

**Question for written answer E-002327/2022
to the Commission**
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Subject: Tanzania – Expulsion of Maasai from Ngorongoro

Tens of thousands of Maasai people are to be forcibly evicted from Ngorongoro to make way for a tourism project that supposedly also promotes biodiversity. The UN has criticised the project in a report¹, expressing concern, first, that the Maasai's lives and cultures are to be sacrificed in the name of nature conservation, safari tourism and trophy hunting, and second, that the Maasai's role in protecting biodiversity is being ignored. A number of Maasai have written a letter² protesting against their eviction. Protests against this land-grab were violently put down by the Tanzanian authorities.

1. What is the Commission's view of this project, as a result of which Maasai people are to be forcibly displaced from Ngorongoro?
2. Does the project have implications for EU support to Tanzania, for example when it comes to the financing of future projects?
3. Has the Commission supported – or is it currently supporting – this project or similar projects involving forced displacement?

¹ Tanzania: UN experts warn of escalating violence amidst plans to forcibly evict Maasai from ancestral lands, <https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2022/06/tanzania-un-experts-warn-escalating-violence-amidst-plans-forcibly-evict>

² URGENT: Call for international support to stop the Tanzanian government's human rights violations against the Maasai, <https://www.oaklandinstitute.org/sites/oaklandinstitute.org/files/pdfpreview/ncaa-community-signatures.pdf>