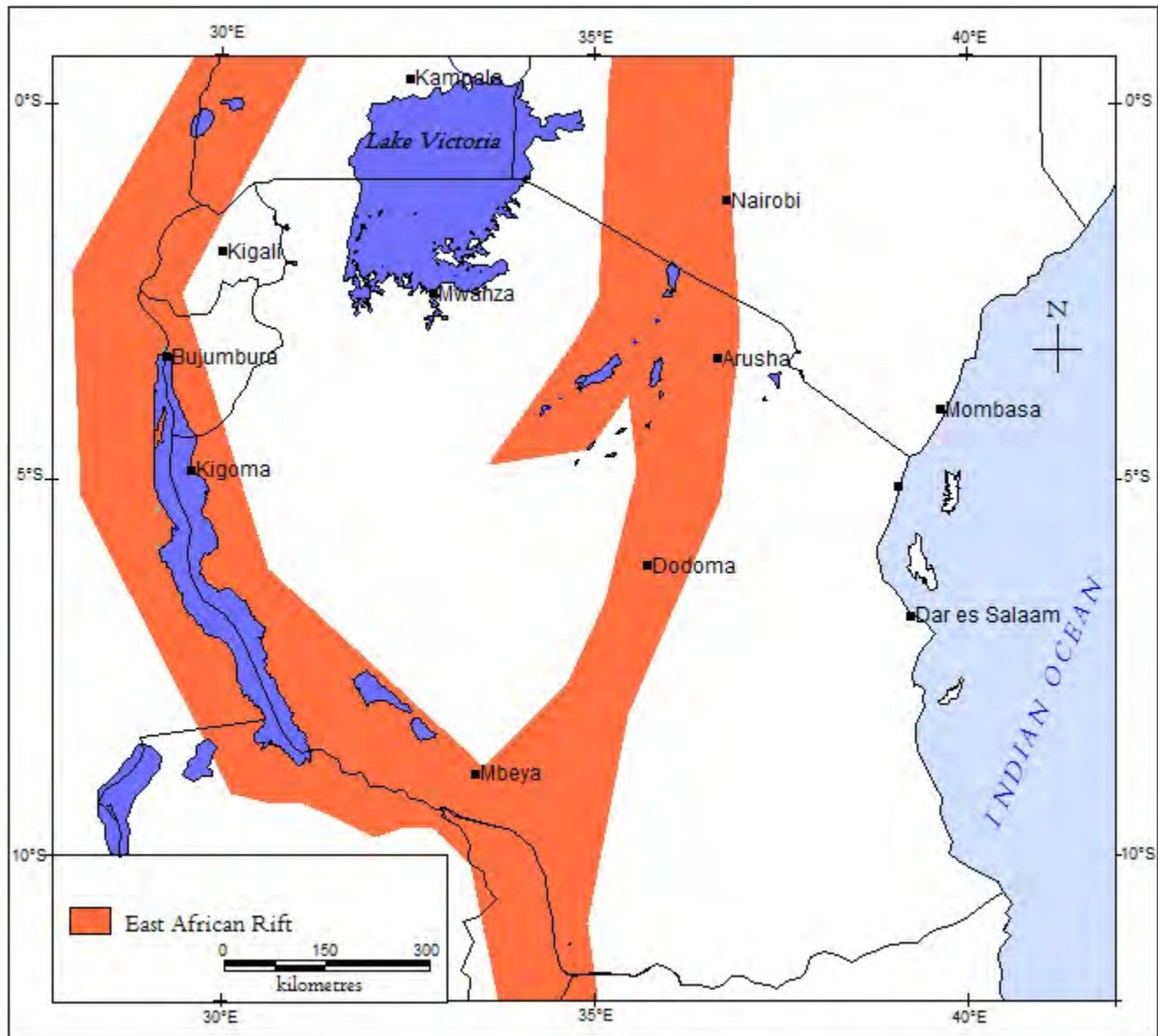
- Preliminary Reconnaissance Survey of Geothermal Resources in Tanzania begin in 1976. The study was carried out by SWECO, VIKIR ORKINT and the Government of Tanzania (GoT).
- Rural Electrification Study (2005) financed by AfDB was carried out by SWECO and GoT at Songwe, Manyara, Lake Natron, Rufiji and Luhoi.
- Geothermal as an Alternative Source of Energy for Tanzania (2006) Phase I (Geological and Geochemical) & Phase II (2010) detailed exploratory study using Geophysical and Geochemical methods at Songwe.

