

# MAMLAKA YA VIWANJA VYA NDEGE TANZANIA



**SONGWE AIRPORT**

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Songwe Airport is a newly established airport which started operating in December 2012, it is now operational for domestic passenger flights (Scheduled and non-scheduled) serving Songwe and Mbeya regions, and it is still under expansion to cater for large planes for both passengers and cargo to the rest of the world. Songwe Airports one of the 58 airports being operated by Tanzania Airport Authority (TAA) in the country.

Though it is new in terms of operations, but Songwe airport is the fifth airport (in terms of passengers' and Aircrafts' movements) after Julius Nyerere International Airport, Kilimanjaro International Airport, Mwanza Airport and Arusha Airport.

Location: It is located in the Southern highland region of Tanzania (Mbeya Region). It is about 25 kilometers (about 13.5NM) south-west of the city of Mbeya.

## AIRPORT PROFILE

Based on ICAO Standards, Songwe airport is classified as category B



Air Tanzania – New Bombardier Q400 at Songwe Airport

## Aerodrome Geographical and Administration Data

Identification (ICAO Code)	HTGW
Identification (IATA Code)	MBI
ARP Co-ordinates	*08 55 11.79S
Direction and Distance from the City	*033 16 26.75E
Elevation	SW, 25KM (16NM) from city centre
Runway (Length)	4,412FT / 1,345M AMSL
Types of traffic permitted	10,925FT / 3,330M
Reference	IFR/VFR
Average Temperature	17.2 <sup>0</sup> C
AD Administration, address and telephone	Airport Manager
	P.O Box 249,
	Mbeya.
	Tel: +255 22 2504274

## Airport operational hours

Activity	Time
AD Administration	Monday to Friday: 0430 - 1230 UTC
	Saturday, Sunday and Holidays:
	0500 - 1030 UTC
Customs and Immigration	0330 - 1530 UTC
Health and Sanitation	0330 - 1530 UTC
Aeronautical Information Services	0430 - 1230 UTC

ATS Reporting Office (ARO)	0430 – 1230 UTC
MET Briefing Office	0430 – 1230 UTC
ATS	0430 – 1230 UTC
Fuelling	0430 – 1500 UTC
Handling	0330 – 1530 UTC
Security	24 hours

### Scheduled airline currently operating at Songwe airport

Airline	Destination	No. Frequency per week
✓ PRECISION AIR	Dar es Salaam	7
✓ AIR TANZANIA	Dar es Salaam	9

### AVAILABLE SERVICES AND FACILITIES

Cargo - Handling Facilities	-	Available
Fuel/Oil types	-	Jet A1
Rescue and Fire Fighting Services	-	Available
○ Category of Fire Fighting		CAT 6
○ Rescue Equipment		Available

## Passengers Services at the Airport

Taxis	-	Available
Shuttle Busses	-	Available
Restaurant	-	Available
Medical facilities	-	Available (first AID)
ATMs (Visa/MasterCard)	-	Available
Bureau de change	-	Soon to be established

## Nearby services

FACILITY	AVAILABILITY
1) HOTELS	In the City
2) HOSPITALS	In the City
3) BANK AND POST OFFICE	In the City
4) TOURIST OFFICE	In the City

## Technical information

### i. Apron and Taxiway Data

Apron Surface and Strength

Surface: Concrete  
Strength: PCN 57 (Under construction)

Taxiway Width, Surface and Strength

Width: 23M  
Surface: Tarmac  
Strength: PCN 57

ii. Runway Physical Characteristics

Designation RWY NR	Dimensions of RWY (M)	Strength (PCN) and Surface of RWY and SWY	THR coordinates	THR elevation and highest elevation of TDZ of precision APP RWY
09	3330 x 45	PCN 57 Tarmac	*08 55 11.85S 033 15 32.28E	4343FT
27	3330 x 45	PCN 57 Tarmac	*08 55 11.74S 033 17 21.24E	4409FT

**Current airport charges and fees**

i. **Landing fees:**

Landing fees are charged per single landing per 1,000kg or part thereof. These charges are based on the maximum takeoff weight of the aircraft as authorized by the certificate of airworthiness.

Category	Charges per 1,000kg or part thereof
Standard Charges	US \$ 5.00
Surcharge for night take off	30% of the standard charge

### Training Flights

Day Training: A series of landings made at the airport within a period of one hour in the course of training shall be charged as one landing at the standard charge.

