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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

AGB	Above Ground Biomass
BGB	Below Ground Biomass
DBH	Diameter at Breast Height
EF	Emission Factor
GoM	Government of Malawi
GIS	Geographic Information System
GPS	Global Positioning System
MRV	Monitoring, Reporting and Verification
MSU	Michigan State University
PERFORM	Protecting Ecosystems and Restoring Forests in Malawi
SOP	Standard Operating Procedures
tC	Tonnes of Carbon or Carbon Stock
USAID	United States Agency for International Development

I.0 INTRODUCTION

PERFORM's forest inventory in the Liwonde, Ntchisi, and Perekezi Forest Reserves serves several objectives:

- 1. Improvement of the co-management plans and governance arrangements for the forest management blocks in each reserve by providing information on the stocks and the growth rate of those stocks
- 2. Inform the design of a National Forest Inventory for Malawi, providing best practices, a methodology, measurement protocol, and pilot data
- 3. Provide the necessary data to estimate carbon stocks in the forest reserves, and estimate emissions reductions due to PERFORM's activities with higher precision

As noted in the PERFORM FY '16 Work Plan: "site-based demonstrations of forest carbon field plot inventories to support the production of Emission Factors in a National Forest Inventory "pillar" of a Malawi National Forest Monitoring System. The activity will focus on: 1) design of forest inventories for each pilot site, 2) development of handbooks and guidance for standard operating procedures (SOP) for field plot data collection of carbon stocks, 3) design of the plot sample frame and plot allocations, 4) training and management of inventory crews, and 5) analysis of the plot inventory data."

The field inventory work was completed by five teams with support from PERFORM staff and with MSU Technical backstopping in the first week of data collection. Table #I below provides details on field teams and data collection dates.

	Liwonde	Ntchisi	Perekezi
Field team	Mike Chirwa,	Henry	Bennet Mataya
leaders	Henry Utila,	Kadzuwa	
	Dan Ndalowa		
Start date	9 June 2016	14 June 2016	14 June 2016
Finish date	29 June 2016	29 June 2016	I July 2016
PERFORM	Alinafe	Alinafe	Alinafe
supervisors	Chibwana,	Chibwana,	Chibwana,
	Clifford	Clifford	Clifford
	Mkanthama	Mkanthama	Mkanthama
MSU technical	Dr. David L.	Dr. David L.	Dr. David L.
support	Skole, Jay H.	Skole, Jay H.	Skole, Jay H.
	Samek	Samek	Samek

Table 1. Field Inventory General Information

Teams consisted of six to eight members who carried out specific technical tasks during the data collection period. Team members included staff from DOF (inclusive of headquarters, FRIM, MCFW and District Forestry Offices), National Herbarium and Botanical Garden (NHBG), Department of Surveys (DOS), and local communities.

The field inventory data collected followed Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) detailed in two volumes.

- Standard Operating Procedures: Forest Carbon Inventory, Data Collection and Reporting— Volume I: Establishing the Inventory and Sample Plots
- Standard Operating Procedures: Forest Carbon Inventory, Data Collection and Reporting— Volume 2: Field Measurements at Sample Plots

Data collection data sheet were developed with input from team leaders and PERFORM staff. These data collection sheets were printed on write-in-rain parchment paper and distributed to each team leader. Training in establishing plots and in data collection (use of measurement tools) were completed in April 2016 with the team leaders, and again on the first two days of the site-based forest inventories in June 2016, with all team members from each forest reserve.

A cartographic map book was published in large format for each forest reserve. These map books were laminated and made field ready. They consisted of an overview map of the reserve with plot locations overlaid on hi-resolution satellite data. This overview map was followed by 1:10,500 scale detailed maps. These map books were used to support the field data collection effort, in particular, in route-finding from access roads and trails to plot locations in order to minimize time and effort.

Data inventory tracking was supported by a google web application developed by PERFORM and used to collect a daily log for status reporting by the team leaders in all three forest reserves. Hard copy data sheets were collected, collated and scanned as PDF files at the PERFORM Office in Lilongwe. An Excel file database was used to track the data sheets collection and processing which included uploading the PDF files and plot photos to Dropbox.

The MSU team acquired the scanned PDF field data sheets from PERFORM and completed data entry to the MRV Toolbox data management and reporting system through upload of Excel data sheets for each plot. MSU also used the field-recorded GPS information (UTM Northing and Easting values) to create an ESRI GIS shapefile. These data have been made available to team leaders and the PERFORM office.

2.0 DATA COLLECTION SUMMARY INFORMATION

The initial target for field data collection, in terms of the number of cluster plots, based upon a sample design using 95 % confidence and 10 % error, was:

- Liwonde = 47
- Ntchisi = 13 (though we targeted 18 to ensure a minimum of one plot per block)
- Perekezi = 21

The cluster plot design of three individual plots located in a "T" shape meant that the total number of individual plots for each forest reserve would be:

- Liwonde = 141
- Ntchisi = 54
- Perekezi = 63

The summary table #2 shows the number of clusters and plots with data collected, number of clusters rejected, number of plots moved as well as the number of plots where data were collected for specific carbon pools (downed deadwood, regeneration) and the number of plots that included tree heights (refer to the SOP VOLUME 2).