# Geothermal Energy Prospects

- Tanzania is one of countries which are crossed by the East African Rift Valley.
- Estimated geothermal energy potential more than 650 MW
- There are about 50 geothermal prospects in the country
- The prospects are localized in three zones.

## Geothermal Energy Prospects (Cont...)

1. North-Eastern area;
  - Lake Natron, Lake Manyara and Musoma
2. South-Eastern coastal area;
  - Kisaki, Utete, Luhoi and Luhombero
3. South-Western area;
  - Songwe River, Rukwa trough, Kasumulo, Mampulo and Rungwe volcanic complex



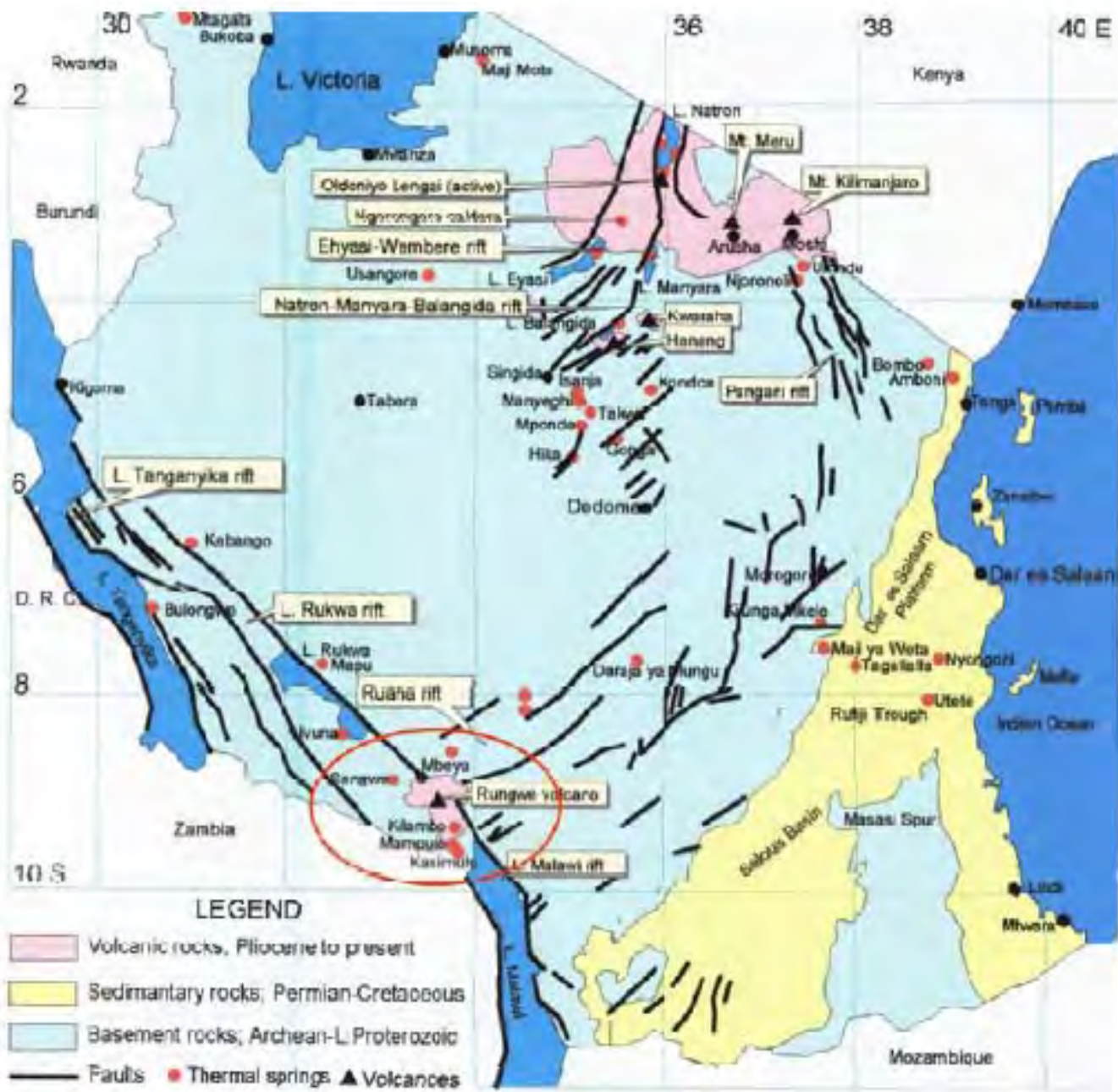


Figure 1.10: East African Rift System (EARS) and associated tectonic features.

