

Ruaha River Update June 2022



The same
two
trees

June 6th 2022 - This Year.
(above) looking down stream
Ibuguziwa

June 21st 2021 - Last Year
looking down stream (right)
Ibuguziwa



This year on June 6th 2022 the river is about one month lower than it was last year.

Considering that the rainfall this past rainy season, 2021/22 (across much of Tanzania) has been almost non existent in many areas, one would assume that this was the reason for the low flow we see today.

However, I would like to point out that the Southern Highlands, Which is the area that feeds most of the 7 rivers entering The Ihefu/Ruaha River. did in fact, on average, receive reasonable rainfall this year.

So if abstraction was not an on going issue, the river would have a higher/better flow at this time

Comparisons 2021/2022



**Last year 2021 -
(left)** looking up stream

June 3 2021

Ruaha River Ibuguziwa
As you can see here, though
the rain of 20/21 was not
massive the flow in June
2021 looked more promising
than this year



**This Year 2022
(right)** looking up stream.

June 6th 2022

Ruaha River Ibuguziwa
The river is definitely
dangerously low for early
June.

**I suspect that due to poor rainfall, and lack of crops, many farmers have now moved
in to use the water from these 7 rivers.**

This only adds to the ongoing problem that already exists.

It becomes worse with each passing year.

There is nothing more fundamental to life than WATER.

It belongs to everyone.

**The overuse of water directly from rivers (all over Tanzania) is a
growing issue that has expanded uncontrollably over the past few years,**

The government urgently needs to address this dilemma.

Let us all work together,

We are all connected, by the river, by the weather and by our compassion for each other.

Let us embrace our differences, and co-create a bright new future.

‘Together we stand - divided we fall’

Everything is possible!