	Liwonde	Ntchisi	Perekezi	Total
Expected number of clusters (plots)	47 (141)	18 (54)	21 (63)	86 (258)
Actual number of clusters (plots)	48 (140)	17 (50)	20 (60)	85 (250)
Number of clusters rejected	8	0	0	8
Number of plots moved	30	15	26	71
Number of clusters from oversample pool	10	5	0	15
Number of days to complete data collection	21	16	18	55
Number of plots with regeneration data	126	49	56	231
Number of plots with tree height measurement	70	20	27	120
Number of trees with DBH and height measurement	608	247	265	1120

Table I. Summary Information for Field Inventory

3.0 AGB AND BGB CARBON STOCKS AND EMISSION FACTORS

Plot inventory data were input into the MRV Toolbox (mrv.carbon2markets.org) for all three forest reserves. Two assessments of the plot inventory data were completed using the MRV Toolbox for estimating the AGB and BGB carbon stocks (tC) and the emission factors (tCha⁻¹). In these two assessments standing deadwood and down deadwood were not included.

3.1 MRV TOOLBOX ASSESSMENT: KACHAMBA ET AL. ALLOMETRIC EQUATION – DBH

The first assessment used all 250 plot data sheets (Perkezi n=60; Ntchisi n=50; Liwonde n=140) with all live trees measured in the 20m and 12m sub-plots. A root-to-shoot ratio of 0.28^{1} was used to compute the BGB. The first assessment uses the allometric equation published by Kachamba et al. (2016) for computing biomass in miombo woodlands that requires only one tree mensuration variable, DBH or diameter at breast height (cm) (See Eq 1).

$$AGB = 0.21691 * dbh^{2.318391}$$

Eq. I

Where:

Tier 3 - Carbon Stocks by Parcel

ABG = above-ground biomass; kilograms of dry matter (kg d.m.) dbh = diameter at breast height in centimeters (cm)

The MRV Toolbox computes the mean AGB and BGB in terms of tCha⁻¹ for all plots associated with a specific forest reserve. The carbon fraction of 0.47 is used to calculate carbon (C) from kilograms of dry matter (kg d.m.). The total carbon stock is a computation of the area of the forest reserve times the mean AGB and BGB values derived from the plot level field inventory data. Figure I below shows the MRV Toolbox report of the total carbon by Forest Reserve and the carbon density values or emission factor (EF) for the AGB and BGB pools for each forest reserve.

Figure 1. MRV Toolbox Report of Total Carbon Stock and Forest Carbon Emission Factors (EFs) for Three Forest Reserves

Parcel Descriptors		Carbon Density				Carbon Stock	Carbon Stocks					
Values below in I	na	Values	below in 1	tC/ha		Values below in tC						
ID	Area	AGB	BGB	SOC	Litter	Deadwood	AGB	BGB	Soil	Litter	Deadwood	Total
LIWONDE	26,889.18	35.01	9.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	941,290.70	263,561.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,204,852.09
NTCHISI	9,410.52	45.00	12.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	423,466.03	118,570.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	542,036.52
PEREKEZI	15,600.14	42.49	11.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	662,844.02	185,596.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	848,440.34
Project Totals							2,027,600.75	567,728.21	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,595,328.96

Yellow rows indicate Parcels containing Plots with rejected data. Calculations may be erroneous due to faulty plot data.

The emission factors for each forest reserve in the first assessment that only uses AGB and BGB pools of carbon are shown in table 3. They range from a low of 44.81 tCha⁻¹ in Liwonde to a high of 57.60 tCha⁻¹ in Ntchisi. Total carbon stocks based on the AGB + BGB EFs and reserve areas are also reported in table 3 for each of the three forest reserves.

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¹ IPCC mean default root to shoot ratio for Subtropical dry AGB >20 td.m./ha. IPCC 2006.

Fable 3. Forest Reserve Emission	on Factors and Total Carbo	n Stock from the First Assessment
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Forest Reserve	Mean AGB (tC/ha)	Mean BGB (tC/ha)	Emission Factor – AGB+BGB (tC/ha)	Carbon Stock (tC) Area * EF
Liwonde	35.01	9.80	44.81	1,204,852.09
Ntchisi	45.00	12.60	57.60	542,036.52
Perekezi	42.49	11.90	54.39	848,440.34

The mean and variation of AGB and BGB based on the number of plots for each forest reserve is reported in table 4. BGB mean though is simply of function of the root-to-shoot ratio used to compute BGB values.

Table 4. Mean and Standard Deviation of AGB and BGB Values for Each Forest Reserve from the First Assessment

Forest Reserve	Mean AGB (tC/ha)	AGB Standard Deviation	Mean BGB (tC/ha)	BGB Standard Deviation	Num ber of Plots N=
Liwonde	35.01	20.42	9.80	5.72	140
Ntchisi	45.00	19.04	12.60	5.33	50
Perekezi	42.49	16.13	11.90	4.52	60

3.2 MRV TOOLBOX ASSESSMENT: COMPARISON OF FOUR ALLOMETRIC EQUATIONS – LIWONDE FOREST RESERVE

A second analysis was completed comparing four allometric equations, two from Kachamba et al. (2016) and two from Brown (1997) for Liwonde Forest Reserve (See equations 2 - 5).