1. The East African Rift System (EARS) is a continental rift system that extends from the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden in the north to the East African Rift in the south.

2. The EARS is characterized by the presence of several major rift valleys, including the Ethiopian Rift, the East African Rift, and the East African Rift Valley.

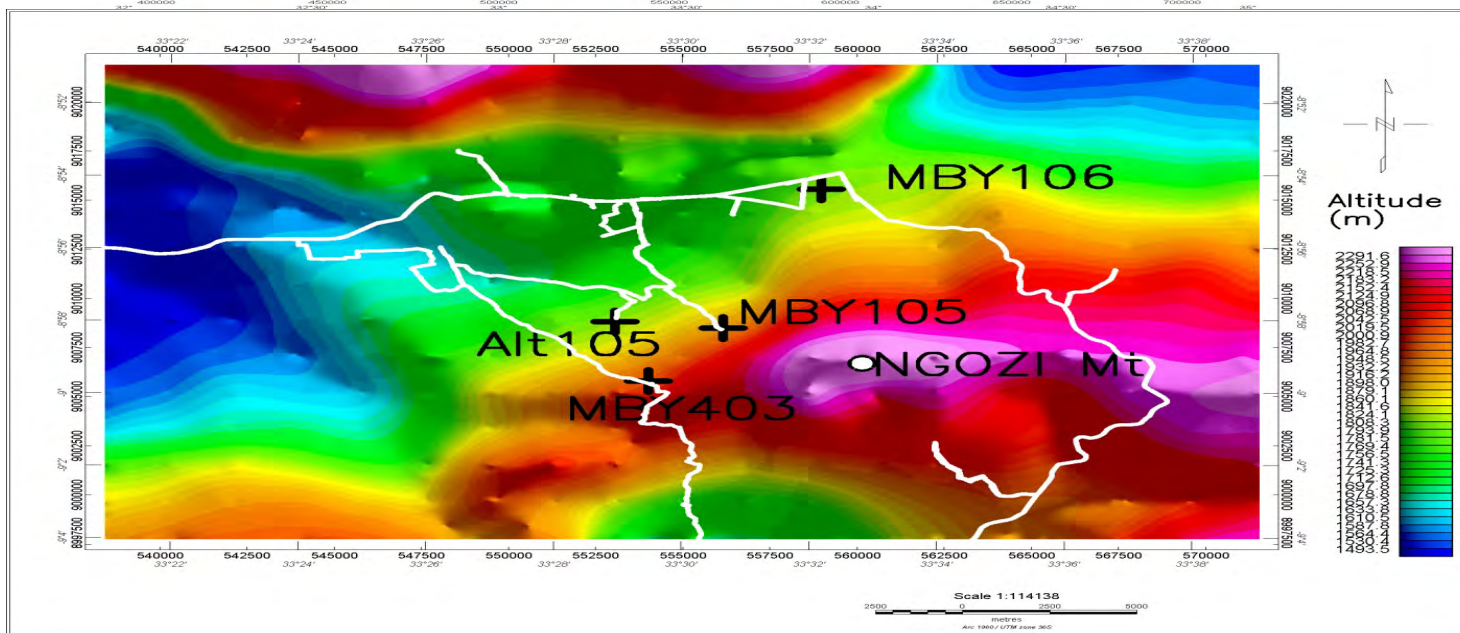
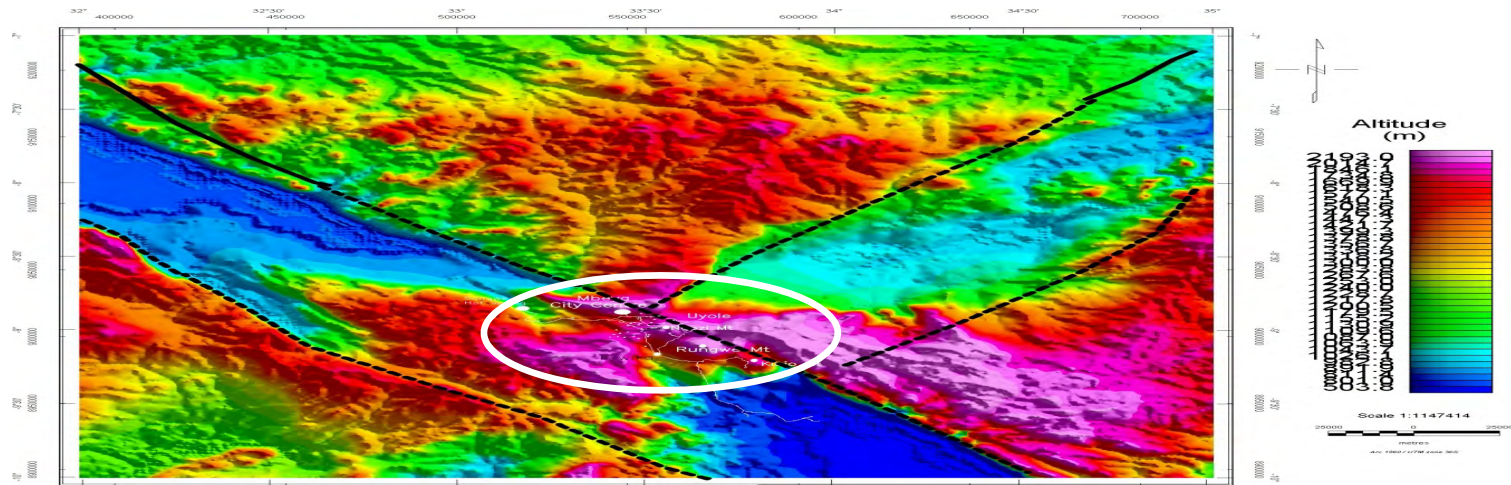
# Current Status of Geothermal Resources Development