Night Training: A series of landings made at the airport within a period of one hour shall be charged the standard charge plus 30%.

### ii. Parking fees for foreign registered aircraft:

Parking charges are assessed on the maximum takeoff weight as authorized in the aircraft's certificate of airworthiness. These charges are applicable to both helicopters and fixed wing aircrafts.

No charge shall be levied for the first two (2) hours. Thereafter, the charge applicable shall be as follows:-

S/N	Maximum takeoff weight	Charges per Aircraft after the first two (2) hours
1.	Up to 20,000kg	US \$ 5.00 per 12 hours or part thereof.
2.	20,000kg – 60,000kg	US \$ 5.00 per 6 hours or part thereof.
3.	More than 60,000kg	US \$ 5.00 per hour or part thereof.

**Note:** for local registered pay equivalent amount in local currency at prevailing exchange rates.

### iii. Passenger Service Charge

Passengers embarking an Aircraft at Songwe Airport shall pay airport service charge as follows:

Domestic Flight: TZS 10,000/= per pax

International Flight: US \$ 40.00 per pax

### SONGWE AIRPORT TRAFFIC RECORDS (For the past 6 years)

Year	2014	2015	2,016	2,017	2018	2019
Aircraft Movements	2,027	1,913	1,951	1,959	1,932	1,416
Number of Passengers	126,283	133,774	117,177	118,884	114,863	78,658

**Figure 1: Aircraft movement's trend 2014 - 2019**





Figure 2: Passengers Movements Trend 2014 - 2019



List of hotels in Mbeya and their Distance from Songwe airport

S/N	Hotel	Distance
01	Beaco Resort	25km
02	Manyanya inn	25km
03	Paradise inn	25km
04	Mbeya Hotel	28km
05	Mount Livingstone Hotel	25km
06	Utengule Resort	37km
07	Mkulu	25km
08	Stockholm Hotel	25km

## SONGWE AND MBEYA REGIONS OVERVIEW

Songwe is a new region which has currently been formed out of Mbeya Region by the Government of United Republic of Tanzania (previously, it used to be one region, called Mbeya City). It is located in the country's South-west.

The Region is bordered to the Northwest by Tabora Region, to the Northeast by Singida Region, to the East by Iringa Region, to the South by Zambia and Malawi, and to the West by Rukwa Region. It lies about 872 km south-west of Dar es Salaam, its landscape characterized by relief forms created by the volcanic effects of the African Rift Valley.

These two regions all together (Songwe and Mbeya) have got plenty number of tourists attractions, and they have enormous economic potential (especially) in Agriculture, Livestock and Mining sectors, with which these sectors lead to Grand Investment Opportunities.

### Tourist Attractions in Mbeya Region

Hereunder are some of the most interesting and fascinating places to visit in Mbeya Region;

#### Climb of Mbeya Peak



The Mbeya peak (2,826 m) is the most dominant mountain of the Mbeya range and is seen rising majestically from many places around Mbeya. A strenuous climb of three hours leads to the steep peak from where you have an excellent view over the African Rift Valley. On the mountain slopes grow many indigenous flowers and you may as well spot colorful butterflies.

## Ngozi Crater Lake



38 km south of Mbeya, in the direction of Tukuyu and Lake Malawi, lies the Ngozi Crater Lake in a beautiful cone mountain. A narrow footpath winds uphill through a dense tropical jungle full of bamboo and wild banana trees. Small mammals and colourful birds hide behind the thick vegetation. After a strenuous climb of about one hour, you arrive at the crater rim and your efforts are rewarded with a magnificent view on the Crater Lake. Strange colours and water streams in the lake make local people believe that there are monster houses under the water surface.

## Kiwira natural bridge and Pot falls



Not far from Tukuyu lies the natural bridge of Kiwira. The bridge was created by the powers of a fast flowing river. Local people call this miracle 'Daraja la Mungu', the 'Bridge of God'. Very nearby, and as well worth a visit, are the Kijungu waterfalls, where the water falls several meters deep in an impressive pot hole.

## Rungwe Mountain climb



With its 2,960 metres altitude, Rungwe Mountain is the highest peak in Southern Tanzania. This great volcano, active over the past million years, dominates the whole area around Tukuyu. It is a vast wild area, more than 100 square kilometres of forest, upland scrub and rock terrain, completely uninhabited and visited only by an occasional walker. After a long hike to the crater rim, you can beautifully overlook the south wall of the explosion crater.