Kachamba 1: $AGB = 0.21691 * dbh^{2.318391}$	Eq. 2
Kachamba 2: $AGB = 0.103685 * dbh^{1.921719} * ht^{0.844561}$	Eq. 3
Brown Tropical Dry: $AGB = \exp(-1.996 + 2.23 * \ln(dbh))$	Eq. 4
Brown Tropical Moist: $AGB = 42.69 - 12.8 (dbh) + 1.242 (dbh)$	Eq. 5

Where: ABG = above-ground biomass; kilograms of dry matter (kg d.m.) dbh = diameter at breast height in centimeters (cm) ht = total tree height in meters (m)

The data sheets for Liwonde where tree heights were recorded were subset from the main set of data sheets and the small trees (plot radius = 6 m) whose tree height was not recorded were removed. This subset of data sheets (n = 70) could then be used in the MRV Toolbox with the Kachamba 2 equation that requires height as a tree measurement variable. To compare the four equations the same 70 data sheets were uploaded to the MRV toolbox four times each time computing the carbon values using one of the four allometric equation models. Again, only AGB and BGB values were computed and BGB values were computed using the root-to-shoot ratio of 0.28.

Figure 2 shows the MRV Toolbox report of the AGB and BGB mean values from the 70 plots uploaded computed using the four different allometric equation models.

Figure 2. Comparison of Four Allometric Equations

Tier 3 - Carbon Stocks by Parcel										×		
Parcel Descriptors		Carbon	Density				Carbo	n Stocks				
Values below in ha			Values below in tC/ha				Values	Values below in tC				
ID	Area	AGB	BGB	SOC	Litter	Deadwood	AGB	BGB	Soil	Litter	Deadwood	Total
Kachamba1	0.00	28.62	8.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Kachamba2	0.00	33.71	9.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
LIWONDE Brown Tropical Dry	0.00	13.22	3.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
LIWONDE Brown Tropical Moist	0.00	37.69	10.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Project Totals							0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Yellow rows indicate Parcels containing Plots with rejected data. Calculations may be erroneous due to faulty plot data.

The comparison of the emission factors of the four allometric equation models are shown in table 5. The results vary from a low of 16.92 tCha⁻¹ using the Brown Tropical Dry equation to a high of 48.25 tCha⁻¹ using the Brown Tropical Moist equation. The two Kachamba models result in a difference of 6.5 tCha⁻¹. In comparison to the results from the full data set (n = 140) for Liwonde using the Kachamba I equation (44.81 tCha⁻¹) the results from the second assessment are conservative which is to be expected after omitting the trees measured in the 6-m radius sub-plot.

Allometric Equation Model	Mean AGB (tC/ha)	Mean BGB (tC/ha)	Emission Factor –AGB+BGB (tC/ha)
Kachamba I	28.62	8.01	36.63
Kachamba 2	33.71	9.44	43.14
Brown Tropical Dry	13.22	10.55	16.92
Brown Tropical Moist	37.69	10.55	48.25

Table 5. Comparison of Emission Factors from Four Allometric Equation Models

The mean and variation of AGB and BGB based on the 70 plots used by each allometric equation model is reported in table 6. BGB mean though is simply of function of the root-to-shoot ratio used to compute BGB values.

Table 6. Mean and Standard Deviation of AGB and BGB Values for Each Allometric Model from 70Plots in Liwonde Forest Reserve

Allometric Equation Model	Mean AGB (tC/ha)	AGB Standard Deviation	Mean BGB (tC/ha)	BGB Standard Deviation	Number of Plots N=
Kachamba I	28.62	18.14	8.01	5.08	70
Kachamba 2	33.71	23.75	9.44	6.65	70
Brown Tropical Dry	13.22	8.32	3.70	2.33	70

Brown	37.69	24.07	10.55	6.74	70
Tropical Moist					

4.0 AGB, BGB AND DEADWOOD CARBON STOCKS AND EMISSION FACTORS

A third assessment of the inventory data for all three forest reserves was completed adding in the deadwood pool of carbon. The deadwood pool includes both standing and down deadwood. These data were collected by field crews as per the SOP VOLUME 2: Field Measurements at Sample Plots. All standing deadwood data were subset from the data sheets and compiled by plot ID. Standing deadwood biomass were computed for each plot using the Kachamba I equation when tree height was not recorded and the Kachamba 2 equation when tree height was recorded. Carbon was calculated using the carbon fraction of 0.47 and converted to tCha⁻¹ based on the subplot size. Table 7 shows the number of plots in each forest reserve where standing deadwood was recorded in the field, the total number of standing deadwood trees, and the amount of carbon (tC).

Table	7. Standing	g Deadwood	by Forest	Reserve
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Forest Reserve	Number of Plots with Standing Deadwood	Total Number of Trees	Total tC
Liwonde	45	75	528.29
Ntchisi	1	1	0.29
Perekezi	13	23	15.13

Down deadwood data were also subset by plot ID and biomass (carbon) computed. Using the field measurements of each down piece of wood, the volume was computed and kilograms of dry biomass estimated using a wood density value of .66g/cm^3 (Malimbwi et al. 1994). The carbon fraction of 0.47 was used to compute carbon from biomass. The field crews estimated a percent decay which was used to compute a final carbon value. Table 8 shows the number of plots in each forest reserve where down deadwood was recorded in the field, the total number of down deadwood pieces, and the amount of carbon (tC).

	Table 8.	Down	Deadwood	by	Forest	Reserve
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Forest Reserve	Number of Plots with Down Deadwood	Total Number of Trees	Total tC
Liwonde	38	91	91.94
Ntchisi	12	20	0.0001
Perekezi	16	31	8.29

4.1 MRV TOOLBOX ASSESSMENT: RESULTS FROM ADDING THE DEADWOOD POOL OF CARBON

The deadwood pool of carbon is a sum of the standing and down deadwood. The sum of the standing and down deadwood carbon values in term of tCha⁻¹ were added to the initial MRV Toolbox assessment (computing AGB and BGB using the Kachamba I equation) for those plots where deadwood was present. The MRV Toolbox report of the total carbon by Forest Reserve and

the carbon density values or emission factor (EF) for the AGB, BGB and Deadwood pools for each forest reserve are shown in figure 3.