- Three locations have been identified for drilling of shallow wells at Songwe near Lake Ngozi.



- Wells will assist to collect subsurface information (temperature gradient, electrical conductivity and natural gamma).

# Location and Proposed Drilling Sites



## Current Status of Geothermal Resources Development (cont..)

- The GoT through MEM established a National Geothermal Task Force which comprise of members from MEM, GST, TANESCO, REA, UDSM, and TAREA.
- The overall objective is to monitor and facilitate the development of geothermal resources in the country
- Main task is to strategize and advise the Government on how Geothermal Resources Development could be effectively strengthened, coordinated and streamlined to enable the country to achieve the envisaged goal in geothermal energy sector.



## Worked best for geothermal development

- **Formation of the Geothermal Task Force:**  
members of the taskforce are from the government, geological survey, academic institutions, power utility and the private sector. They have provided good advisory support to the government.
- **Providing training to policy and decision makers:** After the short course in Kenya they are supporting geothermal development.
- **Cooperation with development partners:** MDBs are supporting resource mapping and training of experts.
- **Streamlining institutional setup:** Geothermal development activities are now being moved to the energy department making coordination more efficient and effective

# Challenges to Geothermal Resources Development

- **Limited awareness** - Inadequate awareness to most stakeholders including decision makers and planners.
- **Lack of supporting Policy, Legal and Regulatory framework** – The National Energy Policy, 2003 acknowledges the importance of geothermal but does not address geothermal development strategies. There is no Legal and Regulatory framework.
- **Lack of supporting Institutional setup** – Geothermal is handled by both mineral and energy departments, creating conflicts in licensing and coordination.

## Challenges to geothermal resources development (cont. ....)

- **Technical Expertise** – Inadequate human capacity and equipment to develop geothermal resources
- **Financial** – Large upfront investment in geothermal exploration and test drilling.
- **Attracting private sector:** Inadequate interest of the private sector investment in geothermal projects especially in the resource confirmation phase.

# Future Development Plan

- Establish partnerships with experienced countries/geothermal companies.
- Implementation of SREP project; prepare and put in-place strategy, Legislation and Regulations for geothermal industry
- Raise awareness to decision makers to win support for development of geothermal resources.
- Capacity building to geothermal experts
- Institutional arrangements: Establishment of Geothermal Unit/Section and a Geothermal Company.
- Resource Assessment

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