## Mbozi Meteorite



40 km south-east of Mbeya, in the direction of Zambia, lies the meteorite stone of Mbozi. This rare and unusual sight is the eight largest meteorites in the world, weighing about twelve tones and at least a thousand years old.

## Lake Nyasa / Lake Malawi



The Lake Nyasa (Nyasa means “lake”) is located at the south-west of Mbeya; Lake Nyasa sometimes is called Lake Malawi. The lake lies in two countries’ territory; Tanzania and Malawi. It is the third largest in Africa (after Lake Victoria and Lake Tanganyika) with 550 km length and 75 km width, covering an area of more than 11,400 km<sup>2</sup>. In some parts, the lake is as deep as 700 meters.

Lake Nyasa is also among the Great Rift Valley’s lakes, which shares some of the characteristics with Lake Tanganyika. The lake has a distinctive characteristic: 14 rivers pouring their waters into the lake, and only one river which flows out to the sea, River Shire.

The lake is magnificently attractive and is rich in crocodiles and hippopotamus. For Fish lovers, Lake Nyasa is biologically the most diverse lake, containing approximately 30% of world’s cichlid species (colorful fish which are easily seen in the lake’s clear water).

## Ruaha National Park



Ruaha National Park is known for its large elephant and buffalo herds and one of its principal attractions lies in being able to see greater and lesser kudu as well as the majestic sable and roan antelope within the same area. As well as an abundance of lion, leopard and cheetah, it is also home to the increasingly rare African Hunting Dog.

How to get there: the scheduled and/or charter flights from Dar Es Salaam, Selous, Serengeti, Arusha, Iringa and Mbeya can be used.

## Kitulo National Park in Mbeya



Locals refer to the Kitulo Plateau as BustaniyaMungu - The Garden of God - while botanists have dubbed it the Serengeti of Flowers, host to 'one of the great floral spectacles of the world'. And Kitulo is indeed a rare botanical marvel, home to a full 350 species of vascular plants, including 45 varieties of terrestrial orchid, which erupt into a riotous wildflower display of breathtaking scale and diversity during the main rainy season of late November to April.



## Rungwa Game Reserve



The predominant species in Rungwa Game Reserve are; Lions, Leopards, Buffalos, Impala, Zebra, Eland, Sable, Nibble, Greater kudu and many more. The reserve provides the excellent habitation for Lions and Hyena. It is regarded to have Largest Concentration of Bird species feeding themselves.

### Other attractions:

- ❖ Museums, Monuments and Heritage
- ❖ Mpanga - Kipengele Game Reserve
- ❖ The unique ecological features of the tropical rain forest
- ❖ The wildlife in the Lukwati Game Reserves
- ❖ underground crater known as 'bat caves' and
- ❖ Kaporogwe falls and Usangu basin are some of the other sites.

**Source:** all of the named attractions can be referred to these websites;

[www.tanzaniaculturaltourism.com](http://www.tanzaniaculturaltourism.com); [www.bushroutes.com](http://www.bushroutes.com); and [www.mbeya.go.tz](http://www.mbeya.go.tz).

**In an Agricultural Sector:-**Mbeya Region is rich in crops such as Coffee, Cocoa, Tea, Tobacco, Soya beans, Palm Oil, Sunflower, Simsim and Cereal Crops.

**In Livestock sector:** Mbeya Region is rich in domestic animals such as Cows, Sheep, Goats and Hens.

**In Mining Sector:-** Geologically, Mbeya region is within Proterozoic aged rock with a diversity of minerals. The minerals include: gold, marble, granite, limestone, pozzolana, sandstone, aggregates, salt, coal, carbon dioxide gas, sand, pumice, clay, niobium, phosphate, and carbonate.

The region has 6 large and medium mining companies namely Shanta Gold Mining Ltd, Autrad Mining limited and Garland (T) Ltd in Chunya district, Marmo E. Granito Mines (T) Ltd) and Mbeya Cement company Ltd in Mbeya district, TAZARA Kongolo Quarry in Mbarali district and Tanzania Oxygen Ltd (TOL) in Rungwe district.

In a Gold field; Mbeya is the second largest Gold producing Region in Tanzania.



**Shanta Gold Mining in Chunya District**

**Source:** [www.mbeya.go.tz](http://www.mbeya.go.tz)

Therefore, Tanzania Airports Authority invites the world to come, feel and experience the part of Mbeya City, and Songwe Airport is the warm gateway to these City's fascinating Places.

**WELCOME!**



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