Deadwood is a rather small portion of the carbon pool in each of the three reserves. In Ntchisi it is negligible. In Perekezi it accounts for less than 1% of the total EF. In Liwonde it accounts for 8.4% of the total EF. The emission factors for each forest reserve for AGB, BGB and deadwood pools of carbon along with the total EF value and carbon stocks are shown in Table 9.

Forest Reserve	Mean AGB (tC/ha)	Mean BGB (tC/h a)	Mean Dead wood (tC/h a)	EFs: AGB+BGB +DW (tC/ha)	Carbon Stock (tC) Area * EF
Liwonde	35.01	9.80	4.29	49.09	1,320,10 8.74
Ntchisi	45.00	12.60	0.01	57.61	542,124. 98
Perekezi	42.49	11.90	0.40	54.78	854,638. 26

Table 9. Forest Reserve Emission Factors and Total Carbon Stock from Third Assessment

The mean and variation of deadwood pool based on the number of plots for each forest reserve is reported in table 10. Note that variance is quite high in Liwonde. The mean is computed from all plots and should be noted that only some plots included deadwood.

Table 10. Mean and Standard Deviation of Deadwood Values for Each Forest Reserve

Forest Reserve	Mean Deadwood (tC/ha)	Deadwood Standard Deviation	Number of Plots N=
Liwonde	4.29	10.99	140
Ntchisi	0.01	0.04	50
Perekezi	0.40	0.82	60



Tier 3 - Carbon Stocks by Parcel

Parcel Descript	ors	Carbor	n Density	/		Carbon Stock	s					
Values below in h	na	Values	below in t	C/ha		Values below in tC						
ID	Area	AGB	BGB	SOC	Litter	Deadwood	AGB	BGB	Soil	Litte r	Deadwood	Total
LIWONDE	26,889.18	35.01	9.80	0.00	0.00	4.29	941,290.70	263,561.40	0.00	0.00	115,256.64	1,320,108.74
NTCHISI	9,410.52	45.00	12.60	0.00	0.00	0.01	423,466.03	118,570.49	0.00	0.00	88.46	542,124.98
PEREKEZI	15,600.14	42.49	11.90	0.00	0.00	0.40	662,844.02	185,596.33	0.00	0.00	6,197.91	854,638.26
Project Totals							2,027,600.75	567,728.21	0.00	0.00	121,543.01	2,716,871.97

Yellow rows indicate Parcels containing Plots with rejected data. Calculations may be erroneous due to faulty plot data.

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5.0 PLOT INVENTORY TREE CROWN ANALYSES

Tree crown measurements were recorded by the field crews as per SOP VOLUME 2: Field Measurements at Sample Plots. Tree crown areas were computed using an ellipsoid formula for each tree with the two crown measurements. Assuming no overlap in tree crowns, an assessment of percent crown area was computed for each reserve and each plot that had tree crown measurements.

Summary statistics are reported for each reserve in table 11. Note that percent canopy coverage could be more that 100% as we assume no overlap between tree crowns. Tree crown area were computed for the 12-m and 20-m subplots and then summed. Canopy areas above 100% are assumed to be multi-story canopies with tree crown overlaps.

 Table 11. Summary Statistics for Canopy Cover from Tree Crown Measurements (Figures in % Canopy Cover)

Forest Reserve	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Standard Deviation
Liwonde	2	350	114	94
Ntchisi	15	370	135	101
Perekezi	16	210	88	60

A frequency distribution of the number of plots by percent canopy for each forest reserve shows the range of canopy densities (Table 12). Perekezi includes more areas with lower canopy densities than Liwonde or Ntchisi, both of which have close to 50% or more, respectively, of plots with greater than 100% canopy (with multi-story and/or tree crown overlap).

Liwonde			Ntchisi			Perekezi		
% Canopy	Frequ ency	% of Total	% Canopy	Frequ ency	% of Total	% Canopy	Frequ ency	% of Total
0-25	8	17	0-25	1	6	0-25	3	15
26-50	5	11	26-50	2	13	26-50	4	20
51-75	8	17	51-75	Ι	6	51-75	3	15
76-100	5		76-100	3	19	76-100	3	15
>100	20	43	>100	9	56	>100	7	35

Table 12. Frequency Distribution of Plots by % Canopy for Three Forest Reserves

6.0 FOREST RESERVE AND BLOCK MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

The information before this section in this Forest Inventory Technical Report has centered on forest carbon: AGB, BGB and Deadwood pools, carbon stocks and emission factors and forest canopy derived from the tree crown measurement data. This section reports the non-carbon information from the inventory data; Species diversity and composition and forest density, sometime called stem density. Data are reported at the reserve and the block management levels².

Species count and a list of the five most dominant species by count are noted in table 13 by forest reserve. Brachystegia genus dominate in all three forest reserves. Both Ntchisi and Perekezi however include Julbernadia as one of the top five dominant genera. See appendix for complete list of species and counts by forest reserve.

Forest Reserve	Total Number of Species Identified	Five Most Dominant Species	Species Count
Liwonde	78 ³	Brachystegia bussei	235
		Brachystegia manga	94
		Brachystegia longifolia	86
		Brachystegia utilis	69
		Brachystegia boehmii	67
Ntchisi	55	Brachystegia bussei	89
		Brachystegia boehmii	82
		Brachystegia manga	78
		Brachystegia spiciformis	57
		Julbernardia globiflora	30
Perekezi	474	Brachystegia utilis	88
		Julbernadia paniculate	79
		Brachystegia boehmii	75
		Brachystegia microphylla	50
		Uapaca kirkiana	48

Table 13. Species Counts and Dominant Species by Forest Reserve

² Block management information was provided by the PERFORM office as ESRI shapefiles. In the case of Perekezi, not all block names are listed in the ESRI shapefile attribute table (provided to MSU by PERFORM) so reference is given by noting the block directly East, South, or North of the block without a name.

³ Five individual trees were not identified by code.

⁴ Three individual trees were not identified by code.

The plot sample design ensured that at least one cluster plot fell inside a management block area, though a block may not have any plot if the plot was rejected or moved in the field. Tables 14 - 16 below show the Block Name, the Plot IDs located within each block, the number of species present and the three most dominant species by count within each block. There is one table for each forest reserve.

Block Name and List of Cluster Plot IDs	Number of Cluster Plots	Total Number of Species Identified	Three Most Dominant Species	Species Count
Chamatwa Tokomana	2	12	Brachystegia bussei	48
			Brachystegia utilis	8
			Pericopsis angolensis & Pterocarpus angolensis	3
Chikwakwata Mangaka	4	23	Brachystegia bussei	29
Nyama			Brachystegia manga	10
			Burkea africana	5
Chindenga Chamba	2	10	Brachystegia bussei	24
Chamba			Pericopsis angolensis	4
			Sepium ellipticum	4
Chindenga Nsanama	6	27	Brachystegia bussei	39
Mangulu			Brachystegia boehmii	22
			Brachystegia microphylla	17
Chipamba	2	12	Brachystegia bussei	19
			Brachystegia Iongifolia	10
			Brachystegia spiciformis	10
Chipojola	2	13	Brachystegia manga	5
			Brachystegia boehmii, Brachystegia longifolia, Burkea africana & Combretum molle	4
Kwilasya	3	20	Julbernardia globiflora	22

 Table 14. Block Level Species Count and Dominance Liwonde Forest Reserve

			Brachystegia utilis	16
			Brachystegia longifolia	14
Lipongo	1	5	Brachystegia spiciformis	13
			Uapaca kirkiana	4
			Uapaca nitida	3
Liundi Mposa Chipole	2	15	Uapaca kirkiana	14
Cilipole			Brachystegia boehmii	9
			Brachystegia utilis	9
Liundi Muhala	3	12	Brachystegia bussei	27
Malajira			Brachystegia manga	25
			Brachystegia boehmii	6
Lulanga Chiwanga	2	19	Diplorhynchus condylocarpon	8
riphonde			Pseudolachnostylis maprouneifolia	4
			Zanha africana	4
Makaluka Magadi	I	13	Brachystegia manga	9
Tiagadi			Brachystegia boehmii	7
			Brachystegia bussei, Dalbergia nitidula & Parinari curatellifolia	4
Malopa	1	15	Brachystegia bussei	9
Mahete Mbawe			Brachystegia microphylla	9
			Pericopsis angolensis	5
Matandika 2	3	16	Brachystegia bussei	17
			Brachystegia manga	10
			Brachystegia utilis	5
Mikunga Mtambalika	2	17	Ozoroa insigns	5
			Brachystegia spiciformis	4

			Diplorhynchus condylocarpon	4
Mitawa	4	18	Uapaca kirkiana	13
			Brachystegia bussei	9
			Parinari curatellifolia	9
Mliwo Nsemba	2	12	Diplorhynchus condylocarpon	4
			Brachystegia boehmii	3
			Brachystegia longifolia	2
Mpango	2	13	Brachystegia longifolia	27
			Brachystegia manga	13
			Brachystegia utilis	13
Mtawira Mpunga Solo	1	2	Commiphora caerulea	1
Sela Mlomba Kapu			Kirkia acuminata	I
Naungu	3	11	Brachystegia longifolia	24
			Brachystegia utilis	13
			Pericopsis angolensis	9

Table 15. Block Level Species Count and Dominance Ntchisi Forest Reserve

Block Name and List of Cluster Plot IDs	Number of Cluster Plots	Total Number of Species Identified	Three Most Dominant Species	Species Count
Chanika	1	7	Brachystegia manga	37
			Monotes africanus	2
			Olax dissitiflora	2
Chazama	I	5	Brachystegia spiciformis	13
			Julbernadia paniculata	9
			Uapaca kirkiana	3

Chenche	1	12	Brachystegia boehmii	16
			Julbernardia globiflora	8
			Acacia galpinii	4
Chifwelekete	1	11	Brachystegia bussei	29
			Julbernardia globiflora	9
			Brachystegia boehmii & Monotes africanus	5
Kajaliza	1	7	Combretum collinum	13
			Markhamia obtusifolia	10
			Acacia polyacantha	6
Kasakula	1	10	Brachystegia utilis	12
			Brachystegia boehmii	10
			Julbernardia globiflora	5
Mandwe	I	7	Brachystegia manga	6
			Julbernadia paniculata	6
			Brachystegia boehmii	3
Mkomba	I	11	Brachystegia manga	7
			Brachystegia manga	6
			Pseudolachnostylis maprouneifolia	6
Mndinda	I	12	Acacia polyacantha	3
			Combretum collinum	3
			Bauhinia petersiana, Monodora junodii & Stereospermum kunthianum	2
Mnguluwe	1	9	Brachystegia manga	9

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Table 16. Block Level Species Count and Dominance Perekezi Forest Reserve

Block Name and List of Cluster Plot IDs	Number of Cluster Plots	Total Number of Species Identified	Three Most Dominant Species	Species Count
Chiling'oma	1	7	Brachystegia manga	9
			Parinari curatellifolia	3
			Julbernadia paniculata	2
Chipungu	1	4	Julbernadia paniculata	7
			Uapaca kirkiana	6
			Isoberlinia angolensis	3
Duwu	2	17	Uapaca kirkiana	23
			Brachystegia longifolia	16
			Brachystegia taxifolia & Syzigium cordatum	11
East of Gudugudu	3	19	Brachystegia floribunda	19
			Julbernadia paniculata	18
			Brachystegia utilis	17
Gudugudu	3	28	Julbernadia paniculata	20
			Brachystegia floribunda	19
			Brachystegia utilis	18
Lwasozi	1	7	Brachystegia boehmii	16
			Brachystegia utilis	14
			Brachystegia manga	13
Mnyukuzi	3	15	Brachystegia utilis	35
			Brachystegia boehmii	28
			Brachystegia manga	22
	2	20	Uapaca kirkiana	15

North of Chipungu	of gu		Brachystegia Iongifolia	12
			Syzigium cordatum	10
South of Duwu	2	8	Brachystegia microphylla	34
			Brachystegia taxifolia	23
			Brachystegia spiciformis	4
Zawo	2	17	Brachystegia utilis	13
			Brachystegia boehmii	12
			Brachystegia spiciformis	10

An estimate of tree density and total tree stock was computed from the inventory data. Estimates of tree (or stem) density in per hectare units based on number of trees by subplot and mean density values for blocks that contained more than one set of plot clusters were calculation. Tables 17 - 19 show the mean stem density by block, the number of cluster plots within a block, the GIS attribute reported area of the block and the estimated standing stock of the trees for each of the three forest reserves.

Table	17.	Liwonde	Forest	Reserve:	Tree	Density	by	⁷ Management	Block
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Block Name	Number of Cluster Plots	Block Area (ha)	Stem Density (per ha)	Estimate of Total Stock (Number of Trees)
Chamatwa/Tokomana	2	1,428. 66	165	236,010
Chikwakwata/Mangaka/Nya ma	4	1,612. 58	108	174,071
Chindenga Chamba	2	2,725. 78	99	271,138
Chindenga Nsanama/Mangulu	6	952.7 6	133	126,691
Chipamba	2	818.9 6	141	115,859
Chipojola	2	998.5 I	75	75,339
Kwilasya	3	1,038. 78	170	177,063
Lipongo	I	1,804. 50	296	534,502

Liundi Mposa/Chipole	2	966.1 6	137	132,412
Liundi/Muhala/Malajira	3	1,144. 30	130	148,620
Lulanga/Chiwanga/Mphond e	2	1,263. 74	100	126,638
Makaluka/Magadi	1	1,028. 21	615	632,760
Malopa/Swaibu/Mahete/Mb awe	1	1,365. 40	571	779,902
Matandika 2	3	1,008. 13	100	100,825
Mikunga/Mtambalika	2	951.0 3	102	96,983
Mitawa	4	1,353. 52	88	118,481
Mliwo/Nsemba	2	1,347. 79	50	67,133
Mpango	2	1,527. 27	229	349,079
Mtawira/Mpunga/Sela/Mlom ba/Kapu	1	717.8 8	30	21,581
Naungu	3	1,229. 83	97	118,769

Table 18. Ntchisi Forest Reserve: Tree Density by Management Block

Block Name	Number of Cluster Plots	Block Area (ha)	Stem Density (per ha)	Estimate of Total Stock (Number of Trees)
Chanika	1	819.12	223	182,755
Chazama	1	655.78	152	99,539
Chenche	1	804.4	218	175,204
Chifwelekete	1	420.54	358	150,719
Kajaliza	1	207.26	221	45,753
Kasakula	1	848.62	155	131,811
Mandwe	1	373.81	7	43,739
Mkomba		472.75	190	90,010

Mndinda	I	439.34	79	34,573	
Mnguluwe	1	262.01	139	36,449	
Mpamila	1	252.92	86	21,841	
Mponda	1	524.61	189	99,265	
Msankhire	1	689.67	181	124,603	
Nyanga	1	125.77	55	6,895	
Nyanja	1	763.17	347	265,193	
Samabakusi	1	361.04	185	66,719	
Undi	1	525.23	413	217,032	

Table 19. Perekezi Forest Reserve: Tree Density by Management Block

Block Name	Number of Cluster Plots	Block Area (ha)	Stem Density (per ha)	Estimate of Total Stock (Number of Trees)
Chiling'oma	1	895	398	356,109
Chipungu	I	1,697	362	613,695
Duwu	2	1,745	214	372,615
East of Gudugudu	3	2,501	227	568,076
Gudugudu	3	2,188	257	561,469
Lwasozi	I	980	1066	1,045,011
Mnyukuzi	3	2,192	270	592,429
North of Chipungu	2	1,270	239	303,377
South of Duwu	2	817	236	192,516
Zawo	2	1,417	250	354,780

7.0 INVENTORY SUMMARY SHEET

	Liwonde	Ntchisi	Perekezi
No of Clusters (plots)	48 (140)	17 (50)	20 (60)
Stem Density ⁵ (trees/ha)	120	195	237
I2m subplot mean +/- var 20m subplot mean +/- var	91 +/- 58 29 +/- 20	159 +/- 89 36 +/- 23	223 +/- 64 15 +/- 11
Estimate of Total Stock ⁶ (no of trees)	3,234,095	1,831,702	3,703,109
Emission Factor ⁷ (tC/ha) +/- var	49.09 +/- 29.27	57.61 +/- 24.37	54.78 +/- 20.60
Estimate of Total Carbon Stock ⁸ (tC)	1,320,109	542,125	854,638
Mean Biomass ⁹ (t.d.m./ha)	104	122	116
Estimate of total Biomass ¹⁰ (t.d.m.)	2,808,489	1,153,489	1,818,246
No of Species	78	55	47
Dominant Species	Brachystegia bussei	Brachystegia bussei	Brachystegia utilis

Table 20. Forest Inventory Assessment

Table 21. Summary Statistics for Tree Density at the Block Level

	Liwonde	Ntchisi	Perekezi
No of Blocks (w/plots)	20	17	10
Min stem density (trees/ha)	30	55	214
Max stem density (trees/ha)	615	413	1066
Mean stem density (trees/ha)	172	195	352
Standard Deviation stem density	156	99	258

⁵ Sum of all subplots stems divided by the number of clusters

⁶ Sum of stem density multiplied by the area of the reserve (GIS computed)

⁷ Mean of all plots within a reserve for AGB + BGB + Deadwood Pools of Carbon

⁸ Sum of the EFs multiplied by the area of the reserve (GIS computed)

⁹ Computed using a carbon fraction of 0.47

¹⁰ Sum of the Mean Biomass multiplied by the area of the reserve (GIS computed)

Table 22. Carbon Uncertainty Assessment

	90% C and 10% Error	95% C and 10% Error	Actual Number of Plots
Liwonde	97	137	140
Ntchisi	49	69	50
Perekezi	39	55	60

Carbon estimates for Liwonde and Perekezi are significant at 95% confidence and 10% error level. Carbon estimates for Perekezi are significant at 90% confidence and 10 % error level.

8.0 LESSONS LEARNED

There are several important lessons learned from the implementation of the field campaign. Here we highlight a few key points in specific thematic areas.

PRE-FIELD CAMPAIGN

- The addition of terrain information (slope) for the random plot allocation data is extremely useful. This is easily done using ArcGIS and ASTER DEM data (freely available)
- Over-sample plots are required
- Training should also include navigation to plots and the use of maps with GPS
- Equipment logistics require more lead time (e.g. lack of boots for the field crews)
- Improvements to the field data sheets can be made (e.g. densiometer field; comments space, marked tree/plot locator fields, etc.)
- Vetting of field teams is required to ensure stamina levels are sufficient to participate in the strenuous work associated with field data collection in sometime very difficult terrain

DATA COLLECTION IN THE FIELD

- All data should be clearly recorded on the field sheets
- Rejected plots should include a metadata sheet and complete details for the rejection status
- Navigation to field plots would benefit from using maps or digital hi-res data on a laptop in combination with GPS

POST-FIELD CAMPAIGN

- Defining a clear protocol for post field collection data processing and management will be helpful
- Both hardcopy and digital data in back-up form is needed

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10.0 APPENDICES

10.1 SAMPLE DATA SHEET FOR UPLOAD TO THE MRV TOOLBOX



TREE INVENTORY DATA	 The fields in green a 	re manaatory							
* Any trees which do not sort in	nto an optional sub-plot ar	e sorted into the whole	plot						
					Total Ht	Wood Specific	Crown D	Crown D right angle	
Tree ID	Genus	species	DBH (cm)	Plot or Sub-plot	(m)	Gravity	max (m)	(m)	Comments
1		53	7.5	0002-01-06					
2		168	5.3	0002-01-06		ý			
3		53	7.0	0002-01-06					
4		39	20.5	0002-01-12	14.0		10.5	6.1	
5		39	27.3	0002-01-12	23.0		9.9	5.9	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·

6	39	38.5	Whole Plot	18.3	10.3	7.8	
7	43	22.1	0002-01-12	18.7	 9.3	5.6	
8	39	21.0	0002-01-12	18.9	3.9	3.8	
9	43	29.3	0002-01-12	18.9	 8.4	7.4	
10	39	32.3	Whole Plot	23.5	10.5	6.1	
11	39	30.8	Whole Plot	19.8	11.9	10.6	
12	39	31.2	Whole Plot	19.2	11.4	8.9	
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22			Whole Plot				-
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26		- S]	Whole Plot				2
27			Whole Plot		1		
28			Whole Plot				
29			Whole Plot		 		
30			Whole Plot				

10.2 SPECIES LIST AND FREQUENCY BY FOREST RESERVE

LIWONDE FOREST RESERVE Species Frequency Brachystegia bussei 235

Brachystegia manga	94
Brachystegia longifolia	86
Brachystegia utilis	69
Brachystegia boehmii	67
Julbernardia globiflora	60
Pericopsis angolensis	48
Brachystegia spiciformis	46
Brachystegia microphylla	42
Diplorhynchus condylocarpon	42
Uapaca kirkiana	42
Parinari curatellifolia	27
Pseudolachnostylis maprouneifolia	24
Pterocarpus angolensis	21
Burkea africana	17
Lannea discolor	16
Uapaca nitida	15
Brachystegia floribunda	11
Dalbergia nitidula	11
Combretum molle	10
Ozoroa insigns	10
Cussonia arborea	8
Dalbergiella nyasae	7
Monotes africanus	7
Zanha africana	7
Sepium ellipticum	6
999 = No Species Code	5
Bauhinia petersiana	5
Strychnos innocua	4
Vitex payos	4
Bridelia cathartica	3
Diospyros kirkii	3
Erythrina abyssinica	3

Ficus sycomorus	3
Terminalia stenostachya	3
Vitex doniana	3
Annona senegalensis	2
Apodytes dimidiata	2
Breonardia salicina	2
Bridelia micrantha	2
Combretum adenogonium	2
Combretum zeyheri	2
Crossopteryx febrifuga	2
Dalbergia boehmii	2
Dombeya rotundifolius	2
Erythrophleum suaveolens	2
Euclea crapes	2
Ficus capensis	2
Ochna schweinfurthiana	2
Olax dissitiflora	2
Pleurostylia africana	2
Pteleopsis myrtifolia	2
Syzigium cordatum	2
Uapaca sansibarica	2
Acacia nilotica	1
Albizia versicolor	1
Allophylus africana	1
Brachystegia glaucescens	1
Commiphora caerulea	1
Commiphora mossambicensis	1
Croton megalobotrys	1
Cussonia spicata	1
Diospyros mesipiliformis	1
Faidherbia albida	1
Faurea rochetiana	1

Ficus ingens	1
Gardenia jovis-stonantos	1
Holarrhena pubescens	1
Kirkia acuminata	1
Olax obtusifolia	1
Paullinia pinnata	1
Rothmania engleriana	1
Sterculia quinqueloba	1
Strychnos madagascariensis	1
Strychnos spinosa	1
Tapiphyllum africana	1
Vangueria infausta	1
Xeroderris stuhlmannii	1
Ximenia americana	1

Species	Frequency		
Brachystegia bussei	89		
Brachystegia boehmii	82		
Brachystegia manga	78		
Brachystegia spiciformis	57		
Julbernardia globiflora	30		
Brachystegia utilis	27		
Julbernadia paniculata	26		
Diplorhynchus condylocarpon	23		
Combretum collinum	20		
Pseudolachnostylis maprouneifolia	20		
Markhamia obtusifolia	16		
Uapaca kirkiana	16		
Bauhinia petersiana	12		
Acacia polyacantha	9		
Monotes africanus	9		

Acacia galpinii	7
Lannea discolor	7
Stereospermum kunthianum	6
Bridelia micrantha	5
Faurea rochetiana	4
Terminalia stenostachya	4
Brachystegia longifolia	3
Combretum apiculatum	3
Pterocarpus angolensis	3
Acacia sieberiana	2
Byrsocarpus orientalis	2
Combretum adenogonium	2
Dalbergia nitidula	2
Monodora junodii	2
Ochna schweinfurthiana	2
Olax dissitiflora	2
Uapaca nitida	2
Ziziphus mucronata	2
Acacia tortilis	1
Albizia anthelmintica	1
Albizia harveyi	1
Albizia versicolor	1
Brachystegia microphylla	1
Bridelia cathartica	1
Burkea africana	1
Combretum molle	1
Combretum zeyheri	1
Diospyros kirkii	1
Dombeya torrida	1
Faurea saligna	1
Lecaniodiscus fraxinifolius	1
Newtonia buchananii	1

Parinari curatellifolia	1
Pericopsis angolensis	1
Rauvolfia caffra	1
Syzigium guineense	1
Terminalia sericea	1
Ximenia caffra	1
Xylopia parviflora	1
Zanha africana	

PEREKEZI FOREST RESERVE		
Species	Frequency	
Brachystegia utilis	88	
Julbernadia paniculata	79	
Brachystegia boehmii	75	
Brachystegia microphylla	50	
Uapaca kirkiana	48	
Brachystegia spiciformis	46	
Brachystegia taxifolia	46	
Brachystegia manga	45	
Brachystegia longifolia	40	
Brachystegia floribunda	35	
Syzigium cordatum	24	
Isoberlinia angolensis	23	
Parinari curatellifolia	16	
Monotes africanus	12	
Combretum molle	11	
Lannea discolor	9	
Faurea rochetiana	7	
Syzigium guineense	7	
Azanza garckeana	6	
Diospyros quiloensis	5	
Erythrina abyssinica	5	

999 = No Species Code	3
Bridelia micrantha	3
Fagara charybeum	3
Uapaca sansibarica	3
Diospyros mesipiliformis	2
Lecaniodiscus fraxinifolius	2
Ozoroa reticulata	2
Vitex doniana	2
Albizia antunesiana	1
Boscia salicifolia	1
Cassine aethiopica	1
Commiphora africana	1
Croton macrostachys	1
Cussonia arborea	1
Dalbergia nitidula	1
Diplorhynchus condylocarpon	1
Ekebergia benguelensis	1
Faurea saligna	1
Ficus buckei	1
Hymenocordia acida	1
Ochna schweinfurthiana	1
Pseudolachnostylis	1
Strychnos madagascariensis	
Strychnos pungens	
Syzigium owariense	



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